

Happy New Year, Bret Harte Community. The following are some announcements for this coming week, courtesy of Ms. Williams, the Bret Harte PTA Board, and the Bret Harte School Site Council:

School Site Council meets at 5:30 pm Wednesday, January 9 in the Parent Center. The School Site Plan will be discussed, as well as follow up about the Program Improvement Year 4 visit that School District staff held in December. All are invited to attend.

Bret Harte Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meets at 7 pm, **Wednesday, January 9** in Room 100, following the School Site Council meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. The PTA will be discussing the Middle School Attendance Boundary issue and Gary Yee's invitation for Bret Harte to be involved. Also, a presentation will be made about Safe Routes to School.

Last Day of the 3rd Marking Period and 1st Semester is Friday, January 25. Please check with your child and his/her teachers to make sure your child is passing all classes.

Volunteers are needed to help with Safe Routes to School, providing extra adult presence at and around the school site after school.

"Save Me a Spot in College"

The Oakland Public Library is pleased to be offering a workshop for a scholarship contest for students in grades 6-12 called "Save me a Spot in College". The workshop is on January 23, 2008 at 3:00 pm in the Main Library, 125 14th Street and it's FREE.

Feel free to call or email me if you have any questions. 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, 2008 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, hgarcia@acoe.org