



• Week 9 Director Notes • September 21, 2018 •

eStem Junior High Community,

It's hard to believe we are winding down the first quarter. We are proud of our students for everything they have achieved so far this year, and we are also very proud of our teachers! In fact, I'd like to ask that you consider picking one or two of your child's teachers to whom you wouldn't mind sending an encouraging email. If you would like to do so and need help finding contact information, please let me know!

***Students will not report to school next Friday, September 28. The entire district will be out for fall break for the week of October 1-5.***

For daily updates on some of the cool things that are happening in our hallways and classrooms, find us on Twitter and Instagram: **@eStemDTJHS**

For updates on eStem Athletics (*tryouts, pictures, scores, schedules, fundraisers, booster club, etc*), you can also follow **@estempcsathletics** on Instagram or Facebook. You can also find them on Twitter **@estempcsathlet1**.

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**Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held from 4:00 PM-6:30 PM on Thursday, September 27 and 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM on Friday, September**

**28.** Thursday evening conferences must be prescheduled with individual teachers, so please be looking for emails from teachers in the coming days to reserve spots. Friday morning conferences will be drop-ins held on a first-come-first-serve basis. As always, we will do our best to meet with every parent in the allotted timeframes. If this is not possible, teachers will offer alternatives via phone conferences, email correspondence, or afterschool conferences. If you have any questions, please let us know!

**Our first Math & Literacy Night will be Tuesday, September 25.** If you'd like to learn more about the day-to-day in your child's math & literacy classrooms, please mark your calendars for 5:30 – 6:30 next Tuesday night. We will be offering three different rotating, teacher-led sessions on Compass/IXL, Newsela/Book Talks, and Google Classroom. We hope to see you there!

**We are happy to announce an exciting opportunity for our young ladies interested in STEM leadership.** The Department of Education has partnered with the Innovative Hub to provide an afterschool workshop for girls in STEM on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Innovation Hubb in North Little Rock. There are currently only 85 of 100 slots left,

and registration is based on a first-come-first-serve basis. For registration, contact info, and other details, you can visit the following website: [International Day of the Girl STEM Leadership](#).

**Over Spring break, we will be hosting a trip to Washington D.C. through a program called Close Up!**

This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> time collaborating with Close Up for this trip, and we need at least 10 students to make it work. You can learn more about the organization at [THIS LINK](#). The trip will take place from March 17 – March 20 of 2019 and costs roughly \$1,600. This price includes airfare, hotel accommodations, and food. eStem employees will be chaperoning the trip. Our third and final interest meeting will be from 5:00 – 5:30 in room 105 at our Downtown Junior High campus on Monday, September 24. If you are interested in learning more, please email [Mr. DuPriest](#).

- **Home Access Center (HAC) is a website through which you can monitor your child's grades and attendance.** The web address for HAC is: <http://hac40.esp.k12.ar.us>.
- **All students who purchase a lunch will need to have money on their lunch account.** Money can be loaded onto lunch accounts at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).
- **If your child will be absent,** please email [JHSattendance@estemschools.org](mailto:JHSattendance@estemschools.org) to let us know!
- **If you have an address, email, or phone number change,** please email those changes to Mrs. Peterson: [allyson.peterson@estemschools.org](mailto:allyson.peterson@estemschools.org).

**Dates to Remember:**

**Math/Literacy Night:** *Tuesday, September 25*

**Parent/Teacher Conferences Session 1:** *September 27 4:00 - 6:30*

**Parent/Teacher Conferences Session 2:** *September 28 7:30 - 12:00*

**No School for Students:** *September 28*

**Fall Break:** *October 1 – 5*

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards:** *October 15*

**The Hate You Give Book Club:** *October 16*