



• Week 15 Director Notes • November 9, 2018 •

eStem Junior High Community,

It has been a very productive week at the Downtown Jr. High! We have completed our Interim ACT Aspire Testing. We know the holidays are right around the corner, so we ask for your continued support in keeping our students on track through these next few weeks. Together, we achieve.

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 are fortunate that our students have access to such great technology at our schools. With this privilege comes responsibility, and we believe it is important to teach our students the appropriate use of technology. We do understand that students will make mistakes at times when using technology, and we want to outline the discipline process for the misuse of technology. The misuse of technology includes things like damaging eStem technology, visiting inappropriate websites, etc. This is not an all-inclusive list, but gives you some examples. We will review this process with our students at school. Please help us reiterate it at home as well!

The discipline process for the misuse of technology will be as follows:

- 1st offense: parent conference and Saturday School
- 2nd offense: parent conference and 2 Saturday Schools/ The student will also incur a loss of privileges (computer used only in restricted mode) for one month
- 3rd offense: parent conference and suspension/The student will also incur a loss of privileges indefinitely (computer used only in restricted mode) and probation.

*The Director has discretion to administer consequences that may jump steps in our process based on the nature of the offense.

Our goal is to teach students how to use technology appropriately and responsibly. We appreciate your support with this!

The eTeam's Coin Wars fundraiser is going strong this week! Homerooms have been collecting change throughout the week to raise money for our parent volunteer organization. Prizes will be given to the homeroom that collects the most money by November 16. Only one more week to collect coins from your cars, pant pockets, couch cushions, etc! The homeroom in the lead right now is Ms. Johnson's 9th grade class with \$77.35! Keep up the great work!! We will keep you posted on our social media outlets next week!

We will host "Wellness Week" throughout next week. Students will have the opportunity to participate in each day's theme, learn more specific information regarding mental health awareness, healthy eating habits, tobacco/alcohol prevention, as well as, have the opportunity to pledge 30 minutes of "screen free" time on their electronics. Monday will begin as Mental Health Awareness Day and students will be able to dress in yellow. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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 midnight tonight. Students who do not submit a permission form 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:

November 5-16: Coin Wars

November 14: Signed Interims Due to Homeroom Teachers

November 12-16: Wellness Week

November 16: Cash for Casual

November 15: Pep Rally

November 18-24: Thanksgiving Break

November 27: Title I Night

November 30: Cash for Casual



ESTEM DOWNTOWN JR. HIGH
WELLNESS
WEEK

November 12 - 16

MONDAY

**MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS**
(STUDENTS CAN WEAR
YELLOW)

TUESDAY

HEALTHY HABITS DAY
(STUDENTS CAN DRESS AS
A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL/
SNACK STATIONS WILL BE
AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY
DURING LUNCH)

WEDNESDAY

ANTI-BULLYING DAY
(HELPFUL INFORMATION
WILL BE SHARED WITH
STUDENTS)

THURSDAY

**TOBACCO/ALCOHOL
PREVENTION**
(HELPFUL INFORMATION
WILL BE SHARED WITH
STUDENTS)

FRIDAY

SCREEN FREE DAY
(STUDENTS CAN PLEDGE
TO GO SCREEN FREE FOR
30 MINS/YOGA SESSION
DURING LUNCH)