



CHEETAH CHATTER

Chet F. Harritt STEAM School Principal's Newsletter



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HELPING CHET BY COMPLETING THE ANNUAL FAMILY INFORMATION FORM



Ted Hooks, Principal

As you may or may not know, State funding for our school and school district is partially determined by the income levels of parents in the community. Consequently, you can help to potentially increase the funding we receive to educate your child(ren) by completing either an application for free or reduced priced meals OR an alternative income form, which we call the Annual Family Information Form.

Last year, your efforts completing this form helped Chet gain access to an increase of funding of over \$75,000 that will help us increase

Parent Homework

PLEASE COMPLETE THE
ANNUAL FAMILY
INFORMATION FORM
ONLINE OR ON PAPER
BY OCTOBER 31!

support for children at risk in reading and math as well as increase community connections through parent involvement and family nights. Thank you! To keep this type of funding we need an accurate picture of our community. That's where these forms comes in.

If you HAVE NOT submitted a meal application for your child(ren) this year, please help us out by completing either the on-line Family Information form, which can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#), or by completing the paper form which will be sent home with your child(ren) this week.

To keep it simple, we have attached a white half-sheet to the blue Annual Family Information Form. Please return either the white half sheet (stating you completed the form online) or the completed blue form with your child as soon as you can.

You only need submit the form once. If you have more than one child at Chet and are completing the blue paper form, send it in with one of your children. Then send the white half-sheet back with your other child(ren) and write-in that you completed the form and sent it in with another child. Teachers are trying to get 100% of the forms returned from their classes, so that will help.

In order for your form to be used for calculating State funding, it must be submitted on-line, or be received at the school, no later than October 31, 2022.

Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.

Sincerely,
Ted Hooks

FAMILY STEAM NIGHT REMINDERS

We are excited to host Mad Science this Thursday. Here are a few reminders:

We have reserved 125 taco plates for the evening.

Serving starts at 4:30.

\$5 each **CASH ONLY**

We are limited to about 200 in the assembly in the Multipurpose Room from 5:00-

6:00.
We can't wait for our Science STEAM Night!



Chet F Harritt STEAM School Presents
SCIENCE FAMILY STEAM NIGHT

OCTOBER 19, 2022 AT 5:00 PM

Chet F Harritt STEAM School Presents

5:00-6:00 Fire and Ice Show

Watch the MAD Scientists in their element
for an action packed show!

This show is reserved for the first 200 people

6:00-7:00 MAD Science Stations

2 Make It, Take It Stations: students will get
to take home a piece of the science fun!

2 Exploration Stations: Explore the inner-
workings of 2 science experiments

**FREE
FAMILY
EVENT**



Aaron's Tacos will be serving taco plates, at \$5 per plate, to the first 125 people between 4:30-5:30.

Taco plate includes 2 tacos, rice and beans. Choice of carne asada and pollo asada.



SCHOOL SAFETY INCLUDES PRACTICE

Campus safety is our priority at Chet. We continuously review safety in multiple ways including physical, emotional, and facilities.

Part of our Safety Plan, which is reviewed and published each year, outlines our procedures to prepare in case on an emergency. This includes drills: fire drills, earthquake drills, and even lockdown drills.

Next week, we will be practicing an earthquake drill along with the State of California during an event called [The Great California Shake Out](#). On Thursday, October 20, at 10:20am, we will practice how to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On!" and then how we proceed after an earthquake. When we practice drills like this, they are educational in nature, with teaching and practicing being the focus. We work in conjunction with local emergency services to ensure we aligning with the best practices in these situations. Occasionally, we will have an unplanned drill to see if our teaching and practice have been



effective.

If nothing else, our drills are designed to *decrease* worry and *increase* confidence in students and staff alike.



The flyer for the "Parents Helping Parents" event features the Santee School District logo at the top left. A circular photo of a young girl is on the left, with the text "Parents helping parents" in a green circle. To the right, the date "Thursday Nov 17th" and time "9:30-11" are listed. Below this, four sections describe the topics: "Behavior training with a 'Make It, Take It' for behavior resources at home", "Visual Schedules", "Behavior Contracts", and "Positive Reinforcement". At the bottom, it mentions "Santee's Behavior Team" and provides the location: "Santee School District, 9625 Cuyamaca, Santee, CA 92071". The phrase "Teaching. Learning. Success" is at the bottom right.

Santee School District

Thursday
Nov 17th
9:30-11

Parents helping parents

Behavior training with a "Make It, Take It" for behavior resources at home

Visual Schedules
Children benefit from increased structure and predictability. Help take the stress out of your daily routine by providing your child with a visual schedule.

Behavior Contracts
Contracts help keep kids on track and reduce family battles. Let us help you create one for your home!

