

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thanksgiving Recess:** School is closed from **November 19 to 23**. Enjoy your Thanksgiving Recess!

**School Tours:** School tours will be offered on the following days:

Tuesday, November 27

Wednesday, December 5

Friday, December 14

Tuesday, December 18

Tours start at 9 a.m. in the Parent Center, Room 102 and last about 1 ½ hours. Please let your friends and neighbors know about our tours!

**ELAC Meeting:** The English Language Advisory Committee will meet on **Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m.** This group is for parents who have children who are learning English in Bret Harte's English Language Learning program.

**Site Improvement Committee:** The Bret Harte Site Improvement Committee (BHSIC) will meet on **Wednesday, November 28 at 7 p.m.** to discuss and celebrate the Autumn Work Day.

**Report Cards:** Report cards for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period will be mailed home by **November 30**.

**OUSD School Options Fair:** The OUSD School Options Fair will be on **Friday, December 7** (Representatives from high schools available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and **Saturday, December 8** (Representatives from all OUSD schools available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Location: The East Side Club at the Oakland Coliseum. Students, parents, and community members are welcome at all times! Parking and BART access is available. For more information, contact [enroll@ousd.k12.ca.us](mailto:enroll@ousd.k12.ca.us).

**Newsletter Submissions Deadline:** The deadline for submissions for the January newsletter is **Wednesday, December 12**. Short articles (about 200 to 300 words), announcements and useful tips are welcome. Please send your submissions electronically to [bhparentcenter@yahoo.com](mailto:bhparentcenter@yahoo.com). Thank you!

**Winter Music Concert:** Enjoy a fantastic performance by our instrumental music students under the direction of the spectacular Mr. Duane Worm. Bret Harte's annual Winter Music concert will be on Wednesday, **December 12 at 7 p.m.** in the Cafetorium. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 12 and under. Proceeds go to the Music Department.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Skyline "Preview Night":** Skyline will host its annual 8th grade Preview Night on **Tuesday, December 4 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** The event begins in the Skyline High School Theater where students and their families learn about Skyline's program and academies, and meet the administrators. After a general meeting, prospective families will form groups that will meet in classrooms with teachers and current students.

## STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Time for your morning announcements so settle down and listen up!!!
- The faculty vs. student basketball game is coming up. If you want to play you must be an 8th grader and on the honor roll. You've got a couple more days to get your grades up if you want to play!! Any staff that wants to play, see Coach Brown.
- Students, electronic devices are not allowed during school hours. If you have any visible during school it will be taken away. This includes ipods, cell phones, video games etc.
- Students are not allowed in the hallways before school or during lunch. Please stay outside until you are allowed in.
- Make up picture day is this Friday. Check in the office for more details.
- The academic vocabulary words for this week are comprehension and distinguish. Try to think of creative ways to use these new words.
- No school next week for Thanksgiving!!!! Think of what you are thankful for and also try to be more giving!!!!

## **HELPING BRET HARTE**

Sometimes parents would like to feel a greater connection to Bret Harte but aren't sure how to make it happen. If you feel this way, here are some ideas for you.

**Adopt the Teacher's 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 or two.

**EcoMetro Guides:** EcoMetro Guides quickly sold out and more are being ordered. These coupon books make a great gift for friends, family, neighbors and teachers. The books sell for \$20 and Bret Harte's Yosemite Planning Committee receives 50% of each one sold. One parent emailed the Parent Center to report, "I wanted to BROADCAST that I love my Eco-Metro Local Green Coupon Book. I saved over \$20, the cost of the coupon book, in my first 3 grocery shopping trips!" To make your purchase, please contact Ms. Warner at [annekwarner@gmail.com](mailto:annekwarner@gmail.com) or in Room 208.

**Public Library Amnesty:** From Saturday, November 24 through Friday, December 14, the Oakland Public Library is holding a special three-week amnesty campaign. During this period, anyone who returns overdue items or who requests forgiveness for lost materials checked out before November 1, 2007 will have their fines and fees cleared by coming to any Oakland Public Library location. While this forgiveness campaign will apply to all users, the Oakland Public Library especially wants to encourage youth and families to return and enjoy the many resources of the Oakland Public Library.

Sincerely,  
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