Good Morning, Bret Harte Families!

*The temperature is beginning to drop, so be sure your child is prepared for outdoor recess before leaving the house. Recess will be outdoors, as long as the temperature remains over freezing with or without wind chill per principal discretion.

*We are still waiting on some Family Income Forms. These forms affect our funding. If you received one yesterday, please send it back to school by Friday.

* Thank you to all of the parents that came to our first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting yesterday. If you were unable to make it, please join us on November 12th at 8:30am in the lunchroom. Our meetings will happen every second Tuesday of the month.

*If you would like to volunteer within the school or on a field trip, please go to cpsvolunteers.org to be approved for level 1 or level 2 status. Level 2 is to chaperone. Level 1 is to work with students for 10+ hours within the school or to attend an overnight trip.

*Every student in attendance Monday through Thursday and in uniform may dress down on Friday. The dress code still applies: close toed shoes, no leggings or crop tops, and finger length shorts/skirts.

*Student fees are due before attending any field trips. They should be in no later than the beginning of October. These fees will go to cover the cost of digital subscriptions, magazines, and other supplemental materials used in the classroom. You can pay online using the epay link on our website at harte.cps.edu or you can send cash or a money order to the main office. The cost is $50 for 1 student and $75 for 2 or more students.

*Parent parking is to the right of the drop-off lane. The lot is for staff use only. If you are dropping off on 56th street, please be mindful of our neighbors and be sure not to block the driveway in front of the Solstice.

*Strike Contingency Plan coming soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, October 10th If you have a passion for fundraising, join the Friends of Bret Harte Meeting at Bret Harte from 5:30-7:00pm.

**Thursday**, October 10th (correction) our kindergarten through 2nd graders will begin music in their classroom every **Thursday** in partnership with Changing Worlds.

Monday, October 14th There will be no school in observation of Columbus Day.
Tuesday, October 15th Picture Day….Bring your smile! Order online at shop.hrimaging.com
Place your order online and enter Promo Code: MYWALLETS for your first name printed on all
the wallets in your order FREE!

Wednesday, October 16th Local School Council (LSC) Meeting begins at 5:30pm in the
gymnasium.

Thursday, October 31st Annual Booktober Event from 1:30-3:00pm. Students may dress as their
favorite character. No masks or weapons permitted.

**Strike Contingency Plan**

**Q: Are there options other than sending children to school sites?**

**A:** CPS has contracted with 60 churches and faith-based centers; to extend
their "safe haven" programs during the strike. Several neighborhood
organizations and community-based after-school programs also are extending
their hours.

Details were released about other programs that will be available:

• The Chicago Park District, a partner in the CPS plan, will offer camp-style
activities for children from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Though space is limited,
parents may register their children at the park sites for full- or half-day
programs. Students will participate in camp-type activities such as sports, arts
and nature activities. No meals will be provided, so children will need to bring
their own food. Additional information can be found
at chicagoparkdistrict.com.

• The YMCA of Metro Chicago will provide extended camp activities, including
structured play, sports and crafts, at its nine urban centers. The programs will
run from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the following YMCAs: South Side, Rauner,
McCormick Tribune, Kelly Hall, West Communities, Lake View, Leaning
Tower, Irving Park, High Ridge and North Lawndale. All participants must
register on-site; registration began Friday. Children also may register as early
as 6 a.m. Monday on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, visit ymcachicago.org.