

**Bret Harte Elementary School**  
**Principal's Report**  
**Local School Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

**Bret Harte Mission:** It is our mission to prepare every child for college and career readiness. We are committed to meeting the needs of ALL students through enrichment and intervention supports. We will provide a safe and supportive environment that promotes academic excellence, reflection, responsibility for self and community, respect for diversity and appreciation for the arts and cultures.

**2020-21 Enrollment:** 286    96 In-Person (+23 since 3rd quarter)

102	103	101	109	107	106	105	202	203	201	206	207	208
Prek	Prek	Prek	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	7/8th	8th
14	15	5	19	25	23	25	26	22	32	25	28	26

## **Instructional Leadership**

- 3rd-8th grade students have been taking the IAR Assessment. The assessment is done on computers and contains 5 sessions (2 reading and 3 math assessments.)
- Teachers are sharing their assessments with their grade-level teams.
- Our ILT will be reading and discussing effective feedback at our next ILT/CIWP meeting. We will also be reviewing our MTSS goals on our CIWP. Meet with teacher teams to discuss the budget.
- Yesterday, 8th grader Jande Davis shared her poem, "When They See Me," at the My Very Own Library Poetry Celebration. Students from Delaware, New Jersey, and Illinois (Kenwood) participated.
- Met with Harte's School Safety Committee. We completed the CPS school safety checklist.
- Held our 3rd fire drill led by the Chicago Fire Department. We still have one lockdown drill to complete.
- Mrs. Evans will be attending an A-Net math professional development on Friday, May 14th.

- Hired a temporary clerk and day-to-day substitute teacher (Tyler Igoe). Conducting interviews for a kindergarten and 4th/5th reading teacher.

## **Communication**

- Conducted virtual 3rd quarter report card conferences. There's was a reduction in number of parents that attended (from 49% to 36%)
- Creating Calendly for report card pickup conferences.
- Mrs. Fido has been sending the Harte Herald out weekly to parents.
- The Behavioral Health Team (Mr. Bright, Mrs. Fido, Dr. Craig, Ms. Yarber) and the Attendance Team held their bi-weekly meetings.

## **Culture**

- The Green Star Movement is installing the [mural](#) created last year with students and Green Start Movement artists.
- The Harte Student Council held their boys vs. girls April Attendance Challenge. The boys lost by less than ½ a percentage point. As a result, Mr. Bright had a bucket of ice and water dumped on his head.
- A Donors Choose Grant (Nature Explorers! - Mrs. Fido and Ms. Micetic) has been written to purchase a picnic table (one of 3) to be placed outside.
- Friday, we have our 2nd round interview for the Riding for Focus grant (30 Specialized bikes for students in grades 5-8).
- There was a Block Club [article](#) discussing Bret Harte and the Kenwood Food Project.

## **Budget**

- Started with \$71,474 to spend

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Moved Ms. Williams from 4th grade to open Diverse Learner position		
Hiring a 4th/5th grade teacher		Taking Ms. Williams position
Hiring our 2nd Kindergarten teacher		Additional students in our building after loss of two large 8th grade classes
Recess/Lunch &	\$9,000	Mrs. McDavis (recess

Overcrowded Classroom Support		support)
Copier Lease and Maintenance	\$9,500	

## **CPS Contingency Fund \$57,000**

- Professional Development (focused on CIWP goals) \$5,000
- Technology Service \$8,000
- Computer Programs \$15,000:
  - Tynker (computer coding) - \$3,500
  - Seesaw (parent communication preK-2) - \$600
  - Nearpod (online tool for teaching) - \$3,000
  - Amplify (preK - 5 reading online program) - \$5,000
  - Happy Numbers (preK-5 math online program) - \$2,200
- Reading in Motion \$7,000 (K-2 reading support)
- Additional Funds for Mrs. McDavis (recess/overcrowded classrooms) \$6,000
- Scholastic Magazine \$3,000
- Math Workbooks \$2,000 - Envision Math Workbooks (k-5)
- Literacy Materials \$4,000 (k-2 guided reading books)
- MTSS intervention \$2,500 (MTSS intervention books)
- PE/Recess \$1,000 (scooters, bike racks, and outside games)
- Art \$1,000 (Mrs. Floyd's sculpture materials)
- Science \$2,500 (middle school science activity kits)

### Empower Grant \$20,000

- Leader in Me \$10,000
- Teacher Bucket for Diverse Learner Teachers \$6,500
- Software Program IXL \$500
- NewsELA Pro \$3,000

One position has been removed: Mrs. Croisant ( $\frac{1}{2}$  time English Language Teacher)

Position was eliminated due to Harte not meeting threshold requirements: 20 students needed in order to receive a  $\frac{1}{2}$  position (we have only 17 students at the moment). As a result, CPS is not funding the position. Instead, we will be given \$7,500 to support our EL students. We will ask Ms. Johnson (who has an EL endorsement) to support these students along with help from Network 9. We are still hoping that Mrs. Croisant's position may come back to us if we are able to get back to 20 EL students again. CPS has said it will not give us the position back even if we get back to the number but perhaps they may change their mind with some nudging.