

BRET HARTE MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yearbook Sale: Yearbooks go on sale after winter break and will cost \$30. A two payment installment option is available this year. Students may contact Ms.Harris if they have questions.

Newsletter Submissions Deadline: The deadline for submissions for the February newsletter is **Wednesday, January 16**. Short articles (about 200 to 300 words), announcements and useful tips are welcome. Please send your submissions electronically to bhparentcenter@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday: There is no school on **Monday, January 21** in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

ELAC: The ELAC (English Language Advisory Committee) will meet **Tuesday, January 22** at 7:00 p.m.

Site Improvement Committee Meeting: The Bret Harte Site Improvement Committee will meet **Wednesday, January 23** at 7:00 p.m.

End of Semester: **Friday, January 25** is the end of the first semester.

Newsletter Assembly: The February newsletter will be assembled on **Friday, January 25**. If you are available, please come to the Parent Center about 10:30 a.m. to help with this process. You'll be folding, stapling and counting. The job takes 2-4 hours, depending on the number of helpers who come.

Special Minimum Day: **Friday, January 25** is a minimum day.

Staff Development Day: NO SCHOOL for students on **Monday, January 28**. This is a district-wide Staff Development Day.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Scholarship Contest Workshop: Do you have a child in grades 6-12 who is planning to go to college? Are they hoping to win a scholarship? The Oakland Public Library is pleased to be offering a workshop for the "Save me a Spot in College" Scholarship Contest. Participants could win scholarship awards of up to \$2,500.

The workshop will be on **January 23** at 3:00 pm in the Main Library, 125 14th Street and it's FREE. Contact Jessi Snow, Teen Outreach Librarian, Oakland Public Library, 510-238-7233.

Latino Education Summit: The 8th Latino Education Summit, "Education is Everybody's Business" conference, will be held on **Saturday, February 2** at the University Gymnasium of the California State University, East Bay, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward. The summit will have inspirational speakers, informative workshops and a resource fair in which educators, parents and students alike will learn critical information about succeeding in high school and broadening career and college-going opportunities.

A variety of education, scholarship and health topics will be addressed and resources will be provided to participants. Special emphasis will be given to qualifying, applying, paying for and succeeding in college. Senior students from high schools throughout Alameda County! are particularly encouraged to attend with their parents.

Admission, lunch and entertainment for all participants will be provided free of charge. As a newly-added service, for the first time, California State University, Chabot College, and other higher education institutions will be offering on-the-spot admission to eligible high school seniors who will attend the summit.

For more information, contact Hector Garcia, (510) 670-4235, hgarci@acoe.org.

Marcus A. Foster Institute Family University: Mark your calendars. The Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute is offering one more Family University Session to the Bret Harte community. The last session will be on Saturday, February 9 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. For more info, call 835-0391 or <http://www.mafei.org/>.

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here is a sampling of the student announcements for this past week:

- Congratulations to Megan Pendleton for coming in 2nd place at the district-wide spelling bee!!! Way to go Megan!!!!
- The Bobcat bravo drawin! g will be held immediately after school on Wednesday. Come see if you've won some good prizes!!! Start the new year by doing something good and earn a Bravo Card!!!!
- Ms. Promes' cooking class will meet today at the beginning of lunch today. If you are signed up come to room 107 and don't be late!!
- The academic vocabulary words for this week are rela! ted and monitor. Impress your teachers by using these words this week!!

Sincerely,
The Parent Center
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