

Announcements for the week of February 18
SCHOOL EVENTS

NO SCHOOL ON 2/18/08: Monday, February 18 is Presidents' Day. There is no school.

G.A.T.E. Meeting: On Tuesday, February 19 at 7 p.m. in Room 100 there will be a GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) meeting to determine how to spend this year's GATE funds and discuss possible enrichment activities at the school. Questions: contact Karen Ohlson KjohLson@mindspring.com 336-9469 or Celia Davis celia@datacenter.org 393-9140

Farewell Brunch: Please stop the Parent Center, Room 102, on Friday, February 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a farewell potluck brunch to say goodbye to Sharon Higgins, Parent Coordinator, who will be leaving Bret Harte after seven years. Bring a dish or just stop in to chat. Sharon's replacement, Brandy Castine will be joining us as well, so and come and meet our newest Parent Coordinator.

Newsletter Assembly: The March newsletter will also be assembled in the Parent Center on Friday, February 22. If you are available, please come to Room 102 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 who comes!

Improvement Committee: The Bret Harte Site Improvement Committee (BHSIC) will meet on Wednesday, February 27 at 7 p.m.

Oratorical Fest Update: Congratulations to Elihamira Hazzilton (8), second place winner with her poem in the Original Poems/ Famous Speeches! Additional congratulations to Kwabena Lewis-Ingram (7) who placed third for his oration! These students, along with Rain Holmes-Martinez (6), were Bret Harte's school site winners who represented the Bobcats at the secondary school level regional Oratorical Fest competitions on February 15.

You can see the performances of the district-wide winners at the Finals Competition of the 29th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Fest on March 7 from 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. at the Allen Temple Life Center, 8501 International Blvd. www.tapestryleps.com. A special thank you to Mr. Martel Price for his guidance and support to the students! For contest details go to

Yearbooks: Get your 2007-2008 Bret Harte Yearbooks now! Buy them during lunch at the Attendance Office window or in Room 301 (before/after school). They are only \$30, so get one before they sell out! The first payment (\$15) is due by March 7. The second payment (\$15) is due by May 9. Make checks payable to Bret Harte Middle School.

OUSD & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mills College Event On Education And The Achievement Gap: The first in a series of "Community Conversations" will be held at Lisser Hall on the Mills College campus on Wednesday, February 20 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The subject is public education and the achievement gap. Why are so many students falling behind? Is the educational system failing our children? This will be an on-stage conversation with a live audience, primarily of young people. It will be taped for broadcast on public radio KQED (88.5 FM) and KALW (91.7 FM) in March.

Day @ Law School: UC Hastings presents the 4th Annual "A Day @ Law School" on **Saturday, February 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** at the University of California, Hastings Law School, 198 McAllister St @ Hyde St., San Francisco (San Francisco Civic Center BART).

A free event for youth ages 5-18. Attend law school for a day, learn steps to succeed in high school, and receive information about college and legal education. Breakfast and Lunch Provided. You can also win Door Prizes and Free School Supplies!

RSVP Before February 16th by calling (415) 264-1166 or emailing: hastingsyouthmentors@yahoo.com

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced at school on February 12:

Good morning Bret Harte!!!! Time for your weekly announcements!!!!!!

Yearbooks are on sale now!!! Get them at the attendance office during lunch or in room 301 before and after school.

Ms. Promes' cooking club will meet at the beginning of lunch today. If you are signed up, please be on time to room 107.

The card club is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in room 201. You must have a pass to come in. You may not wait in line. You can enter between 12:45-12:50. No earlier and no later! Once you come in you must stay until the lunch bell rings.

Do you know how many countries are in North America? Do you know which countries border the Red Sea? Do you love geography? Let's find out who is the greatest geographer at our school!!! Ms. Colt is sponsoring a geography bee- Come to room 201 to sign up!!!!

Students don't forget about earning bravo cards!!! Try to do something nice everyday and you may be rewarded!!! We will draw winners the first Wednesday of every month in the main office at 1:30!!!! This month's winners are: Krystal Pierce, Shone Adams, Darrell Tingle Crystal Goitre, Dustin Artinga, Darrius Hines, Miguel Baxler, Mustafa Alawadi, Manases Amaguer, Camille Del Mundo, Vyle, Vinh Nguyen, Christian Lopez, Anesha Harris, Mohammed Hassain, Gabriel Richard, Dominique Livegood, and Ershell Love!!!! Remember to print your name legibly on the bravo cards too!!!!

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The academic vocabulary words for this week are: eccentric and hoard. Try to use these words in front of your teachers to WOW them!!!!

By striving to do the impossible, man has always achieved what is possible. Those who have cautiously done no more than they believed possible have never taken a single step forward. - [Mikhail Bakunin](#)

Bret Harte Middle School Announcements: If you have items to include in our weekly email announcements, please call us or send them electronically to bhparentcenter@yahoo.com. If we receive them before 11:30 a.m. on Fridays, they will be included in the messages posted on Friday afternoons.

Have a great week!
The Parent Center
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