



• Week 24 Director Notes • February 1, 2019 •

eStem Junior High Community,

Our homecoming dance will be held tonight from 6:00 – 9:00 at The Loft 1023 on 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Downtown, Little Rock. Tickets can be bought for \$15 at the door. Concessions will be sold at the event, and our staff members will be there to chaperone. The guidelines for student attire are listed below and will be strictly enforced:

**Homecoming Dress Code Guidelines**

- *Dresses/skirts should be no shorter than the length of fingertips with arms fully extended to student's side.*
- *Clothing with low-cut necklines and clothing that exposes the midriff is not permitted.*
- *Clothing with offensive or suggestive slogans or advertisements is not permitted.*
- *Any earrings or jewelry that could possibly cause safety concerns are not allowed.*
- *Baggy clothing and clothes that sag or fall below the waistline are not permitted.*

*All decisions regarding appropriate attire will be subject to the discretion of school administration.*

All questions can be directed to our Activities Coordinator, [Ms. Scales](#).

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**.

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**Next week, the eTeam will begin its Candy-Gram fundraiser!** There will be an online form and also a table set up before Valentine's Day for students to order a "Candy-Gram," which will be delivered on Valentine's Day. More details will be shared next week!

**The eTeam's first "DTJHS Restaurant Night Out" will be Wednesday, February 20th, at American Pie Pizza: 4830 North Hills Boulevard in North Little Rock.** If you can, plan to have a meal out with your family or take home a pizza and support our school! Just let your server know you are there to support eStem.

**Are you interested in touring eStem High School with your 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade child?** If so, the High School campus will be offering 6 tours in the coming months. More details about these tours (*signup process, contents of tour, etc.*) will be shared soon, but we wanted to go ahead and give you some dates to set aside for these awesome opportunities to visit our beautiful & innovative High School Campus, which was ranked as the #2 High School in the State of Arkansas by U.S. News & World Report.

- 2/7/19 @ 1 pm (District tour - Open to the public)
- 2/12/19 @ 8:30 – 10:00 am (eStem only)
- 3/7/19 @ 1 pm (District tour - Open to the public)
- 3/11/19 @ 8:30 – 10:00 am (eStem only)
- 4/4/19 @ 1pm – 2:30 pm (eStem only)
- 4/30/19 @ 8:30 am – 10:00 am (eStem only)

Parents will be expected to transport their children to and from the tours, and we strongly encourage parents to stay with their child during the tour. The High School will maintain records of students touring, and those students will not be counted absent from the Downtown Junior High during the tours. However, they will be expected to either report to school before the afternoon tours OR return to school after the morning tours.

**We are making an intentional effort to focus on our Dress Code.** Please review this information with your child over the weekend: [DTJHS Dress Code Link](#).

**Open Enrollment for the upcoming school year started Thursday, January 17th and ends February 17th!** To apply, please visit our website –

<https://www.estemschools.org/admissions-applications> and submit an application. Open Enrollment is for students who will be **NEW** to eStem; returning students will have the opportunity to register for the upcoming year in the spring. To be eligible for kindergarten for the upcoming year, your child must turn 5 by August 1st, 2019. If you have any questions about the admissions process, please visit our website or email our Director of Admissions, Rebecca Cleveland at [rebecca.cleveland@estemschools.org](mailto:rebecca.cleveland@estemschools.org).

**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.

**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:**

**February 7:** *Prospective Parent/Student Tour @ eStem High School @ 1:00 PM*

**February 11:** *3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Interims Go Home*

**February 12:** *Prospective Parent/Student Tour @ eStem High School @ 10:00 AM*

**February 15:** *Parent/Teacher Conferences*

**February 17:** *Open Enrollment Closes*

**February 18:** *SCHOOL CLOSED for President's Day*

**February 25 – 28:** *ACT Aspire Interim #2*