



CHEETAH CHATTER

Chet F. Harritt STEAM School Principal's Newsletter



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READ-A-THON IS COMING

Grab your favorite thing to read and get ready! Chet will begin our annual Read-A-Thon fundraiser in less than two weeks.

The Read-A-Thon will run from February 17 through March 3.

We will have schoolwide reading challenges and finish by celebrating Read Across America Week. All the while, students will collect donations and earn some prizes. Most importantly, we will celebrate reading and all the joy it can bring.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!



Ted Hooks, Principal

Sincerely,
Ted Hooks



THE ARTS



VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS SURVEY

We are excited to receive increased funding to support Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) at Chet next year.

The funding will be focused on hiring a dedicated teacher for VAPA. Next year, that teacher will begin working with our staff to expand the A (Art) in our STEAM focus.

As this begins, we need to choose an area of focus for the first few years. VAPA focus areas include, but are not limited to Visual Arts, Theater, Instrumental Music, and Vocal Music.

We want to choose a focus area that meets our children's needs/interests and creates excitement so we can inevitably bring ALL of VAPA to thrive at Chet.

Where do you think we should begin our focus? Click on the link to complete a quick survey to share your thoughts:

[CHET VAPA SURVEY](#)

CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING

Last week I reminded our community to continue to practice safe driving, especially in our neighborhood during arrival and dismissal times.

This week I want to reach out with a specific reminder that it is illegal to use your cell phone in a moving vehicle unless it is in hands-free. Unfortunately, we are seeing more and more adults dropping off and picking up children while holding their cell phones and driving in our parking lot.

Please remember that distracted driving can accidentally lead to tragedy.

Those who choose to drive distracted in our parking lot will



find themselves restricted from that space and possibly reported to law enforcement.

Thank you in advance for keeping our children safe.

Online Store is OPEN!



Looking for a variety of
Chet F. Harritt PTA
Spirit Gear?



The Chet F. Harritt PTA has teamed up with Al's Sport Shop to create an online store where you can shop for different types of spirit gear. Please use the link or scan the QR code below to shop. The store is now open and will close on Friday, February 17th, 2022.



<https://chetfharritt.itemorder.com/sale>



Turnaround time once the store closes to when items are sent home with your student will be about 3 weeks, any questions please email the PTA at cfhptahelp@gmail.com

**PTA
MEMBERSHIP**

DRIVE

If you or someone you know haven't joined PTA, now is the time!

Join with a friend and "Share the Love." You will have a chance to win some terrific tech! Check out the flyer for details, and click [HERE](#) or on the flyer to join online!



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SHARE THE LOVE

Campaign

Sign up for a PTA membership between **February 6th and February 24th** and get a friend to also sign up for a chance to win a Nintendo Switch Lite, a Samsung Galaxy Tablet or a Contixo F31 Drone!!!

MEMBERSHIP - \$10 EACH

Include the name of the person you are signing up with in the notes section online or on the membership envelope in order to be considered for this campaign. Find the QR code to sign up online below

ENVELOPES CAN BE FOUND & TURNED INTO THE OFFICE



3 WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED ON FACEBOOK - FEBRUARY 27TH

Questions? Email the PTA at cfhptahelp@gmail.com

PARENT WEBINARS

In partnership with [Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego](#) the [San Diego County Office of Education](#) is hosting a free, virtual event series to help families through all-too-common mental health struggles in young people. The first event was January 31, but three more are scheduled in the coming weeks. Learn more: bit.ly/3Dk7B5W

REMINDER: TRANSPORTATION PLAN SURVEY

The 2022-23 State Budget included additional funds that



school districts can receive to pay for more of the costs associated with providing student transportation services. In order to receive the funds, the District is required to adopt a [Student Transportation Plan](#) on or before April 1, 2023 after obtaining input from various educational partners.

The Student Transportation Plan is currently in development and will be taken to the Board of Education for approval at the March 21, 2023 regular meeting.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the Transportation Plan Survey and provide us input for developing and finalizing the plan.

REMINDER: CHET NIGHT WITH THE GULLS

The Chet PTA has an exciting family fun event on the horizon. On Saturday, March 11, the Gulls will be playing against Henderson. A Gulls Tailgating event will start prior to the game at 4pm. Doors open at 6pm with the game starting at 7pm. This game is a giveaway night -reversible bucket hats (while supplies last).

There are a few surprises that the PTA have planned throughout the evening. Chet PTA will be selling tickets through an online link only. The online link will be open from Feb 1 until March 9. There will be an Information and Chet gear table every Wednesday in February (Feb 1, Feb 8, Feb 15, and Feb 22) at the main gate. To help us create a sea of Chet Blue, the PTA table will have Chet Gear for sale by cashless sales and preorders. If you have any questions, please feel free to come to the table or email the event chairperson, Kimberli Crook kimberlipta@gmail.com. There will also be discounted Gulls snapback hats and Gulls Logo scarfs available as add-ons with your online ticket purchases. <https://fevo.me/3zYO0Xr>



Section T11

Standard Ticket **\$20.00**
Ticket with Hat **\$24.00**
Ticket with Scarf **\$26.00**
Ticket with Hat & Scarf **\$30.00**

REMINDER: 8TH GRADE FAMILIES



SCHOOL CHOICE FOR HIGH SCHOOL IS OPEN NOW!

If your child is planning to attend high school in the Grossmont High School District next year, the window is now open (Dec. 1-Feb. 28) for requesting School Choice (attending a school that is not within your address boundary) and for general registration [click here](#) for more information on how to complete the School Choice Requests, and more information about the [Grossmont High School Boundaries](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 8 PTA Table at Main Gate (Chet Gear and Gulls Info)
- February 13 Lincoln's Day (NO SCHOOL)
- February 15 PTA Table at Main Gate (Chet Gear and Gulls Info)
- February 20 Washington's Day (NO SCHOOL)
- February 22 PTA Table at Main Gate (Chet Gear and Gulls Info)
- February 28 School Choice for High School Closes (8th gr)

Click for the [Santee School District Current and Future Calendars](#)

Click for the [Chet F. Harritt Website Calendar](#)



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