



Bret Harte Bark

A NEWSLETTER FROM BRET HARTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AUGUST 2016

Although it has been hot and humid outside, inside Bret Harte Elementary School it's bright and cheery. The school is being cleaned, our classrooms are being setup, and we are preparing for our students' arrival on Tuesday, September 6th.

I would like to thank our head custodian Mr. Jones and our cleaners Mr. Viembo and Ms. Carmen for all of their tireless preparation in readying our school. I would also be remiss if I didn't thank Mrs. Bivins and Mrs. Race for all of their efforts this summer. Without the dedication of these individuals, our opening of school would not go as smoothly as I anticipate it will.

As the start of school is upon us, I feel both fortunate and excited to begin my fourth year here as the principal of Bret Harte. I'm eager to continue all of the great work we have done together to create a community of Harte S.M.A.R.T. learners. I appreciate the tremendous amount of support I continue to receive and admire the value you place on education. I look forward to continuing the partnerships we have fostered and meeting those of you new to the Bret Harte family.

Please check our website regularly as it is a wonderful resource to find pertinent information, including a copy of our school handbook. The web address is <http://harteweb.chclc.org>. A calendar of events is regularly updated and available for you to export to your phone or computer. Also, please be sure to visit our district web site (www.chclc.org) and visit the "Important School Opening Information" section. It includes details on your child's meal payment system, new student log-in procedures, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and the district's Integrated Pest Management Policy.

We look forward to seeing all of the students on Tuesday, September 6th. Grades 1-5 will follow a 1:00pm Early Dismissal schedule that day and resume a regular schedule on Wednesday, September 7th. Kindergarten will follow a regular schedule on the opening day of school. Morning Kindergarten is from

9:00am – 11:30am and Afternoon Kindergarten is from 1:00pm – 3:30pm.

Students in grades 1-5 will have lunch on both early dismissal and full days of school. Lunch this year is \$2.65, milk is \$.75, and breakfast is \$1.65. Lunch will be available for purchase each day starting on September 6th.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Save the Dates:

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| September 6th | New Family Welcome Tea
(9:00 am and 1:00 pm) |
| September 15th | Rita's Water Ice Night
(4:00 pm-8:00 pm) |
| September 21st | New Family Pizza Night
(6:30 pm) |
| September 27th & 28th | Picture Days |
| September 28th | PTA Membership Meeting
(7:00 pm) |
| October 6th | Back to School Night
<u>Grades K-2</u> : 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
<u>Grades 3-5</u> : 7:45 pm-8:45 pm |