



# CHEETAH CHATTER

Chet F. Harritt STEAM School Principal's Newsletter

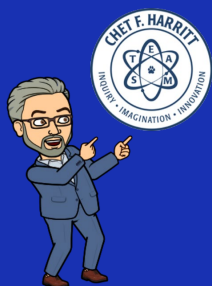


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## ATTENDANCE COUNTS PART 2



Ted Hooks, Principal

In my continuing discussion of regular attendance at school, I wanted to update you on our goal for average daily attendance. We are striving for an average of 96.5% of students at school on any given day. This is a lofty goal, as our daily attendance rates have been significantly lower over the past few months.

For example, today's attendance percentage was 89.8%. That means over 10% of campus missed instruction today. In hard numbers, about 60 children weren't here. That's 60 children that will need to be caught up on what they missed. Our talented teaching staff is dedicated to meeting children where they are and growing them as much as they can. That becomes an extra challenge when they must pause in their work to address missed learning due to



absence.

Remember, we certainly don't want children who are sick at school. However, families can do their part by making attendance every day their priority as well. That means planning family events and outings on scheduled days off, moving appointments to before- or after-school times, and coming for even *part* of a day when something can't be rescheduled.

We have amazing children who deserve to get the most out of their learning experience at Chet. Please help us make sure they are here to do it.

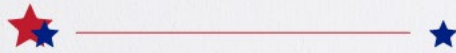
Thank you, and I will see you in the halls.

Sincerely,  
Ted Hooks

PS - Keep an eye out for our Attendance Board during arrival and dismissal. Mrs. Benedetto and her attendance team are working hard to let you know how we are moving toward our goal!

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**NO SCHOOL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20**



## UPCOMING CLOSURES

Feb. 13 - Lincoln's Day  
Feb. 20 - Washington's Day

Schools & District Offices will be closed



Santee School District Presents:

## CYBERBULLYING

Sexting, Sextortion, and Online Predators



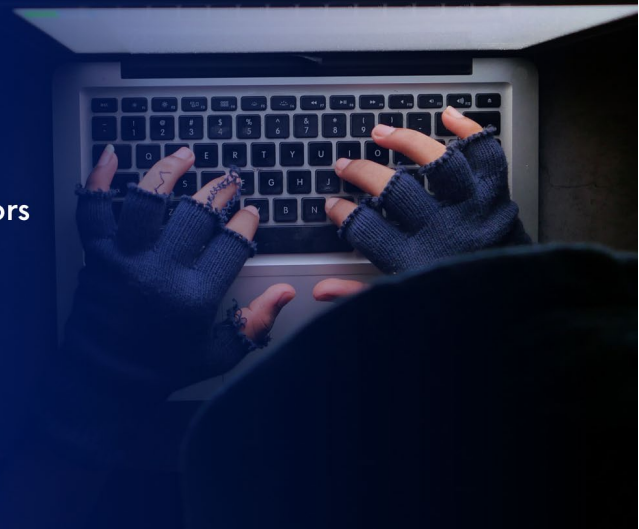
March 6 @ 6 p.m.



Rio Seco School



Free Childcare Available



Join the Santee School District for a parent presentation on Cyberbullying: Sexting,

Sextortion, and Online Predators. This free event will take place March 6 at 6 p.m. at Rio Seco. The San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children (SDICAC) Task Force will share what is currently happening in our city, what prevention measures to take, and the available resources if their child becomes a victim. Free childcare will be available for TK – 8th grade children. Register at [bit.ly/3XA30E3](http://bit.ly/3XA30E3).

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## READ-A-THON IS GOING NOW!

Our Read-A-Thon fundraiser kicks off today. Students are encouraged to create an online reader page to track their reading. Everyone who does will get a thank you bookmark as a reward.

Fundraising is optional, but students who fundraise have access to an online store to purchase prizes. The amount they have to spend is based on the amount they fundraise.

Money donated from this fundraiser will be going toward improvements to our playgrounds. We are planning to get some new playground supplies as well as update some of our games and activities.

Unbelievably, at the time of writing this message, we have already earned over \$3,000 as a school! Chet will receive 75% of the total raised directly. The other funds cover the Read-A-Thon company's indirect costs.

I'll be updating our reading minutes as the Read-A-Thon continues. Truly, the fundraising is just icing on the cake!

If you haven't yet, ask your child for their teacher's Read-A-Thon flyer. Two went home this week. Have them register using their teacher's unique number.

If you can't find their flyer, reach out to your child's teacher or the office ([infocfh@santeesd.net](mailto:infocfh@santeesd.net)) to get the teacher's code number. Then go to [www.read-a-thon.com/readers](http://www.read-a-thon.com/readers) and sign up. It's as easy as that.

Keep on reading Chet...we are going to set a new reading minutes record this year!

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## STORE CLOSES TODAY

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# 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)\*\*

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**REMINDER:  
PTA**



## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ENDS THIS FRIDAY

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  
**STEAM**

# 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: 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

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**Section T11**  
Standard Ticket **\$20.00**  
Ticket with Hat **\$24.00**  
Ticket with Scarf **\$26.00**  
Ticket with Hat & Scarf **\$30.00**

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>



## 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

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| 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) |
| Feb. 27-Mar. 3 | Read Across America Week                          |
| February 28    | School Choice for High School Closes (8th gr)     |
| March 3        | Read-A-Thon Ends                                  |
| March 6        | Cyberbullying Parent Education Night              |
| April 3-14     | Spring Break                                      |

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