



• Week 13 Director Notes • October 26, 2018 •

eStem Junior High Community,

Happy Friday! I hope everyone has had a wonderful week. At eStem Junior High School, we are always attempting to identify and address areas of growth. As we approach the midway point of the second quarter, we are seeking feedback from parents on ways that we can support you and your family. Please consider taking a minute or two to complete the following survey. Your feedback would be highly valuable and genuinely appreciated!

### 2018-2019 Parent Survey

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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**The Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences & the Arts invites you to attend The Science and Engineering Institute @ Fayetteville.** This Institute will look at the two ends of the size continuum. One activity will focus on one of the smallest fundamental quantities, Planck's Constant (a decimal point followed by 33 zeros and 6.626!). We will measure it using LEDs and a voltage meter. The second activity will focus around the "Pale Blue Dot", and we will create a scale model of the Solar System, using a marble, and discuss the vastness of the Universe, literally "billions and billions" of kilometers! For more information and registration details, please see the attached flyer.

### **Beginning November 1st, students riding Rock Region Metro to and from school will have a new photo ID that will replace the current photo ID and 31-Day Student Pass.**

This ID will allow the student to ride any route in the transit system any day of the week without having to get a new 31-Day Student Pass each month. At the beginning of each semester, the student will receive a new sticker for their photo ID that will be good for that semester. The 1st photo ID with a sticker is free of charge, and each semester the new sticker is free of charge. The students will only incur a fee if they lose their photo ID or if they tamper with the sticker. The replacement fee for a lost or damaged photo ID or sticker is \$10.00.

**Please do not park on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.** The LRPD officers with whom we collaborate for dismissal and some of our parents have noticed that we are seeing an increase of people parking on 3<sup>rd</sup> street and turning on their blinkers. Since there is no city-designated parking on our block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, we ask that all parents and visitors find a meter at which to park.

**We maintain a no gum policy at eStem Downtown Junior High.** We do not allow students to chew gum in the building, because it frequently ends up on the floor or under desks. This has been a building policy since the first day of school and was addressed on announcements every morning during the first month of school and multiple mornings since then. We are so lucky to be housed in such a beautiful and historic building, and we'd like to ask your support in keeping it clean. Due to the recurrence of this issue and the effort/time we have put into communicating it to students, teachers have been asked to issue automatic detentions to students who are chewing gum.

**Many of our students are congregating at 4<sup>th</sup> and Louisiana during arrival and dismissal.** In the morning, we expect our students to come directly into the school building after exiting their vehicles. In the afternoon, we expect walkers to go directly to the location designated on their walker's passes. To help us reinforce our expectations, we ask that you please discuss them with your child at home. Moving forward, building leaders will be monitoring these locations and calling parents of the students who are congregating there.

**You should be receiving weekly instructional newsletters from each of your child's teachers.** If you have not been receiving these emails, please let us know so we can investigate and resolve this issue.

- **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:**

**ACT Aspire Interim #1:** *November 5 – 8*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Interims Go Home:** *November 8*

**Flu Clinic:** *November 9*

**Signed 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Interims Due:** *November 14*

**Wellness Week:** *November 12-16*

**Thanksgiving Break:** *November 18 – 24*