Hello Bret Harte Community!

As you know, we are no longer using Class DOJO and transitioned to Remind. This is where you will receive all the Harte updates and communication with your child’s teacher. If you need help getting started, here are some resources:

Families using Remind
Getting Started for Parents - English
Getting Started for Parents - Spanish

*We are still waiting on some Family Income Forms. These forms affect our funding. Our deadline has been moved to October 30th. Only families who received an email from Mrs. Fido, need to fill it out and return it to the school via drop-off, email, or fax (773)535-0666. Please contact the main office with any questions.

*Virtual Recess is beginning Monday, October 26th! Students in grades 2-8 will have an opportunity to have some unstructured, supervised time to hang out with their peers. Their teachers will share the recess room code on Monday. Participation in virtual recess is optional.

**The times are as follows:**
Grades 2-3 11:30am-12:00pm
Grades 4-5 12:00-12:30pm
Grades 6-8 will have 2 rooms 12:30-1:00pm

*Free Groceries are available to our school community every Friday until December 18th starting at 10:30am until the bags are gone. One per household.

**Parent Support Network Workshops:**

**Building A Community of Parents During a Pandemic | REGISTER**
Saturday, October 24, 10:00 - 11:00 am CDT

Join us for an interactive presentation highlighting how a team of 3rd grade parents from **UChicago Charter School’s** Donoghue Campus formed a special bond out of necessity and transformed it into a lifelong friendship. The session will cover tips for building and maintaining your village and how to have tough conversations with those close to you. Session leaders will also explore how to seek help from your village when you get overwhelmed as well as how to become a “demanding parent” with your village and your school.

**Reading Aloud with Your Child: Enjoying Each Other and Literacy during the Pandemic | REGISTER**
Tuesday, November 10, 5:00 - 6:00 pm CST
Reading aloud with your child is beneficial long after the time they can read independently. It helps nurture the parental bond and build language skills, conceptual knowledge, and more. Join us in this session led by members of UChicago Impact’s STEP literacy team who are also parents — first and always — to explore various ways to make pausing screen-time and reading aloud fun, enjoyable, and relaxing.

**Balancing Screen-Time with Staying Active and Getting Rest | REGISTER**
**Tuesday, November 17, 5:00 - 6:00 pm CST**

With social distancing and remote learning limiting our ability to connect and be active, daily screen time has increased exponentially. Join us for this interactive presentation led by the Together for Students Chicago Initiative, including our partners at Thrive Chicago with CPS Competency Based Education and Communities in Schools Chicago, to learn how to effectively manage this new normal while making time for our health and physical activity.

**How Parents Support Social and Emotional Learning at Home | REGISTER**
**Tuesday, November 24, 5:00 - 6:00 pm CST**

Social and emotional learning in the home means that you can use moments that happen organically to grow your child’s SEL skills while managing your own. Join us for this interactive presentation led by the Together for Students Chicago Initiative, including our partners at Thrive Chicago with CPS Competency Based Education, and Communities in Schools Chicago, to learn about strategies for intentional SEL application at home. The session will also cover what advocating for SEL at your child’s school looks like, and how modeling best practices can lead to an improved quality of life for your children and family.

All sessions will take place via Zoom. You will receive an email with webinar links after you register. For questions about accessibility, technical issues, or for questions about this event, please contact events@ssa.uchicago.edu or call 773.702.9700.
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, October 30th Booktober: **Students may dress as their favorite character. No masks or weapons permitted.**

**Tuesday, November 3rd Election Day: No School**

Wednesday, November 4th Virtual LSC Meeting

Thursday, November 5th End of Quarter 1

**Friday, November 6th School Improvement Day: No school**

Friday, November 18th Parent-Teacher Conference Day (details forthcoming)