

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

School Announcements

SSC MEETING: The School Site Council will meet **Wednesday, October 10 at 5:30 p.m.** All parents and guardians are welcome.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION: The monthly PTA meeting will be **Wednesday, October 10 at 7 p.m.** in Room 100. All parents and guardians are welcome.

IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: The Bret Harte Site Improvement Committee (BHSIC) will hold a special meeting **Wednesday, October 10 at 7 p.m.** to start planning for the Autumn Work Day on Saturday, October 27.

NO SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 12: Friday, October 12 is an OUSD Staff Development Day. **There is no school for students on this day.**

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE: The deadline for submissions to us for the November newsletter is **Wednesday, October 17.** Short articles (200 to 300 words), announcements and useful tips are welcome. Please send your submissions electronically to bhparentcenter@yahoo.com. **Thank you!**

Helping Bret Harte

Sometimes parents would like to feel a greater connection to Bret Harte but don't know how to make it happen. If you are one of these parents, here are some ideas to help you connect.

ADOPT THE TEACHER'S COPY ROOM: Our teachers are so busy that they rarely have time to tidy their copy room. If you would like to improve the quality of life for our teachers, in one small way, then you could volunteer to tidy the Teachers' Copy Room. This would take an hour or less of your time every week. Please let the Parent Center know if this is something you would like to do.

DISPLAY CABINET MASTER: Do you like to make artistic arrangements? If so, you could become the Display Cabinet Master for the cabinet outside the Cafetorium. Whenever a teacher has enough items to fill the cabinet, then you would be responsible for creating the display. This would take an hour or so of your time about every month. Please let the Parent Center know if this is something you would like to do.

BOXES OF TISSUES: Boxes of tissues are almost always needed in the classrooms, especially as the cold weather begins and the kids have more runny noses. If you donate a box to one of your child's classrooms, it will be greatly appreciated. If you bring it to the classroom yourself (before or after school), then you could say "hi" to a teacher!

YOSEMITE FUNDRAISER: The Yosemite Planning Committee has launched a EcoMetro Guide fundraiser to raise money for the 2008 Yosemite trip! EcoMetro Guide is your local East Bay guide with green savings, maps and resources. EcoMetro Guide has hundreds of coupons and resources for exploring our community and supporting local, sustainable businesses. Find hundreds of dollars in everyday savings with offers for Farmer Joes, Whole Foods, Amtrak, REI, Ace Hardware stores, Chabot Space and Science Center and many, many more! To see a complete list please visit:

www.ecometro.com.

The books sell for \$20 and we'll receive 50% of each one sold. Save money and support our community with EcoMetro Guide! These books also make a great gift for friends, family, neighbors and teachers!

To make your purchase, please contact Ms. Warner by email: annekwarner@gmail.com or stop by room 208.

(Note from Sharon: These are GREAT books! I bought one myself and I am amazed at all the good deals. You will not regret your purchase!)

Community Events

COLLEGE INFORMATION DAY: The 30th Annual College Information Day at U.C. Berkeley will be on **Saturday, October 20, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** This event is sponsored by the East Bay Consortium and is a collaborative effort with Cal State East Bay, Holy Names University, U.C. Berkeley, St. Mary's College of California, and the University of San Francisco.

On this day over 60 representatives from colleges and universities throughout the United States will offer prospective students a glimpse into their college. Students and parents will have the opportunity to attend several workshops. Workshop topics include: admissions information, keeping college as a goal, historically black colleges, completing the UC Application form, and required college admissions tests.

Visit <http://www.eastbayconsortium.org/mainframe.php> to register.

More tips from the East Bay Consortium can be found at

<http://www.eastbayconsortium.org/studentprograms/collegeday.php3>

That's all for now!

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