

# THE METS PRESS

 Stem Downtown Junior High Weekly Newsletter

## METS TIME



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We begin our first Mets Time of the year. The purpose of Mets Time is to ensure equitable education to all DTJH students through extracurricular components of Academic Labs and Enrichment Labs.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Each morning during the morning announcements, Mrs. Gray recites the mission and vision of DTJH. These students were eager to let us all know that they have it memorized.



**JOURNEE HICKS  
-7TH GRADE**



**GLADYS GUZMAN  
-7TH GRADE**



**ZAYLN CLEVELAND  
-7TH GRADE**



**Students in Mrs. Benson's class enjoyed exploring microscopic life in pond water after learning about the characteristics of all living things! Highlights included finding caddisfly larvae, algae, desmids, and a hydra! Mrs. Gray even joined in on the fun.**

# CLASSROOM INSIGHT



# IMPORTANT FORMS

If you have not filled out either of the forms below, please do so.

For more links and/or documents, go to [www.estemschools.org](http://www.estemschools.org)

## 23-24 DTJH Dismissal Form

### 2023-2024 Downtown Jr. High Dismissal Form

Please read all information carefully before completing this form.

#### Student Dismissal Options:

Student Name  Student Grade \* ☐ 7th Grade ☐ 8th Grade ☐ 9th Grade

#### My child/children will get home by: \*

- ☐ Rock Region Metro (City Bus) \*These students dismiss with walkers
- ☐ Car - (Dismissal Lane Pick-Up Only) make sure all siblings, cousins, etc are listed that will be riding home together (this includes any K6 siblings)
- ☐ Walking (Alternate Pick-Up location, Parent workplace, Home, etc) - Complete "Walker Information" below- This includes any K6 siblings, cousins, etc. that will walk with your child.

#### Walker Information

Please fill out this information if your child will leave campus at dismissal and walk to a location determined by you. The following locations are NOT permissible: 3rd & Louisiana, 4th & Louisiana, and any business establishment as a hangout area. Appropriate walker location: Parent's home, Grandparent's home, etc.

## 23-24 Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form

### 2023-2024 DTJH Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form

This form must be filled out for each child.

Please review the specific rules and policies found in the 2023-2024 Student Handbook

After reading the handbook & manual, please acknowledge your agreement and understanding by completing the form below.

**Please note:** This form is for parents of students attending eStem Downtown Junior High

Click to read the [23-24 eDTJH Student Handbook](#)

#### Parent Information

Parent/Guardian \*

First  Last

Email \*

Phone \*

Student Information \*

First  Last

Grade \*

Student Handbook Parent Acknowledgement

## Dismissal Guidelines



#### Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone Guidelines

- Drivers are to stay in the car. Staff & volunteers will assist students out of the cars.
- Be ready to load and unload quickly.
- Be mindful of which side the students should exit the car from:
  - Third Street: Right Side
- Do not use the streets immediately around eStem to get to the drop-off/pick-up points; you will need to start several blocks away to help ease traffic congestion.
- Do not block intersections or crosswalks.
- Be mindful of all pedestrians.
- Pull forward as far as possible.
- Do not park in the alley or the northbound lane of Louisiana.
- If you have multiple students attending eStem, Your car rider location is based on the youngest student's grade. **\*\*If the youngest sibling is in K-3 grade and listed as a car rider, any Jr. High siblings will be escorted to and dismissed from the Elementary building. If the youngest sibling is in 4-6 grade with a Jr. High sibling and is listed as a car rider, those students (4-6) will be escorted to and dismissed from the Jr. High building.**
- Any K6 students listed as walkers with Jr. High siblings will be escorted to the Jr. High building to wait for their Jr. High sibling before leaving together as walkers.**

DTJH Dismissal Times

|      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| 3:18 | K6CR & Bus Riders |
| 3:21 | K6W               |
| 3:24 | W                 |
| 3:27 | CR                |
| 3:28 | CR/W              |

- All K6CR and Bus Riders will have a **BLUE** pass.
- All K6W will have a **YELLOW** pass.
- All W will have a **PINK** pass.
- All CR will have an **ORANGE** pass.
- All CR/W will have a **GREEN** pass.
- ALL STUDENTS must show their dismissal pass to their 8th period teacher upon exiting the classroom for dismissal.

## Bus Pass Request



Rock Region  
METRO

eStem Students Ride  
Fare-Free on Rock  
Region METRO Transit!

Welcome to Dropping the Caregiver  
Taxi and Teaching Your Student  
Global Citizen Skills!

#### How It Works

- Get Your Student's eStem Schools ID at the School Front Office and Make Sure It Has the Fall 2022 Semester Red Security Sticker Affixed to the Front of the ID Before Aug. 31, 2022
- Have Your Student Present the ID to the METRO Bus Operator or METRO Connect Driver Upon Boarding
- Mark Your Calendar for Getting Your Student's Security Sticker Updated at the School Front Office in January 2023 to the Winter/Spring/Summer Semester Sticker Color (update the sticker by Jan. 31, 2023)

