

Bret Harte PTA April Newsletter

Welcome Back From Spring Break!

We hope your Spring Break was filled with fun and rest. As we come back to school next week, please remember to follow the adjusted morning drop-off procedures that Principal Jones communicated before the break. There is a lot happening in April, with plenty of fun activities and ways that families can get involved and support our school and our students. See all the info below, or on our website at BretHartePTA.com

Important & Urgent Items

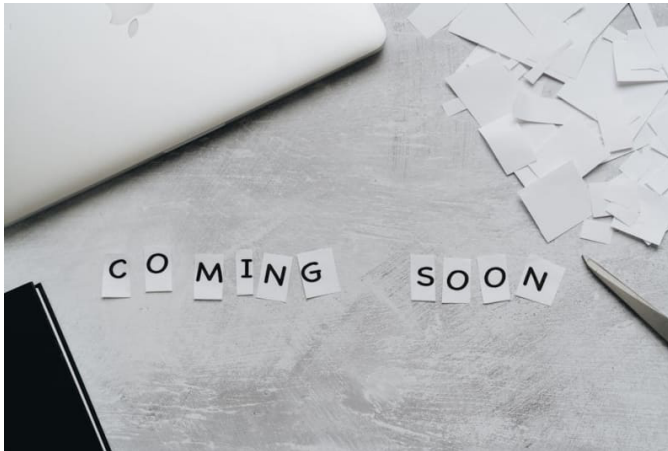
Volunteers Needed

We really need help with the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser - please sign up to volunteer to help with this event if you are available. If we do not have enough volunteers to run this event and it needs to be cancelled, the Fundraising Committee will contact anyone who has purchased tickets regarding refunds. You find information and signup to volunteer at BretHartePTA.com

Upcoming Elections

Our PTA annual elections will be held in May. If you are interested in serving as a board officer next year - especially as President, Treasurer, or Secretary - please send an email to Adam.Gothard@gmail.com. We must have a functioning executive board for our organization to exist and run properly. The more people who are involved and helping, the less the workload becomes. We have not received enough interest from anyone willing to serve and if we cannot elect a President, Treasurer, and Secretary we will have to close down to inactivate our PTA unit. Please consider helping out next year as an executive board officer. You can contact Adam Gothard for more information.

Upcoming Events & Activities



Bear Necessities: Principal Chat

Thursday April 9th, 8:10am. Meet with Principal Jones to receive monthly updates and have time for open dialogue.

PTA Family Art Night

Thursday April 9th, 6:00pm. Bring the whole family for an evening of art activities hosted by the PTA. These art projects may also be put on display during the Annual Art Show in May during Open House.

Bears on the Lawn: Family Picnic

Friday April 10th, during your student's normally scheduled lunch break. Bring a family lunch to enjoy with your student. The weather is nice for anyone that wants to bring a picnic blanket to eat on the field. PTA will also be selling waterproof picnic blankets for \$20.

Native Garden Work Day & BBQ

Saturday April 11th, 9am - 11am. We will be getting our native garden on the corner of Franklin Blvd & 9th Ave ready for tours during the annual CNPS Gardens Got Natives Tour. We need help getting our native garden cleaned up and ready for public tours. After our Garden Work Day we will be having a BBQ and PTA is providing hotdogs, burgers, and veggie burgers.

Spring Plant Sale

Saturday April 11th & Saturday April 25th, 9am - 11am. Get your home garden ready for spring planting! Purchase vegetable starters from our Garden Committee. [See details and plant list here](#) and place a [pre-order online here](#).

Butterfly Garden Work Day

Saturday April 18th 9am - 11am. We will be finishing up the expansion project of our Butterfly Garden and also getting the vegetable garden and orchard ready for public tours. The school garden will be open for tours as part of the Curtis Park Home & Garden tours, also happening during the Pancake Breakfast. Please join us for the Garden Work Day to get our school gardens ready for tours!

Pancake Breakfast , Bear Market, and Garden Tours

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday April 25th, 8:30am - 11:00am. This is our biggest fundraiser and we need volunteers to help with this event. You can [buy tickets online](#) and you can sign up to [volunteer here](#).

Bear Market - Student Craft Fair

During pancake breakfast - Saturday April 25th, 9:00am - 10:30am. Students will be selling their hand-made creations. Students must turn in an application and review all requirements with the school office. See details in the Parent Square newsletters or contact the school office for more information.

Garden Tours & Plant Sale

During pancake breakfast - Saturday April 25th, 10:00am - 1:00pm. The school gardens will be open for tours as part of the Curtis Park Home and Garden Tours. The PTA Garden Committee will be selling plant starters - see the info above.

Yearbooks

Order Your Yearbook Today Before Prices Go Up! 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**

Add Your Photos to 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**.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

Monday May 4 - Friday May 8. Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week is a time for all of us to show our gratitude for all of the staff at Bret Harte who work so hard to take care of our students. More information will be coming out soon - keep your eyes open for a special email with more details. If you would like to help with this project, send an email to BretHarteBearsPTA@gmail.com

Gratitude & Recognition

- Thank you to everyone who helped with the Classroom Art Activities. We look forward to seeing the student artwork on display at the Annual Art Show during Open House.
- Thank you to everyone who helped set up and run the Book Fair.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with our Garden Work Days in March! We completed several projects in the new Butterfly Garden and this expansion project is nearly complete!
- Thank you to Principal Jones for communicating so well regarding the adjustments to the morning drop-off process and policy. This change will help improve campus safety for all of our students.

Upcoming Planning Meetings

- Wed 4/8 | 6:00pm - Garden Committee Meeting
- Wed 4/8 | 6:00pm - Fundraising Committee Meeting
- Thu 4/9 | 6:00pm - Events Committee Meeting
- Tue 4/14 | 5:15pm - Student Belonging Committee Meeting
- Thu 4/16 | 5:30pm - School Site Council Meeting
- Mon 4/20 | 6:00pm - PTA Executive Board Meeting

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