

CHEETAH CHATTER

Chet F. Harritt STEAM School Principal's Newsletter



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VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS



Ted Hooks, Principal

Let me begin with a thank you for a successful first full week of school. Among all the things to celebrate, I want to especially thank you for the easy transition to saying our morning good-byes at the gates this week. We appreciate your understanding as we balance safety, security, and keeping our campus a welcoming place for our community.

To that end, I wanted to remind you that campus is open to visitors under certain circumstances. A visitor may enter campus for a brief time to complete a specific task. To enter campus, visitors must sign



in using our online system in the office. Visitors must have a valid photo ID with them. The system will create a visitors badge that must be worn on campus. When the visitor leaves campus, they must do so through the office and check-out using the same online system. Failure to use this system could mean losing the privilege of visiting campus.

Volunteers are different. Volunteers are on campus for longer periods of time and may work in classrooms. Since students are present, a volunteer must complete a Volunteer Application, including a basic background check. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, the application is now online. You can complete it at this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/kjvVvEtip3> You will also need to provide us with a copy of your photo ID. Directions on submitting your ID are included in the application. It takes up to two weeks to process a volunteer application and approve it.

Be advised that teachers and staff arrange schedules for volunteers that are shared with the office, and there is no "drop in" volunteering on campus. If you have questions, please email infocfh@santeesd.net.

Between visitors, volunteers, and schoolwide events, we look forward to seeing the faces of our community returning to campus. Welcome!

Sincerely,
Ted Hooks



Have a safe three-day weekend, and try to escape the heat. We will see you back on Tuesday, September 6.



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

We are welcoming parents to campus Thursday, September 8, for our Back to School Night here at Chet.

Each teacher will present two sessions. The information is primarily geared for parents and guardians. Grade levels present as follows:

Grades TK - 3:

Teachers present at 5:00 and repeat at 5:30

Grades 4-8:

Teachers present at 6:00 and repeat at 6:30

We are excited to partner with Momentum Tutoring to make childcare for school-age children available during the evening. School-age children will be asked to spend time in the lunch area and playground while parents enjoy the teacher presentations.

Remember, Back to School night is not the time to talk about how your child is doing in class. If you want to meet with the teacher, they will give you options to connect at another time.

Update:

**School-age childcare
now available during
the event courtesy of
Momentum Tutoring!**

We hope you plan to attend, meet your teacher, and receive information about the upcoming year.

BOOK FAIR NEXT WEEK!

We are excited to welcome a Scholastic Book Fair to Chet next week. It will also be open during Back to School Night! Check out the details below.



Dear Parents and Families:

Get Ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become bolder, prouder, and stronger readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the fair, which will take place from Tuesday, September 6th through Friday, September 9th in Room 4. We will also have a **family shopping night** on Thursday, September 8th from 4:30-7:00 pm during our Back to School Event.

This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/chetfharritt>

The countdown to more book joy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Ted Hooks
Principal
Chet F. Harritt STEAM School

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CHET GEAR!

This special online Chet Gear Store is open now and will close Friday, September 9, 2022. It is organized by our PTA. Take advantage now, as these items may not be available in the future!



Looking for a variety of
Chet PTA Spirit Gear?



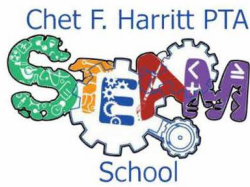
The Chet F. Harritt PTA has teamed up with Al's Sport Shop to create a store where you can shop for different types of spirit gear. Please click on the link or scan the QR Code to shop. The Store is now open and will close on Friday September 9, 2022.

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

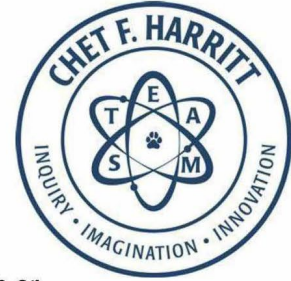


****Turnaround time once the store closes to when items are sent home with your student will be about 3 weeks, any questions please email the cfhptahelp@gmail.com****

If you are looking for more standard Chet T-shirts, you can order them directly from PTA. Here's the order form:



Need Spirit Gear?
STEAM School Shirt



Please complete the form below and return your cash or
check payment to receive your shirt.

