Hello Bret Harte Community!

*This Friday, we will be pulling the names of 3 lucky winners with perfect attendance the week of 11/6-11/20 and have a conference scheduled with a teacher for the chance to win a turkey dinner! Yes, that’s right… turkey, stuffing, mash potatoes, sweet potatoes, macaroni, green beans, corn, gravy, and cranberry sauce! Start preheating the oven now!

*We are now into the second week of the 2nd Quarter! Report cards are being mailed to your homes. If you do not receive one within the next couple of weeks, please contact Mr. Bright or Mrs. Fido.

**Updated Parent Virtual Expectations and Etiquette**

Parents, please review these expectations and adjust as needed:

1. Please monitor your child(ren) during instruction. Regularly pop in and look at what’s on their screen. We’re noticing an increase in instant messaging and students turning cameras off and not responding when called on.
2. Let your child be the student. Teachers need to know what students know and understand. They know parents are brilliant already :)
3. Be aware that your child’s will be unmuted during the course of live instruction, so please be mindful of background noise, conversation and explicit language.
4. Remember, teachers are not available to hold conversations with parents during live instruction. Those conversations should be held during the teachers’ office hours.
5. Please do not unmute to show your displeasure or disagreement with teachers. Remember, adults model behavior for students.
6. Please try not to disrupt your child’s schedule unless it is very important. Students will perform better if they participate in live instruction where they are able to ask questions.
7. Everyone who might appear on camera needs to be fully clothed.

*My Very Own Library from the University of Chicago will be delivering a bag of 10 books for every student in grades PreK-8th grade. They will be ready for distribution the week of November 30th. Be on the lookout next week for a flyer with more details.

*Grocery pick-up is set to start back up this Friday. Groceries will be available to the school community after 10:30am at the side door off Stony Island.

*Art update:*

Parents and students,
As promised, the art will become more complex. All work will be 2D and 3D this quarter. Supply list: cardboard, construction paper, pencil, paint, white paper, markers, glue (extra credit supplies: newspaper, balloons, cloth)
Artist: Pablo Picasso, Jacob Lawrence, and Claude Monet
If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Floyd via email at kfloyd10@cps.edu
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, November 18th Parent-Teacher Conference Day

Wednesday, November 25th- Friday, November 27th No School: Thanksgiving Break

Friday, December 18th- Progress Reports will be mailed

Monday, December 21st- Friday, January 1st – Winter Break

Parent Support Network Workshops:

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