



# February 2022 Newsletter

Bret Harte Family & Friends,

There is no PTA association meeting this month due to holidays, but there is still a lot happening and there are several committees meeting to continue organizing events. See those details below, all calendar invites are attached.

## Principal Hiring Process

At last night's school board meeting a vote was taken for our new principal, which is the final step in the process. It will still take time for the school district to finalize the timeline for the transitions and we are hoping to hear from the school district soon on when a new principal will be able to start at Bret Harte.

## Garden

Our garden work day last Saturday was a big success and we had a great turnout including several neighborhood families who are not yet at Bret Harte. Thank you to Kengo and Aya who are doing a fantastic job connecting with and inviting others to help us. The garden is ready for planting; next week each class will come out to the garden to help plant potatoes and peas. **We need volunteers to assist students with planting.** Please sign

up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48a5ac22abfdc34-school>

Our next garden work day is Saturday Feb 26th 10am - 12pm

## Why We Love Bret Harte

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, our Events committee has planned an activity for February to allow students and families to write something they love about Bret Harte onto a paper heart; these will be collected and put together on a large collage / bulletin board display. We want to show off all the things we love about our school. This will also help our interim principal, and any new principal that may be hired, to get to know our Bears and what our school is about. There will be a table in the front of the school for parents & families to also contribute at pick-up and drop-off.

## Family & community engagement

PTA is planning upcoming events for Bret Harte families to meet & greet. We hope that building better connections within our Bret Harte families will strengthen our relationships and encourage more involvement in our school. We are also trying to build relationships with our neighbors in Curtis Park and Oak Park so we can show off how wonderful Bret Harte is and encourage more families to become Bears. Increasing enrollment and encouraging more families to choose Bret Harte is very important for our school to continue.



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On Saturday Feb 26th, after our garden work day, we will have an outdoor meet & greet at school from 12pm to 2pm. PTA will be providing drinks and snacks, and we are hoping to provide pizza for lunch as well. Come hang out and get to know other Bears as well as neighbors from our community who want to get to know Bret Harte.

## 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 planning meetings

All of our meetings are online via Zoom and the meeting info is in the PTA email newsletter, 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.

Tuesday 2/8 - Membership & Family Engagement planning meeting at 7pm

Thursday 2/10 - Events planning meeting at 6pm

Wednesday 2/16 - Garden committee meeting at 6pm

Thursday 2/17 - Fundraising committee meeting at 6pm

Thursday 3/3 - Fundraising committee meeting at 6pm

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

Have a wonderful February!

Adam Gothard

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