#### Important Notes For Trip-Planning

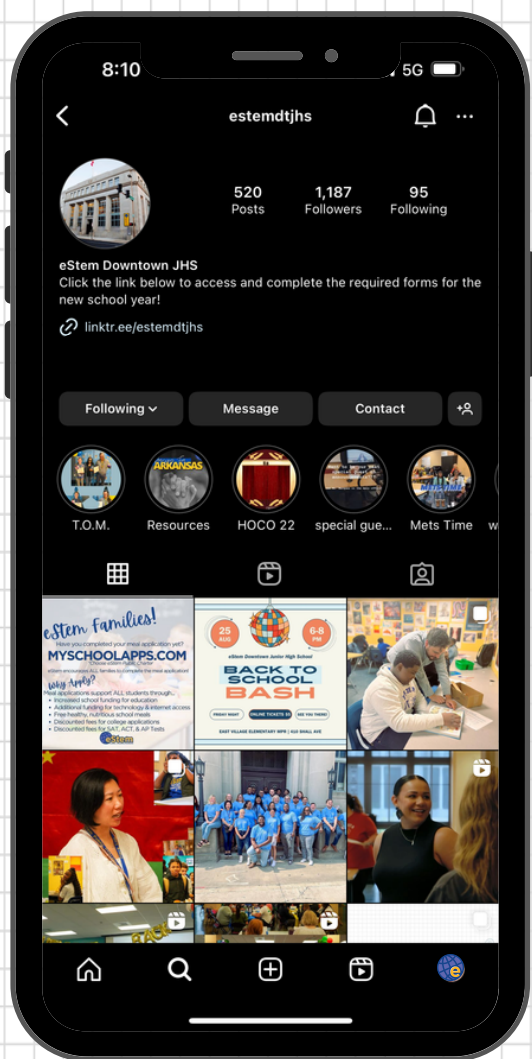
METRO is still operating reduced service as part of its COVID-19 pandemic response. Several routes that existed before the pandemic are no longer in operation, permanently, including routes to Jacksonville, Sherwood and Maumelle. **Service alerts may be found at the top of [rmetro.org](http://rmetro.org) or within the Service Alerts submenu of the free METROtrack app. Check for active service alerts before each trip to see the latest transit service information.**

#### Additional Key Information

- The federal mask mandate for public transportation is no longer in place as of this flyer publication. Students are encouraged to wear face masks to follow the Code of Conduct while riding during periods of increased community COVID-19 caseloads.
- Students are expected to follow METRO's Code of Conduct, which can be found under the Rider Info/Rider Information section of [rmetro.org](http://rmetro.org). Failure to follow the Code of Conduct could result in suspension from the transit system.
- Please visit [rmetro.org/metro-transit-101/](http://rmetro.org/metro-transit-101/) for more information on planning trips and using real-time arrival technology to learn exactly when your student's bus will arrive at a specific stop.
- Did you know? Monday, June 20, 2022 METRO launched expanded and new METRO Connect microtransit zones. Find zone maps, schedules, points of interest and connecting route information under the Services tab at [rmetro.org](http://rmetro.org), then select METRO Connect. Scroll down the landing page for "how to" information.

#### Still Need Help?

Contact METRO Customer Service Monday-Friday,  
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 501-375-6717 Menu Option No. 2.



Stay informed on all school activities by following us on Instagram!

 @estemdtjhs

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- [Bell Schedule](#)
- [Dress code](#)
- [23-24 School Calendar](#)
- [23-24 DTJH Dismissal Form](#)
- To update your contact information, i.e. home address, phone number, email address, please email [allyson.peterson@estemschools.org](mailto:allyson.peterson@estemschools.org)
- To report your child's absence, please email [jhsattendance@estemschools.org](mailto:jhsattendance@estemschools.org)
- If you are needing your HAC (Home Access Center) information, please complete the [Parent HAC Password Reset](#)

## Hall Sweeps

Students have four minutes to transition to each class, and we want to help our students understand the importance of punctuality. When we conduct hall sweeps, students are made aware well in advance to make sure to be on time to avoid an automatic detention. **Should your student experience an issue during a certain transition, please email [Asher.Henry@estemschools.org](mailto:Asher.Henry@estemschools.org) or [Brandon.Love@estemschools.org](mailto:Brandon.Love@estemschools.org) about that particular transition time.**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## August

22-23: NWEA Testing

25: Back to School Bash

28-31: Interim Week

29: Picture Day

31: Interims Issued

## NWEA TESTING

AUGUST 22-23, 2023



eStem Downtown Junior High School

## BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

FRIDAY NIGHT

ONLINE TICKETS \$5

SEE YOU THERE!

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## PICTURE *Day*

at Downtown Junior High

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29TH



# WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

The Week of: August 21-25

## Monday

Chicken Tenders  
OR  
Vegetarian Chef Salad  
Tater Tots  
Cucumber Slices  
Fruit  
Milk

## Tuesday

Sweet & Sour Meatballs  
w/Brown Rice  
OR  
Southwest Chicken Salad  
Asian Blend Veggies  
Fruit  
Milk

## Wednesday

Alfredo Pasta  
OR  
Beef Taco Salad  
Seasoned Italian Veggies  
Fresh Broccoli w/Ranch  
Fruit  
Milk

## Thursday

Loaded Potato w/Chicken  
OR  
Chicken Caesar Salad  
Baked Beans  
Baby Carrots  
Fruit  
Milk

## Friday

Homemade Pepperoni  
Pizza  
OR  
Cobb Salad  
Seasoned Carrots  
Herbed Tomatoes  
Fruit  
Milk

# NOTES FROM THE NURSE

If your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms, please keep them home.

- Our district-wide policy states:
  - Any student who has 2 or more symptoms of illness including headache, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, cough, diarrhea, fatigue, body aches, shortness of breath, chest pain, fever, etc. will be sent home. A fever does not have to be present in order to send a student home.
  - Any student that has these cold/flu symptoms must be picked up from school. Students should remain home until symptom and/or fever free for 48 hours without fever-reducing medication or as directed by their physician. The parent should consider contacting their physician for further instructions and notify the Director of any test results they may receive.
  - We encourage all students and family members, medically able, who are 12 years old or older to get their Covid vaccination.

Please call or email with any concerns or questions.  
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