

Bret Harte PTA May Newsletter

Upcoming Events & Activities



Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

This week is Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week! Monday through Friday we are celebrating all of the hard-working people who take care of our kids and make our school a special place. The PTA is organizing some special treats for the school staff during the week. Please join us in showing appreciation for all staff during this week - teachers, aides, specialists, nurse, cafeteria, yard duties, custodians & plant manager, principal & office staff, and so many more! Writing kind notes, creating student drawings, thoughtful messages, or small gestures of gratitude can go a long way toward making someone feel valued. [See the flyer here for some ideas of ways to show support and appreciation.](#)

Bear Necessities: Principal Chat

Thursday May 7th, 8:10am. Meet with Principal Jones to receive monthly updates and have time for open dialogue.

PTA Meeting & Elections

Monday May 11th at 6:00pm. Our last PTA Meeting of this school year. Join us to finish out this school year and make plans for the next school year. We will be choosing some of the activities and events we want to do next year, electing our new executive board, and reviewing our budget for next year.

Potato Harvest & French Fry Party

We need volunteers to help with this event! The Garden Committee is getting each classroom signed up to come out to the garden to harvest the potatoes they are

growing. Students will dig up and wash the potatoes Tuesday May 5th - Thursday May 7th. On Tuesday May 12th, parent volunteers will be washing, preparing, and cooking the potatoes into French fries for the students to enjoy during the annual French Fry Party. These are always fun events and need lots of help. If you are a fingerprinted & registered volunteer with the school, you can sign up to help with these fun (and delicious) activities!

[Click here to signup online](#) or at BretHartePTA.com

Garden Work Day

Saturday May 16th 9am - 11am. We had an amazing turnout for our garden tours last month and the school garden received much praise and appreciation. We have a wonderful garden program and it needs lots of help to maintain and prepare for students to use. Please continue to help out during Garden Work Days to keep our garden flourishing.

No School - Memorial Day Holiday

Monday May 25th. School is closed for the Memorial Day holiday.

Yearbooks

The initial Yearbook orders have been collected, but there is still time to place an order before the end of the year. 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 and enter yearbook ID Code: **15459226**

Open House & Annual Art Show

The school is hosting Open House on Wednesday May 27th at 5:30pm. During this time, the PTA will be featuring our annual Art Show, displaying student art work created throughout this year. [Click here to sign up to help](#) or visit BretHartePTA.com

Gratitude & Recognition

- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Pancake Breakfast, Bear Market, and Garden Tours. These events were a great way to connect with Bear families, our neighbors, and surrounding community. These fundraisers will help us fund garden activities and school field trips.
- Thank you to our Fundraising Committee for all the work planning and organizing the Pancake Breakfast.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the many Garden Work Days these past two months - we were able to show off our amazing gardens during the April garden tours and they were all well received.

Upcoming Planning Meetings

- Wed 5/6 | 6:00pm | Garden Committee Meeting
- Mon 5/11 | 6:00pm | **PTA Meeting & Elections**
- Tue 5/12 | 5:15pm | Student Belonging Committee Meeting

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