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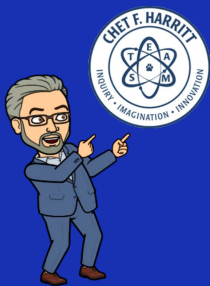
Chet F. Harritt STEAM School Principal's Newsletter



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Ted Hooks, Principal

FAILURE: A KEY PART OF LEARNING

If we are not careful, we may begin to believe we live in a system where failure is "not an option." Growing up, the lowest grade you can get is an "F" and that equals "Fail." That may have given many people a confused look at how we acquire new knowledge and skills.

It's time to rethink how we see learning. In many ways, learning is a series of failures followed by growth. Bear with me on this.

We learn something new and celebrate, but what we must remember is in order to get to that new thing, we spent some time *not* being able to do it. In essence, we were failing to do it until we

learned it. Maybe that new thing was fractions, or baking bread, or accessing the new computer system at work. Whatever it was, we likely failed at it before we "got" it. That's learning.

If children don't take the time to understand the role that failure plays in learning, and life in general, they can become too invested in being perfect and spend energy avoiding failure altogether. That can lead to unrealistic expectations on themselves and high levels of stress and anxiety.

We can prevent that kind of perfectionism by being transparent with them about our failures, in context of course. We can share how we learned from them and that we all learn at different rates. Some things may keep us "failing" for a while until we learn. The trick is, show perseverance until we "get it."

Failure is welcome at Chet. It keeps our learning ecosystem thriving.

If it helps, remember that **FAIL** can stand for

First
Atttempt
In
Learning

I am proud to experience failure sometimes, because it shows that I am also a learner!

Sincerely,
Ted Hooks

**SCHOOL PICTURE DAY
IS COMING**

CHET F HARRIT SCHOOL

Pacific Portraits will be coming to campus for a traditional picture days on:

9/27/22
TK -3rd

9/28/22
4th - 8th

Makeup day is scheduled for 10/12/22

CLOTHING:

Come dressed in your favorite outfit! Solid colors or subtle patterns are great options on picture day. Shirts with large patterns, slogans or anything shiny tend to be distracting in pictures.

ORDERING:

Please do not send money to the school. You will receive information on where to view your secure gallery within one week from your picture day.



QUESTIONS?
info@pacificportraits.net



NO PETS ON CAMPUS

It looks like our sign is hiding, but this is a reminder that we cannot welcome pets on campus at Chet. There are a variety of reasons from student allergies to safety concerns. As many of us on staff are pet lovers, we understand the

different sides on this. Nevertheless, this is an expectation.

We know some families walk with a pet to and from school. We ask that the pet remain on a leash and stay on the curb in front of the school. There is a blue painted line on the curb in front of our entrance. Pets should not pass that blue line.

There are occasions that animals may visit campus. These planned events have to be pre-approved through the office.

We appreciate your understanding so that our students are provided a safe area for arrival and departure from school.



PUT YOUR NAME ON THE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL BALLOT

Today is the last day to put your name on the ballot to be elected to the Chet F. Harritt STEAM School SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL. This group meets regularly to discuss school programs, student achievement, and school budget. If you would like to be a parent representative, click [HERE](#) for the flyer with more information.

If you know you want to be on the ballot, use this link TODAY to submit your information: <https://forms.gle/282YoFPHs8m6E1uY8>

Elections will take place next week.

BIG ROCK PARK: BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

I just wanted to take a moment to remind everyone a few things about Big Rock Park before and after school. Most importantly, at both times this area is unsupervised and open to the public.

Before school some of our students, mostly middle

schoolers, choose to hang out in the park before heading through our gates. We have had a few incidents when students are tardy to campus because they lose track of time. We have had reports of students damaging park property, and we even had a report of screaming children before school disrupting the neighborhood. While we do not supervise that area, students may be subject to discipline, depending on what's happening. Therefore, if you know your child is in the park before school, please talk to them about their choices and how you, as a family, want to be represented. *(If you're not sure if your child is in the park before school, you may want to ask. MANY children swing through the park on the way to school.)*

After school, students may NOT hang out in the park unless they are with an adult or have gone home and returned to the park. Since this is an unsupervised area, and we are responsible for students after dismissal until they are in the care of an adult, we do not allow children to wait or hang out there. Students in the park after 2:15 without an adult and who have not gone home and returned, will come to the office to call someone for pick up.

We are lucky to have such a great park next to us. However, it is a public space, and we must treat it as such by using caution and responsibility while enjoying it.



PTA ASSOCIATION MEETING, OCTOBER 5

Are you a PTA Member? If so, this meeting is for you! If you aren't a member yet, what are you waiting for? There's not commitment and your membership supports our students through activities, materials, and more! (Consider joining PTA before the meeting so YOU can come and get more info, too.)

Join PTA: <https://jointotem.com/ca/santee/chet-f-harritt-pta>

Here's the meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82558352393> OR ID#: 825 5835 2393



Calling all PTA Members!

We are having our first association meeting of the 22/23 school year and you are invited!

When: Wednesday October 5th, 2022 @6pm

Where: The comfort of your home via Zoom

We will be discussing all the fun ideas we have planned for the school year!

Zoom information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82558352393>

or

ID: 825 5835 2393

Must be a current paid PTA member to attend

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 26-30	School Site Council Elections
September 27-28	School Pictures
	TK-3 Sept. 27
	4-8 Sept. 28
October 5	PTA Association Meeting (6pm Zoom)
October 12	Picture Make-up Day
October 19	Science Family STEAM Night (5:00pm)
October 24-28	Red Ribbon Week
	Sixth Grade Camp Week
October 25	School Site Council (SSC) Meeting



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