

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**From The Principal Teresa Williams:** “All gates are locked at 8:50 am. If the gate is locked, entry is only allowed through the front doors.”

**ATTENTION PARENTS!** Recently there have been complaints from members of the neighborhood surrounding Bret Harte about students loitering on Coolidge and MacArthur after school hours.! Students are expected to leave school and head directly home. We are asking that you have a discussion with your student regarding this and let them know that loitering in the parking lot and in front of the liquor store is not allowed. Currently, Bret Harte has a crossing guard and the Campus supervisor in that area working to enforce this rule, but again, we need your help. There have been complaints from students about buses passing them up, and please be advised that supervisors from AC Transit have been alerted about this practice and it will not happen from this point forward. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Teresa Williams

**California State Testing (CST)** will begin April 29th at Bret Harte. Testing will take place over two weeks on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** of each week. The testing dates are **April 29th, 30th, May 1st, 6th, 7th, and 8th**. Students will test each day with their 1st period teacher. Any student sent out of testing on referral will be sent home for the remainder of the school day.

### **Cycles of Change Safe Routes to School 5th-8th grade Family Bike Safety Clinic**

**When:** Saturday, April 26, 9:30am - 2pm

**Where:** Bret Harte Middle School Bike Shop and Neighborhood

**Bring:** Your bike, your helmet, and adequate clothing for a relaxed bike ride. We have loaner bikes and helmet as well as helmets that can be purchased.

**Cost:** This workshop is free and snacks are provided.

**RSVP** By April 24th! Space is limited to fifteen 5th-8th grade youth. Adult accompaniment encouraged, 5th grade youth **MUST** attend with an adult.

Contact: safecycles@gmail.com/ 510.451.3342

### **Bret Harte PTA Arts and Music Committee Presents its first School Wide Art Show.**

**Paved Paradise Perspectives on Human Nature** will take place May 8th- 30th. **Submissions are due** to the Parent Center by May 5th. The theme of the show is Our Place in the Natural World.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Artists must be students at Bret Harte Middle School
- Artwork must be original and have been executed in the past year (April 2007- April 2008)
- Artists do not have to be currently enrolled in a school art class

Medium: Painting, drawing, photography, mixed media

**Size Limitation:** Use anything you want to create your artwork: paper, wood, cardboard, etc; but nothing bigger than 20 inches in any direction.

**Deadlines:** Bring artwork to the Parent Center on Monday May 5th, 2008. Your entry form should be filled out and attached (with tape or glue) to the artwork.

**Questions:** See Ms. Brubaker in the Art Room or email Carrie at Carriederer@yahoo.com

#### **Important Dates to Remember:**

**Monday May 5th:** TURN IN ARTWORK! Drop off artwork at Parent Center before school, lunch period or 3:15- 4pm.

**Thursday, May 8th:** 4:00- 7:00pm Opening Party for artists, family and friends! The art show will be on view through May 30th.

**Friday, May 30th:** During Lunch Period: students/ parents pick-up artworks from Parent Center.

Cash and Merchandise prizes will be given for works of Merit.

### **BRET HARTE NEEDS YOUR HELP!!**

Bret Harte's Spring Work Day is Saturday, April 19. We need adults to help channel youthful energy. Could you staff the tool corral for a couple of hours? Help with sign in and job assignments? Supervise kids moving spare equipment? Help with setup or cleanup? It's a great chance to make a difference for our kids in just a few hours, and have some fun at the same time. Please contact Lesley Johnson-Gelb at 510-834-0646 or lesleyjohnsongelb@yahoo.com. Thanks!

### **STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**8th Grade activities:** NOTE: Only students eligible for promotion according to the District guidelines will be eligible to participate in activities. The final computation will be made after the fifth marking period which ends on April 25th. Also any students suspended from school for any reason on or after April 1st, will not be allowed to attend activities. Be sure to attend your administrative detentions. Failure to do so will result in suspension.

