



• Week 21 Director Notes • January 10, 2019 •

eStem Junior High Community,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a fantastic break and a wonderful holiday season, and we cannot wait to see what 2019 has in store for eStem Downtown Junior High School. Our homecoming dance is coming up soon. For now, please check our social media outlets for details. More information will be coming via email next week.

For 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 excited to announce our third Project LIT book club!** Project LIT is a national grassroots organization with a mission to promote reading through school and library book clubs. The eStem chapter will be hosting five book clubs throughout the year. Our next Project LIT event is Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 in the Downtown JHS multipurpose room. We'll be discussing *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander. English teachers have a limited number of copies to check out, but you can purchase your own for \$15 on My School Bucks! Although participation in a Project LIT book club is not mandatory, we certainly hope all of our students **AND THEIR PARENTS** will join us in establishing a meaningful culture of Reading at eStem Downtown Junior High School.

If you know you and/or your child are already sure you would like to participate, please help us plan by completing the following RSVP Form: [The Crossover Book Club RSVP form](#)

**Are you interested in joining our parent organization, the eTeam?** If you'd like to provide volunteer services to our teachers and students while raising money for the school in the process, this is the place to start! We are very appreciative of everything the eTeam does to support our school, and we would love to have every single parent join! For

the month of February, eTeam Membership will be discounted from \$10 to \$6.00! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Scales.

**During arrival and dismissal, please do not block any of the alleyways running perpendicular to 3rd Street.** For many surrounding businesses, these alleyways are the only entrances/exits from their buildings parking lots.

**Our eTeam is collecting Box Tops for our school!** If you see the symbol below on any of your grocery items, please consider cutting it out of the packaging and sending it to the main office with your child. The more Box Tops we collect, the more money we can earn for our school!



- **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:**

**January 14:** *1<sup>st</sup> Semester Report Cards Go Home*

**January 14 – 17:** *NWEA Testing Session #2*

**January 18:** *Signed Report Cards Due*

**January 21:** *SCHOOL CLOSED for MLK Holiday*

**January 22:** *Crossover Project LIT Book Club*