

## Bret Harte PTA

### November Newsletter

Bret Harte Families and Friends,

I was blown away by the great turnout at our Fall Festival! Thank you to everyone that participated - it was such a fun event! We also raised money for the school with the silent auction and our PTA raised money from the ticket sales to support our events. The \$800 proceeds from the silent auction went directly to the school to support their field trips and other school events. PTA raise around \$800 from our ticket sales. We look forward to having Fall Festival next year and we are taking notes on ways to improve the experience even further. A huge thank you to everyone that volunteered and helped with the event, we couldn't have done it without you! It was an incredible relief to know that there were so many people that were willing to help out.

If you would like to see the wonderful photos from Ms. Nazareno's photo booth you can view them here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/jfDXtkNuPL7gtEdn9>

Here are all of the upcoming events for November with more details listed below!

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings and Events for November 2022			
Date		Time	Meeting/Event
Nov 11	Friday	All Day	Veteran's Day - No School
Nov 14	Monday	6:00pm - 7:00pm	PTA Association Meeting
Nov 16	Wednesday	5:00pm - 6:00pm	School Event: Family Art Night – Note new date
Nov 17	Thursday	6:00pm - 6:45pm	PTA Events & Fundraisers Committee Meeting
Nov 19	Saturday	10:00am - 12:00pm	PTA Garden Work Day
Nov 19	Saturday	10:00am - 1:00pm	Wide Open Walls: Art & Community Fair at Bret Harte Elementary
Nov 18 - Dec 2	Monday-Friday	-	Short Days - Parent-Teacher Conferences / Spirit Week
Nov 21-25	Monday-Friday	-	Thanksgiving - No School
Nov 28 - Dec 2	Monday-Friday	-	School Event - Book Fair

#### PTA Association Meeting

Monday, November 14 from 6PM to 7PM

No need to be a member! Come meet other Bret Harte parents and learn more about the PTA and the work we do at the PTA. Kids are welcome to come! For November we will be discussing what we have accomplished so far this year and what we would like to improve for next year, especially for the Fall Festival. We will also be organizing the reopening of the library with volunteers and any plans for yearbook assistants.

Our PTA meeting will be in the Parent Room at Bret Harte (Room 35). November will be the last month that Zoom video conferencing will also be available. After November, we will only have in-person meetings without video conference option.

#### **Join the November PTA Meeting via Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8745743320?pwd=ZUxaK1p3QjhTcDNLVWo0OWg4VEZnZz09>

Or go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter Meeting ID: 874 574 3320 and Passcode: 963258

### Family Art Night at Bret Harte

Wednesday, November 16 from 5:00PM to 6:00PM

The school is hosting a family night with the focus on art. You can contact the school or your teacher for more information. Come out for a fun art-filled evening!

### PTA Events & Fundraisers Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 17 from 6PM to 6:45PM

Our PTA Events Committee and Fundraising Committee will be having a combined meeting to discuss and plan for upcoming events and fundraisers for December through February. This will take place in the Parent Room (Room 35) at Bret Harte. If you are interested in helping with Events or Fundraisers, please join us as we make plans for the next few months, or contact the PTA at:

[BretHarteBearsPTA@gmail.com](mailto:BretHarteBearsPTA@gmail.com)

### PTA Garden Work Day

Saturday, November 19 from 10AM to 12PM

Come join us for a fun fall day of gardening! No experience necessary. We will be maintaining the garden and making plans for our lettuce harvest and student salad party. Contact PTA Garden Committee at [BretHarteBearsPTA@gmail.com](mailto:BretHarteBearsPTA@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### Wide Open Walls & Community Fair

Saturday, November 19 from 10AM to 1PM

The Sacramento City Unified School District has sponsored *Wide Open Walls* to come to Bret Harte! Artists from the area will be painting murals on our school walls and the district is hosting a community fair with food, activities, a bounce house, and vendors. This is also occurring during our Garden Work Day so you can come help in the garden, enjoy the community fair, and watch murals being painted on our school!

### Bret Harte School Book Fair

Week of November 28 (Volunteers Needed)

The school is holding a book fair where students can shop for Scholastic books. The school needs volunteers to help with the book fair, you can sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044EA5AD2FA6FA7-book>

## See's Candy Fundraiser

Orders Due: Friday, December 2nd

Need a Thanksgiving party gift, stocking stuffers, a gift for somebody at work? See's Candies are the perfect way to check these off your list and contribute to the Bret Harte PTA! Order forms are being sent home – collecting orders on the order form is a great way to save money on shipping costs. Anyone in the US can also order online: <https://tinyurl.com/bhsees> Forward this link to your friends and family – they can have their orders shipped directly to them anywhere in the country. Everybody loves See's Candy! The online orders ship directly to the customer when ordered. The in-person order forms will be collected on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and items will be ready for pickup at school before the winter break.

## Little Free Library Installation

Date/Time Flexible

We are getting ready to install the Little Free Library at Bret Harte, but we just need 2-3 volunteers to help with the installation including hand-digging the post holes. Email [BretHarteBearsPTA@gmail.com](mailto:BretHarteBearsPTA@gmail.com) if you are willing to help, and we will schedule a day and time to install the library based on volunteer availability.

## Reopening Bret Harte Library

One of our PTA goals for this year is to reopen the school library for students to use. Since the school does not have a budget for a librarian, we need volunteers to help, even just for a few hours. [Please click here to fill out the interest form](#) if you are willing to volunteer for the library either one-time or on an ongoing basis. Once we have enough volunteers to coordinate a schedule we can reopen the library! Our goal is to reopen the library in December so students can have books to read during the winter break.

## Shop with Amazon Smile

If you shop online with Amazon, please consider choosing your Amazon Smile charity as our PTA.

You can go here to select our PTA: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/90-1185048>

After that, any time you shop on Amazon using the <https://smile.amazon.com> website (or using the mobile app) a very small portion of the proceeds will be donated to our PTA quarterly. It is not much, but every bit helps!

## **Appreciation:**

There are so many people that have been stepping up and helping out at our school. Your efforts are greatly appreciated as they make a big impact on our students and help support our teachers! We have so many wonderful "Bear Families" that make Bret Harte a truly special community.

- Thanks for everyone who helped at the pizza party in October – there were three classes that won pizza parties and the students were incredibly excited. We have some beautiful thank you

cards and notes on display in the Parent Room from these students! Thank you to everyone that completed their PTA response forms so we can continue to build our contact list and keep everyone informed of what is happening at Bret Harte.

- For our student planting & garden work days – thank you to everyone in our Garden Committee who put in the effort to maintain our garden and make sure it is ready for students to use. Thank you to everyone who helped with the student planting days in October – they provided classroom lessons and worked with students for planting.
- Thank you Collin for lending your rototiller so we could prepare the garden for planting. This was a big help in getting our donated fertilizer mixed in with our garden beds.
- Thank you to everyone that lent equipment and supplies for Fall Festival. This was a huge help. Your items can be picked up from the parent room.

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