Hello Bret Harte Community!

*Booktober is this Friday! Your child may dress as their favorite character. No masks or weapons permitted. Here is a link to a choice board if you are looking for some fun activities to do at home. A choice board is a graphic organizer that allows students to choose different ways to learn about a particular concept. It will prompt you to make a copy when you open it. Enjoy!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AQneiZXNA8CpRXIweV6IvEI_85pkE-Nsw3HImymhYrE/copy

*We are still waiting on some Family Income Forms. These forms effect our funding. Our deadline has been extended to November 6th. If you received an email from Mrs. Fido or Mrs. Hart-White, please 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 question.

*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

*Virtual Recess has begun! Students in grades 2-8 have the opportunity to have some unstructured, supervised time to hang out with their peers. Their teachers shared the recess room codes with them and it has been going well. The kids really enjoy talking and “hanging out.” 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.

*Art update for Middle School:
Students should view the slide show about Langston Allston, share 3 facts about Picasso, and compare the similarities/differences between Picasso and Allston. They can also continue to work on their 3D portraits.
Supply List: Pencil, paper, cardboard, paint, scissors, markers, paint, wide tip black marker. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Floyd via email at kfloyd10@cps.edu
Parent Support Network Workshops:

**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

Tuesday, November 3rd Election Day: No School

Wednesday, November 11th Virtual LSC Meeting (Corrected Date)

Thursday, November 5th End of Quarter 1

Friday, November 6th School Improvement Day: No school

Tuesday, November 17th PAC Meeting (Parent Advisory Council) All are welcomed to attend!

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