

Bret Harte Community,

It is great to be back at school. Between the school closures, early dismissal, and Spring Break, April is turning out to be a nerve-wracking month! All of these schedule changes can cause a lot of stress for young children so be sure to communicate and practice healthy emotional management strategies with them. If your student needs any additional support you can also reach out to Ms. Sterba in our school's Student Support Center at (916) 826-3050

We have a lot happening, and can use assistance and support. See all the updates below and please contact us if you have any questions or feedback on areas of improvement.

I have attached calendar invites for all of the meetings so you can add them to your calendar with the Zoom links and meeting numbers.

April Association Meeting

The most important event we need your help with is attendance for our meeting this month! We will be holding our election for the next year and will be starting to make plans for the next year. It is important to have as much representation as possible so we can properly plan for and serve the interests of as many of our members as possible. Once we set our interests for the next school year, the details of those plans can be worked out over the summer break so that when we start in September we have a calendar for the year with everything coordinated and a budget proposal that can be approved. Please come to our association meeting on **Monday 4/18 at 6pm** via Zoom.

March Reading Challenge

If you have any reading logs still to turn in, please do so. They can be handed in to your teacher or left in the PTA mailbox. All students who participated will receive their prize bags this week.

We had around 90 students participate and read close to 600 books! The final numbers will be posted once we have received any last reading logs. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Fat Cat Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Please turn in any order forms and money for the fundraiser. We intend to have the items ready for pickup on Wednesday May 4th.

Garden

Our Garden Work Days continue to have a great turnout and are always a fun way to spend time supporting our school and getting to know other families! Our next work day is Saturday April 30th 10am to 12pm. We hope to see you there!

Art Show

Our Events Committee is planning to do an Art Show on April 28th where students will be able to show off their artwork. We will be having volunteers available to help students with art projects the week before (during 4/18 - 4/22) and if you would like to volunteer to help during that week, or help with setting up the art show, please contact Lauren at: LaurenGothard@gmail.com

Teacher Appreciation Week

The first week of May is Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2 - 6) and we will be showing our support for all of our teachers, educators, and staff. Please mark your calendar and show your family's support for our teachers and

staff. If you can assist with the PTA plans for our appreciation, please come to our April association meeting or also attend an appreciation planning meeting on Tuesday 4/19 at 6pm where we will coordinate the details and volunteer efforts.

New meeting scheduled for May

Traditionally, April is our last association meeting for the school year. However we have a guest speaker lined up and have scheduled another meeting for May. Mrs. Bina Lefkowitz is the trustee for our area of the County Board of Education (SCOE), which is different than the school district board of education (SCUSD). She will be presenting information on what SCOE does and how they work with our school district. Her focus on SCOE has been around Mental Health/Social Emotional Learning, civic/career education, early college access, equity, diversity, and more support for our students. We look forward to what she has to share on Monday May 9th at 6pm.

Shop with Amazon - donate to PTA

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.

Upcoming PTA meetings & events

All of our meetings are online via Zoom and the meeting number and password is below, or can be picked up from the school office.

Calendar invites for each of the meetings are attached to this newsletter and you can add them to your calendar for easy access to the meeting invites.

Planning Meetings & Discussions

Thursday 4/7 - Fundraising planning meeting at 6pm

Monday 4/18 - Association Meeting at 6pm

Tuesday 4/19 - Planning meeting for Teacher/Staff Appreciation at 6pm

Wednesday 4/20 - Garden planning meeting at 6pm

Thursday 4/21 - Events planning meeting at 6pm

Monday 5/9 - Association Meeting at 6pm (with guest speaker)

Events

[Reminder: Spring Break 4/11 - 4/15]

Monday 4/18 through Friday 4/22 - Volunteers for student art projects

Thursday 4/28 - Student Art Show at school 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Saturday 4/30 - Garden Work Day 10am to 12pm

Monday 5/2 through Friday 5/6 - Teacher Appreciation Week

All of the meetings will use this Zoom meeting number / password:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8745743320?pwd=ZUxaK1p3QjhTcDNLVWo0OWg4VEZlZz09>

Meeting ID: 874 574 3320

Passcode: 963258

Thank you all for your support and partnership!

Adam Gothard

President, Bret Harte Bears PTA