



Dear Parent/Guardian:

We have decided again this year to partner with Kids for Peace in order to aid them in their mission of creating a culture of kindness on school campuses nationwide. Bret Harte will join hundreds of schools across the country for the 2017 Great Kindness Challenge, which will take place during the week of January 23rd. This will provide us the opportunity to reinforce our Harte S.M.A.R.T. values and allow your child to be a part of a powerful and positive bullying prevention initiative that we hope will lead to more kindness, unity, and respect.

Next week, students will be given challenge sheets identifying 50 acts of kindness. The goal for each student is to perform as many acts of kindness as possible. Students will also be offered additional opportunities during the week to show kindness through supporting worthwhile causes.

More specifically, Bret Harte will join its efforts with all of the other participating schools to raise money to help build a new school in Pakistan. We are asking that each student, if possible, donate \$1 for this cause. It is our suggestion that students earn the \$1 so that the contribution is meaningful to them. Last year, our students raised money to support the building of a new school in the Mikei village in Kenya. I am happy to report that we were one of 159 schools who contributed to this effort, and as a result, a new school was built.

In addition, Bret Harte will again be helping to raise money for the Alicia Rose Victorious Foundation. This group seeks to help teenagers suffering from cancer. We will sell bandannas each day during lunch at a cost of \$3 each. Our students will then wear the bandannas on Friday as part of our theme day - "Hats off - bandannas on! - to kindness."

To learn more about The Great Kindness Challenge, please visit: [www.greatkindnesschallenge.org](http://www.greatkindnesschallenge.org). Thank you in advance for helping us create a culture of kindness.

With Great Gratitude,

Dr. Neil Burti, Principal

