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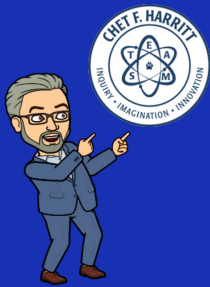
Chet F. Harritt STEAM School Principal's Newsletter



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Ted Hooks, Principal

## PRESIDENTS DAYS

As we look ahead to this three-day weekend, it's important to reflect on why school is closed this Monday and next Monday.

This is the time of year we honor two US Presidents near their birthdays.

The first president holiday was unofficially celebrated in the year 1800, one year after the death of the first US President, George Washington on his birthday, February 22. By 1855, this holiday, called Washington's Day, was officially celebrated in all states in the United States.

It wasn't until the late 1960s that the term Presidents Day began to be used and the holiday was expanded to include a celebration of



Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President, who's birthday is on February 12. The official national holiday took effect in 1971 by Presidential Executive Order.

Most schools and school district choose to celebrate two days and separate out the two presidents to honor them. This Monday, February 13, we honor Abraham Lincoln. Monday, February 20, we honor George Washington. It is important to remember the contributions of these two famous American statesmen.

Want to know more details? Check out [this article](#) on History.com

Have a great three-day weekend, and I will see you in the halls.

Sincerely,  
Ted Hooks

## BUTTER BRAID PICK UP WEDNESDAY 2/15/23

If your child participated in the Butter Braid fundraiser (grades 4-8) you will need to pick up your product on Wednesday, February 15, between 2:15 and 3:00pm. The items are frozen and perishable. We will not be able to store them.

**FRESH FROM  
YOUR OVEN**

THE ONE AND ONLY  
**Butter Braid**  
FROZEN PASTRY DOUGH

**FUNDRAISER!**  
4TH - 8TH GRADES

**STARTS MONDAY 1/9  
ENDS TUESDAY 1/24**

Apple, Cinnamon, Strawberry, Cream Cheese, Bavarian Cream, Four Cheese & herb



# SANDWICHES FOR A CAUSE

**COME SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!**

**20% BACK to Chet F. Harritt Elementary School PTA**

Please join us and enjoy incredible sandwiches, salads and chips!  
Spread the word to your friends and family!

**Date: February 15 | Time: 4-8:00 pm**

Please bring printed flyer/show on your smartphone to receive fundraiser credit

Call ahead/place your order for easy pick up

**\*Fundraiser credit not available for online orders\***

Board & Brew Santee / 214 Town Center Parkway, A-2  
619-486-6246



# GET READY TO SUPPORT CHET'S READ-A-THON

February 17-  
March 3



## THE ARTS



## REMINDER:

### 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? If you



haven't already, click on the link to complete a quick survey  
to share your thoughts:  
[CHET VAPA SURVEY](#)

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:cfhptahelp@gmail.com)\*\*

## REMINDER: 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!



Chet F. Harritt PTA  
**STEM**  
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS

# 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](mailto:cfhptahelp@gmail.com)*



## 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](mailto: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 13	Lincoln's Day (NO SCHOOL)
February 15	PTA Table at Main Gate (Chet Gear and Gulls Info) Butter Braid Fundraiser Pick up (2:15-3:00)
February 17	Read-A-Thon Begins
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)
March 3	Read-A-Thon Ends
April 3-14	Spring Break

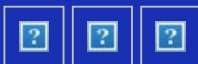
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