(Please make checks payable to **Chet F. Harritt PTA**)

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Child Sizes

XS	Quantity _____	@ \$15 each	Total \$ _____
SM	Quantity _____	@ \$15 each	Total \$ _____
MED	Quantity _____	@ \$15 each	Total \$ _____
LG	Quantity _____	@ \$15 each	Total \$ _____

Adult Sizes


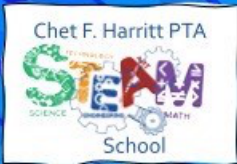
SM	Quantity _____	@ \$15 each	Total \$ _____
MED	Quantity _____	@ \$15 each	Total \$ _____
LRG	Quantity _____	@ \$15 each	Total \$ _____
XL	Quantity _____	@ \$15 each	Total \$ _____
2XL	Quantity _____	@ \$15 each	Total \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL: _____

JOIN PTA

Please consider joining the Chet F. Harritt STEAM School PTA. Becoming a member is simple, and there is no commitment to further involvement. Your membership dues go

toward supporting all children at Chet. Of course, if you want to volunteer, please do so! As they say, many hands make light work. Join today. It's doing right by kids!



CALLING ALL HEROES!


Welcome Chet families,

My name is Charr, and I will be your 22/23 PTA president. I am so excited to welcome you back and can't wait to engage with you all.

WHAM! Membership is - \$10


Scan the QR code below to join today or return your PTA envelope with cash/check

ZAP! It's time to unleash the superhero in you by joining the Chet F. Harritt PTA! Your membership supports events, programs, and services for students, families, and staff all year long. Volunteerism is highly encouraged but never required.

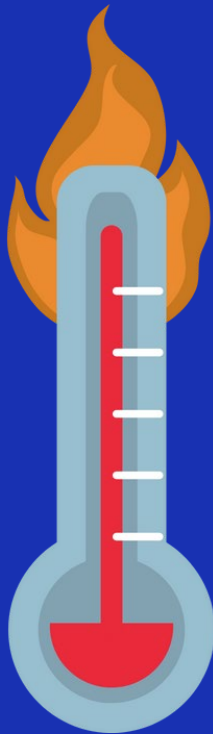
COOL! 

WOW! Sign up before September 7th to be automatically entered into a drawing to win a SUPER special back-to-school basket complete with a new backpack, lunchbox, folders, accessories and more!

Any questions please email cfhptahelp@gmail.com



HIGH HEAT PROTOCOLS



This past week we experienced excessive heat, and it is forecast to continue next week. While we are expecting reasonable temperatures this week, I wanted to update you on our actions when high heat occurs.

First, we make an alteration to outdoor play. We take advantage of cooler morning temperatures for outdoor play and PE whenever we can. We encourage students to drink water and watch for any signs of students being overheated.

When temperatures begin to rise, we move indoors to take advantage of air conditioning. Classes may participate in an alternate PE activity such as learning about a sport or lessons on nutrition and healthy choices.

Lunch sometimes still takes place outdoors, but very differently. Students are in the shaded lunch area for less than 20 minutes. They are monitored, and their movement is limited to sitting and eating lunch. We also track the temperature in the lunch area. Typically, because of the shade and proximity to the trees in our Outdoor Learning Lab, it is 10-15 degrees cooler than other parts of

campus. Once eating time has ended (between 15 and 20 minutes) students are moved indoors to air conditioning.

Other times, lunch is eaten indoors. This has been the case during the past few days. Some grade levels eat in classrooms and some eat in the MultiPurpose Room.

Again, throughout the day we are looking out for each other, encouraging hydration, and taking it easy. High temperatures occur this time of year. With all indoor spaces air conditioned and the strategic use of outdoor spaces we can move through this weather safely.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| September 5 | NO SCHOOL - Labor Day |
| September 6-9 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| September 9 | Chet Gear Online Store closes |
| September 8 | Back to School Night |
| | 4:30-7:00 Book Fair Family Night |
| | 5:00-6:00 Grades TK-3 |
| | 6:00-7:00 Grades 4-8 |
| September 27-28 | School Pictures |



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