FEBRUARY 2026 PTA NEWSLETTER

🐻 PTA News

The PTA plays a vital role in supporting our school through fundraising, community events, and volunteer efforts. Want to get involved?

📌 Next PTA Association Meeting
📅 Monday, March 9 | 6:00 PM | Parent Room

Everyone is welcome—come meet fellow parents and learn how you can make a difference at our school!

📧 Contact us: BretHarteBearsPTA@gmail.com
🔗 Join the PTA - Sign up to become a member for only $10 linktr.ee/brethartebearsPTA

Want to contribute directly to the PTA? Donate: bit.ly/BretHarteDonate

Upcoming Events

Ongoing events:
🕐 10-Minute Morning Movement — Every Friday at 8:00 AM. Families are invited to join their students for some fun and energizing movement to kick off the day! Please sign-in in the office before heading to the track!
☕ Bear Necessities — Thursday, February 5 at 8:10 AM. A great opportunity for open dialogue and connection with the Principal!
🌿 Bears on the Lawn Family Picnic— Friday, February 6. Join your student for a meal during their scheduled lunch break.

Valentine Dance
📅 Friday, February 6 | 5:30-7:00 PM | 📍 Multipurpose Room

We need volunteers to make it a fun evening for students and families! Please check out the sign-up genius below for volunteer opportunities.

🔗 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044DAFAE2DA5FB6-61438558-valentines

Events Committee

Events Committee Meeting
📅 Thursday, February 12 | 6:00 PM | 📍 Parent Room
Please join us to see how you can get involved in our winter and spring events!

Garden Committee

Garden Committee Meeting
📅 Wednesday, February 4 | 6:00 PM | 📍 Parent Room

Garden Work Day
📅 Saturday, February 21 | 10:00 AM
The new butterfly garden is ready for planting! We'll have snacks, butterfly crafts for the kids, and lots of fun. Work days are open to the public; bring your friends and neighbors! No tools or experience required and all ages and experience levels are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Seed Cluster Making
📅 February 24-26 | 8:15-10:15 AM
We need volunteers to help students create wildflower seed clusters! Students will be in the garden for this activity. Sign up here!

Seeking Donations of 4" Pots
We are looking for donations of 4" plastic nursery pots for our upcoming plant sale in April. If you have pots to donate see Emily, send us an email at brethartegarden@gmail.com or leave the pots at the office for pick up. Thank you!

If you didn't see the garden newsletter come home with your student you can find it on Parent Square. Our website has an up to date calendar of garden activities and updates on the garden blog: https://sites.google.com/view/bret-harte-school-garden

Want to contribute directly to the garden?
Donate: bit.ly/BretHarteDonate

Fundraising Committee

Thank you to everyone who participated in the January Mendocino Farms Dine and Donate!

Fundraising Committee Meeting
📅 Wednesday, February 11| 6:00 PM | 📍 Parent Room

Come join us and help to plan our next big fundraiser, The Pancake Breakfast!

Want to contribute directly to the PTA? This fiscal year, we have raised $744 through the generosity of our community via our Paypal account! Every dollar helps our school directly. Set up a one-time or automatic monthly donation using this link: bit.ly/BretHarteDonate

Student Belonging Committee

Student Belonging Committee Meeting
📅 Tuesday, February 10 | 5:15 PM | 📍 Parent Room
Everyone is welcome - Your voices help shape a stronger, more connected school community!

Kudos!

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who supported the TK/Kindergarten tours!

Yearbook

Order Your Yearbook Today Before Prices Go Up
Order your yearbook today for only $23. When you order online, you'll also be given the chance to upgrade your book to a hardcover. Yearbooks will be distributed to students in early June. Visit **ybpay.com** to order your yearbook today! **Yearbook ID Code: 15459226**

Submit Your Photos to be Included in Our School Yearbook
Want to be part of the 2025-2026 yearbook? Submit your photos from this school year for consideration. We want our yearbook to represent all of our students, and we're looking for photos of students engaged in various campus activities, including: field trips, garden, recess, music, P.E., spirit days, buddy events, performances, and general class activities.

Photos can be easily uploaded to our yearbook photo site at community.lifetouch.com. The invite code is **GO-BRET-HARTE-BEARS-26**. When you upload photos, you'll be given the opportunity to "tag" or label photos, please select a tag for your photos from the dropdown. This will help ensure that any photos chosen get placed correctly in the yearbook. All photos must be submitted by April 15.

Items Needed!

The PTA is looking for some items to refresh the Parent Room and the Staff Lounge. If you would like to donate any of these items or have a lead, please email us at BretHarteBearsPTA@gmail.com

- Office chairs/conference room chairs for Parent Room
- Office chairs/conference room chairs for Staff Lounge
- Conference table for Parent Room
- Large conference table for Staff Lounge

Upcoming School Dates To Note

2/5 | Thu | 8:10 AM | Bear Necessities: Principal Chat
2/6 | Fri | 8:10 AM | Attendance Workshop
2/6 | Fri | 11:00 AM-12:25 PM | Bears on the Lawn Family Picnic/Lockdown Drill
2/9 | Mon | No School (Lincoln's Birthday observed)
2/16 | Mon | No School (President's Day)
2/17 | Tues | Black Parent Involvement Day/Bring Your Parent to School Day
2/26 | Thu | 5:30 PM | School Site Council
2/27 | Fri | 1:00 PM | Black History Month Celebration