### **8TH GRADE CLASS PICNIC: Has Been Cancelled!!!**

**Dinner Dance:** Thursday, May 29th, \$15.00, Last day to pay is Tuesday May 27th, 2008  
Dance will be held at the Snow building @ Knowland Park from 8pm -11pm Pictures will be available.

**8th Grade Promotion:** Tuesday, June 11, 2008 at 10 am

Promotion will be held at the Scottish Rite Center and students are allowed 4 tickets each.

**Promotion attire:** **ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR WHITE TOPS AND DARK BOTTOMS.** Girls may wear pants (black or Blue).

NOTE: Students may still be eligible for promotion, even though they may not have the 2.0 GPA necessary for 8th grade activities.

**Panoramic Pictures:** Panoramic pictures will be taken on April 24th, 2008 at 1:45 pm. The cost to purchase a copy is \$20.00.

### **8th grade Memorabilia:**

**Yearbook:** \$30.00, Last day to pay is Thursday, May 9th, 2008

T-shirts and sweatshirts: Last day to pay, Monday May 5th, 2008

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T-shirt: \$12.00

Long Sleeve T-shirt: \$15.00

Sweatshirt: \$30.00

All activities and memorabilia must be paid for with Cash only!

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **Tupa! c Amaru Shakur Foundation Oakland Leadership and Arts Camp”**

Creative Writing, Art, Vocal, Dance and More

**Registration Deadline:** June 6, 2008

**Camp Dates/Times:** June 16-20, 23-26, 2008 – 1-4pm

**Friends and Family Reception:** June 28<sup>th</sup> 3pm (Open to the Public) Tickets \$20.00

**Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation and Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center**

**7701 Krause Ave (near Bancroft)  
Oakland, CA 94605 – Phone: 510.615.5755  
For registration info visit: [www.TASF.org](http://www.TASF.org) or [TASF0671@aol.com](mailto:TASF0671@aol.com)**

### **Music Scholarships**

The application for the 2008 Ida Altenbach Scholarships are now available. These scholarships are to be awarded this summer by the Distaff Singers organization. The purpose of these scholarships is to provide funding for music education and is available for schools and organizations in Oakland. Please check the Distaff Singers website <http://www.distaffsingers.org/> for more information about their organization and the scholarships that have awarded in the past.

Please feel free to forward this email to any interested teacher, parent or administrator in your school or program. The application deadline is June 1, 2008.

Sincerely,  
Cathy Fisher  
2008 Scholarship Chair

### **9th Annual Youth Education Conference for Middle School Students and Parents Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 9am to 3pm**

This is a FREE workshop focusing on Financial Literacy for both Students and Parents in preparation for their future educational development. There will be separate workshops for the parents as well as for the students. Wells Fargo Community Program "Check Points" along with Operation Hope will be leading the student workshops. We will have representation from Merrill Lynch leading one of the parent workshops. There will be a closing speaker who will bring continuity to the day for all. This workshop will be held at the Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science, starting at 9am and ending at 3pm. Included in the day will be a continental breakfast and a hot lunch along with a bag of giveaway items.

For further information please contact Joy Jacobs at (510) 287-2780 or [jjacobs@deloitte.com](mailto:jjacobs@deloitte.com)

### **The Oakland Public Library presents:**

**JOB READINESS WORKSHOP: April 26<sup>th</sup> from 11-1:00 pm in the Main Library Teen Zone.**

This program is designed to help teens organize and format their resumes and students will also have a mock interview session where they will be able to practice interviewing with library professionals as the “employers”.

**JOB FAIR FOR TEENS: May 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:00 pm.** Students are encouraged to bring their resumes for potential employers. Representatives from Trader Joes, Mayor Summer Jobs Program, Kaiser Permanente and MORE! **Both of these events are for teens ages 14-19.**

**For additional information please contact Jessica Snow at [jsnow@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:jsnow@oaklandlibrary.org)**

**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](mailto: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  
Room 102  
879-2068