Zones of Regulation
Help teach your child how to identify how they're feeling and then utilize a coping strategy to teach them about self-control.

Positive Reinforcement
Learn how to shape your child's behavior with positive discipline. This will help to reinforce behaviors we want to increase in the home.

Santee's Behavior Team
Come meet Santee's behavior team and find helpful strategies to implement at home. You'll leave with individualized strategies and resources that you can begin implementing right away. You'll have access to three team members to help you create individualized systems for your child! Listed above are just a few of the strategies you'll go home with!

Location: Santee School District
9625 Cuyamaca, Santee, CA 92071

Teaching. Learning. Success

PARENTS HELPING PARENTS

Save the date! On November 17, Santee School District Behavior Specialists will be hosting a Parents Helping Parents event from 9:30-11:00am. The topic will be supporting children's behavior at home.

Click [HERE](#) or on the image for the flyer!

SUPPLIES NEEDED

PTA needs your paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls before you throw them into the recycle can. Please send your brown paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls in to the office.

They will be used at an upcoming Family Event.

Great things are coming!



SPIRIT DAYS ON FRIDAYS

Just a reminder that Fridays are Spirit Days at Chet. We encourage everyone to wear royal blue. If you'd like, you can still pick up Chet gear from our PTA. It is one way to show that royal blue Chet Spirit. They offer t-shirts and socks! This Thursday, they will have a table out front of school with membership information and Chet Gear for sale! T-shirts are \$15. Socks are \$12 per pair.

Speaking of PTA, there are Fridays when our PTA surprises us all with a treat if we are

wearing our Chet blue. It doesn't have to be a Chet t-shirt. It just has to be something royal blue. Their goal is to celebrate school spirit wear in all its forms. We know there are a multitude of ways to show spirit: through actions, through determination, through appearance, and more. Thank you PTA for helping us support this component of showing our love of being Chet Cheetahs!

CHET F HARRITT STEAM SCHOOL PRESENTS

RED RIBBON WEEK

OCTOBER 31- NOVEMBER 4

DRESS UP DAYS

MONDAY 10/31

**HOCUS POCUS, DRUGS ARE NOT
OUR FOCUS**

Wear your school appropriate
costume to school to show drug
free is the way to be.

TUESDAY 11/01

**BELIEVE IN THE MAGIC WITHIN
YOU, NOT DRUGS**

Wear your favorite Disney gear

WEDNESDAY 11/02

DON'T LET DRUGS EFFECT YOUR FUTURE
Wear the colors of your future high
school, college, or career

THURSDAY 11/03

BE DRUG FREE FROM HEAD TO TOE
Crazy hair and/or socks day

FRIDAY 11/04

**DON'T RUIN YOUR DREAMS BY
DOING DRUGS**

Wear your pajamas to school

DOOR CONTEST

**FIND A THEME TO DECORATE
YOUR DOOR AND SHOW HOW
YOUR CLASS CAN SAY NO TO
DRUGS!**

Judges will come around
on Monday 10/31 to judge
the doors, each building
will have a winner!

RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 31- NOVEMBER 4

Chet will celebrate a week of focusing on making healthy choices and avoiding drugs during Red Ribbon Week. The first day is Halloween. Each day will have a dress-up theme to show spirit.

Check out the flyer for more details to help you plan. Remember all dress up days, including Halloween, should follow dress code, avoid frightening or gory costumes, refrain from make-up and hair color that is drippy or messy, and no masks* or fake weapons.

*Check with the teacher. Masks may be allowed to be worn for a photo and then put away. However, masks may not be worn during learning time and while moving around campus.

REMINDER: TIME TO ORDER SCHOOL PICTURES

It's time to order pictures and choose your child's yearbook pose! Here's the flyer for more details:

HOW TO ORDER YOUR SCHOOL PORTRAITS

CHET F HARRIT SCHOOL

VIEW & ORDER YOUR PORTRAITS ONLINE!

Your portrait images are available online
to view and purchase.

Select your yearbook pose by 10/26/2022!

ORDER:

- #1: Visit pacificportraits.net
- #2: Select "Order Your Portraits Here"
- #3: Enter your Online Code
- #4: Select your **yearbook pose by October 26th**

ONLINE CODE:

CHET + STUDENT ID #



QUESTIONS?
info@pacificportraits.net



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 19	Science Family STEAM Night (5:00-7:00pm)
October 20	The Great California Shake Out
October 21	Spirit Day (Wear Chet Blue!)
October 24-28	Sixth Grade Camp Week
October 25	School Site Council (SSC) Meeting
October 28	Spirit Day (Wear Chet Blue)
October 31- Nov 4	Red Ribbon Week
November 11	Spirit Day (Wear Chet Blue)
November 17	Parents Helping Parents (@District Office)

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