



• Week 25 Director Notes • February 8, 2019 •

eStem Junior High Community,

We will hold Parent/Teacher Conferences all day Friday, February 15. The schedule will be as follows:

8:00 - 10:30: Pre-scheduled Conferences Only

10:30 - 12:30: Drop-In Conferences (first-come-first-serve)

12:30 - 1:00: Lunch break for teachers

1:00 - 3:30: Pre-Scheduled Conferences Only

Teachers will be sending out signups for the pre-scheduled conferences soon, so please be checking for those in your inboxes. As always, we will do our very best to meet with every parent in the allotted timeframe(s). If this is not possible, teachers will offer alternatives via phone conferences, email correspondence, or afterschool conferences. If you have any questions, please let us know!

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 still receiving complaints about behavior outside of the building during dismissal and arrival. In the morning, some students are arriving in time to avoid being tardy, but are still arriving late to school because they choose to gather in local businesses or alleyways instead of coming directly into the building. In the afternoon, students are congregating on sidewalks, disrupting traffic, and disobeying pedestrian foot traffic regulations. We are addressing the issue as best as we can at school, but we ask that you speak with your children at home about these issues as well.

The state and county are now seeing a significant number of Flu cases.

Please, remind your children to wash their hands frequently. Parents, be aware of any signs

of the flu, especially fever, nausea, and vomiting. Keep your child at home if they have a fever or have vomited in the last 24 hours, so that we can limit the number of students exposed to illness here at school. Thank you.

The eTeam has begun its Candy-Gram fundraiser! There is a form on MySchoolBucks, and students can buy them in the main office as well. Our eTeam will also set up a table on the 11th and 13th for students to order during lunch. All "Candy-Grams" will be delivered on Valentine's Day. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

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.

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.

Are you interested in touring eStem High School with your 8th or 9th grade child? If so, the High School campus will be offering 5 more tours in the coming months. We hope you will take advantage of 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.

- 2/12/19 @ 8:30 – 10:00 am (eStem only)
- 3/7/19 @ 1:00 pm (District tour - Open to the public)
- 3/11/19 @ 8:30 – 10:00 am (eStem only)
- 4/4/19 @ 1:00 pm – 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 encourage all participants to RSVP using this link: [HS Tour Sign Up](#)

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! We only have a few more weeks to collect as many box tops as

possible, and we've already collected more than 1,000! Thanks to everyone whose contributed, and keep them coming!



Is your child planning on taking the written driver's test soon? If so, complete the [eJHS Drivers Permit](#) or have your child drop by Mrs. Peterson's office, room 205, to request the form needed to take the test. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0, from the previous semester, to qualify. Mrs. Peterson will contact the student when the form is available for pick up. Please allow 48 hours after submission for pick up.

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](#).

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.

- **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:

February 11: *3rd 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*