



Chet F. Harritt STEAM School

Cheetah STEAM Newsletter

Good Evening Chet F. Harritt STEAM School Families. This is Mrs. Hicks, your school Principal, with some important information.

Happy first week of school! I hope your children are finding ways to connect with their teachers and peers during our distance learning platform. Our teachers truly miss the in-person interactions with their students but are trying to find fun and creative ways to connect and build relationships with their kids. I know that there have been some technology related issues and I greatly appreciate your patience as our teachers work tirelessly to create the best possible learning environment for their students. Please know that there will be times that teachers may be unavailable to immediately respond to your email. They will respond to any of your questions or concerns as soon as they can.

Student Attendance during Distance Learning

We want to remind you that attendance is taken every day, even during the first week of school. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you are having any challenges participating. During our Distance Learning time, students are expected to actively participate in instruction, daily, as informed by their teachers. Participation will take many forms and may include:

- Attending a Teams meeting
- Joining a Google Meet
- Direct email or call with their teacher
- Evidence of completion and submission of assignments.
 - Assignments may be submitted via district-designated platforms, or via emails, photos, phone conferences, or other forms of documentation (as determined by the teacher).

If you know your child will not be able to attend their online class or complete their assigned work for the day, please call our attendance line to call them out for the day.

iPad Support

If you are having issues with accessing a program on your child's iPad please use the following [link](#) for specific trouble shooting guides:

- Google Classroom
- Seesaw
- Microsoft Teams
- Google Meet
- Mosyle Manager

If you are having an issue with your iPad and it is not related to an actual program, please use the following [link](#) to send in a help ticket to our Technology Department.

Family Learning Agreement for Distance Learning

We have fixed the issue with our Santee School District Family Learning Agreement for Distance Learning. Here is the new [link](#) and new QR code.



iPad Distribution

All students (TK-8th Grade) received their District issued iPads this week. If you have not picked up your device, you will need to pick it up at the District Office in the Technology Department at 9625 Cuyamaca Street. They will only be available for pick up between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. If you are a newly enrolled student, it may take 3-4 days for your device to be set up.

Optional iPad Insurance

The cost to participate in the 2020-2021 School Year Optional iPad Insurance program is \$25. The optional device insurance for your student assigned iPad maybe purchased through the end of October 2020. Payment can be made from the "Optional iPad Insurance Payment Link" on every school's website (under Announcement). Payment can only be made online.

For those who purchased the optional iPad insurance during the March – April 2020 window for the 2019-20 School Year Remote/Distance Learning, the Premium paid during that window will also cover the insurance for the 2020-21 School Year.

For more information on the Optional iPad Device Insurance, please visit - <http://www.santeesd.net/Page/12944>

Grab & Go Meals Available

Every Monday and Wednesday from 12:00 – 1:00, school lunches will be available at Chet. Monday's lunch will include lunch for Monday and Tuesday and breakfast for Tuesday and Wednesday. Wednesday service will include lunch for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and breakfast for Thursday, Friday and Monday. For more information about the lunch service during the month of August, please read the letter from the Child Nutrition Department which is attached to the email call-out.

Both drive through and walk up methods will be available.

Student ID numbers will need to be entered into the Point of Sale system when meals are distributed. All students enrolled in Santee School District will receive meals at "No Cost" through August 31st. Starting September 1, 2020 meal charging policies may revert to charging for meals based on student eligibility.

Free and reduced applications were distributed with iPads. Please apply for free or reduced meals. If you qualify for free or reduced, you may qualify for free internet and or other helpful services. Online applications are also available at www.santeesd.net

Parenting Workshop

One of our school counselors, Ms. Morales, is hosting a Parent Workshop on Wednesday, August 26th 12pm -1pm on "Creating and Maintaining Learning Routines at Home." The workshop will offer tips and tricks to help with the distance learning process. Please follow this link to participate: <https://meet.google.com/xqs-ehqj-vig> To join by phone: (US) +1 614-379-1381 PIN: 883 423 795#

Donations

A number of parents asked during iPad distribution if there was a way to donate money or supplies to the school. Supplies can always be brought to the front office and donated during the hours of 7:15 AM-3:00 PM. If you wish to donate money, you are welcome to donate through the online payment [link](#). Just select that it is a donation and select Chet as the receiving school. Thank you!

Have a great evening!

Please continue to check <http://www.santeesd.net/> for updates.

[Frequently Asked Questions for the 2020-21 School Year](#) (Updated: August 11th)

[SAFE AT SCHOOL Reopening Plan](#)

[Distance Learning Plan 2020-21](#)

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