



Cherry Hill Public Schools

Bret Harte Elementary School



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I find it hard to believe that it is time to write a letter to you about class placements for the 2019-2020 school year. The act of developing healthy and workable class sections is one of the most important tasks we have as a group of educators. The ideal arrangement is to form class placements that allow for maximum academic and social development for each member of our school community.

During the process, the teachers and I have many factors to consider. These include, but are not limited to, the knowledge of each child's demonstrated learning preferences, identification of which children work well together and which children might benefit from being separated, and the developmental level that each child has reached during the academic school year.

Children are placed in classes to achieve a balance relative to many aspects such as gender, ethnicity, and diversity in regard to academic and social development. Thoughts from current teachers and specialists in other disciplines, my observations, and the information you provide, are all given consideration during this process. Ultimately, I will be finalizing and approving all class lists. My hope is that you will trust my final decision and understand that a great amount of work and thought goes into creating the placements.

If you have a concern about your child, you may address your thoughts with me, as I value your input in this process. In order to do so, please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/BHplacement>. For your convenience, the link will also be available on the Bret Harte homepage. The survey is not mandatory. However, if you choose to complete it, I encourage you to present pertinent information about your child and describe in a few words the learning environment that you believe will maximize his/her success during the upcoming year. Concerns might include your desire to keep your twins together or have them placed in separate classes or a known conflict with another student. Please understand that requests for a specific teacher would not be appropriate. Instead, please highlight the environment which you feel will maximize your child's learning and comfort level and the characteristics you would like in your child's teacher.

Requests for placement consideration based on the above criteria must be received by Friday, May 10, 2019. The survey will close at 4:00 pm on that date and requests received after this time will not be considered.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neil Burti
Principal