



• Week 14 Director Notes • November 2, 2018 •

eStem Junior High Community,

This week, we began a Culture Town Hall series on respect and positivity. Town Hall Meetings are grade-level gatherings during which we address school-wide concerns with the entire student body. Our first Town Hall of the series was specifically focused on bullying. First, we discussed the purpose of these meetings, which is to establish a school-wide culture of positivity and respect. Next, we reviewed the bullying section of our student handbook and strategies to help prevent bullying ([see attachment](#)), watched a short video ([BULLYING](#)), and gave students the opportunity to answer the following questions:

***In your opinion, how can building leaders and teachers help prevent bullying?
What would you like to see and learn in future sessions?***

Please consider speaking to your child about what they learned, what they would like to learn, and any questions they may have.

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](#).

We will take our 1st ACT Aspire Interim next week. Students will take math and science interim tests during their 1st and 2nd periods. 7th grade will test on Monday, 8th grade will test on Tuesday, and 9th will test on Wednesday. These tests provide useful data on student progress and reduce testing anxiety by offering students the chance to become comfortable with testing environments, the testing format, and question types. Please be sure that your child is getting 8 hours of sleep. Eating a healthy breakfast, and reporting to school on time during these testing sessions.

Our parent organization, the eTeam, will begin their annual Coin Wars fundraiser next Monday, November 5th. This is a fundraiser that has worked well in the past. Each homeroom is given a bucket to collect loose change from home (mostly change from your car cup holder or the jar next to your

washing machine). Students are given 2 weeks to collect change and turn it in to their homeroom teacher. At the end of the two weeks, prizes are given to the homeroom that brings in the most change. Please see **attached** flyer with more details.

Our Flu Clinic will be the afternoon of Friday, November 9. Consent forms were sent home this afternoon in 8th period. The instructions for the parents are on the front of the consent form. If you need the Spanish version, please contact [Nurse Miller](#). If your child has already received their shot, he/she will not need the form. Please let us know if you have any questions.

We will be having our first Pep Rally at Mosaic Templars Cultural Center on Thursday, November 15! We will be walking to/from The Mosaic Templars building. We will leave at 1:00 and return to school no later than 3:00. Students traveling to/from the pep rally will be walking a total of 1.1 miles. All students who wish to participate must submit a permission form by next Friday, November 9. Students who do not submit a permission form by the aforementioned deadline will remain at school with a teacher during the pep rally. Permission forms can be completed and submitted using this link: [Jr. High Pep Rally Permission Form](#)

Keep Little Rock Beautiful has extended an invitation to eStem Public Charter Schools. As active members of the downtown community, we are happy to share this invitation with our parents. You may or may not know that November 15 is America recycles Day. If you are looking to get rid of some recyclable items (outdated or broken electronics, textiles, large quantities of glass, document shredding), please consider stopping by the corner of 6th and Byrd (parking lot across from Lost Forty) on November 15 from 3:00-5:00. If you have any questions about the event, please contact recycle@littlerock.gov. You can also find information on Facebook: America Recycles Day – Little Rock.

- **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.
- **If your child will be absent,** please email 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.

Dates to Remember:

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

Coin Wars: *November 5-16*

2nd Quarter Interims Go Home: *November 8*

Flu Clinic: *November 9*

Signed 2nd Quarter Interims Due: *November 14*

Wellness Week: *November 12-16*

Pep Rally: *November 15*

Thanksgiving Break: *November 18 – 24*

Title I Night: *November 27*