



• Week 29 Director Notes • March 8, 2019 •

eStem Junior High Community,

We've got some great opportunities happening next week, so I wanted to list those before getting to our weekly notes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know!

Student Council and Nurse Miller will be hosting **Wellness Week**. Our Health Week themes are

Monday- Personal Hygiene

Tuesday- Healthy Habits

Wednesday- Peer Pressure

Thursday- Disability Awareness

Friday-Cancer Awareness

One of the best days of the year is right around the corner: **PI DAY**!! Pi day is celebrated around the world on Thursday, 3/14 and we will be celebrating at eStem, too! We are so excited to see students engaged in this annual math-filled day. This is an opportunity for our students to learn about Pi, celebrate math, eat pie, dress up in punny pi related costumes, and compete to recite the most digits (the record is 84 digits). We hope to see every teacher work the number Pi into their lesson plan in some way!

*Students voted and chose Nic Stone's Dear Martin as our next **Project LIT Book Club**. We'll meet on Thursday, March 14th for trivia, discussion, and prizes. You can RSVP using the following link: [March 14 Dear Martin Book Club RSVP](#).*

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**.

The 2019-2020 Returning Student Registration is now available. If your child is currently enrolled at eStem and he/she is planning on returning next year, please

complete the Returning Student Registration by March 15th to ensure your child's enrollment at an eStem Downtown Campus for the 2019/2020 school year. This registration is **ONLY for RETURNING students**. You can access the registration form at this link: [2019-2020 Downtown RETURNING Student Registration](#).

On the evening of April 4, we will have our second annual Amazing Race Test Prep! Students are encouraged to bring a parent with whom they can compete in an Amazing Race style competition that simulates test questions and content. This year, our winning group will win \$100! The top groups in 7th, 8th, and 9th will win \$50! This is a great opportunity for you to get a hands-on look at our ACT Aspire test AND have fun with your child at the same time. We'll share more information in the coming weeks. For now, we just wanted to share the basics.

The High School will oversee academic advising for all rising sophomores (current 9th graders). This process will involve completing rising sophomores' Course Selection sheets with required courses that must be taken in the 10th grade. To accomplish this task, the High School will be hosting an Academic Advising Night for rising sophomores and their parents on Wednesday, April 10 from 5:30-7:00 at eStem High School on the UA Little Rock Campus.

Please be sure you monitor and obey all "No Parking" sign/regulations during arrival and dismissal.

Cell Phones are often a major distraction to some of our students and are most frequently used for non-educational purposes. To ensure that we offer the very best learning environment for our students, we maintain the following cell phone policy. Cell phones may be used before school or after school but only in the multipurpose room. Cell Phones may **NOT** be used in the multipurpose room during lunch. Cell phones may never be used in any other part of the building - hallways included. All staff members will operate under the "If We See It, We Take It" rule. If a cell phone is confiscated, a parent must retrieve it from the main office. Once school begins, cell phones must be turned off and placed inside lockers, backpacks, or purses.

Are you interested in touring eStem High School with your 8th or 9th grade child? If so, the High School campus will be offering 4 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.

- 3/11/19 @ 8:30 am – 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](#)

The state and county are seeing a significant number of Flu cases. If your child has any symptoms, please have them examined by a physician as soon as possible. Symptoms include *Fever and/or chills, Muscle pains or aches, Extreme Fatigue, Nausea/vomiting, and/or Headache.* **Please notify the school if your child has tested positive for the flu.** To limit the number of students exposed to illness at school, keep your child at home if they have had fever or have vomited in the last 24 hours. Finally, please remind your children to wash their hands frequently.

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.

- **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](#).
- **Please limit early checkouts to doctor's appointments and/or family emergencies.** The cutoff time is 3:15. Please be sure to allow yourself enough time for the required, in-building checkout process. We will not be able to accommodate calls requesting that students be waiting in the lobby. Finally, please email [Mrs. Washington](#) regarding all checkouts.

Dates to Remember:

March 18 - 22: *Spring Break SCHOOL CLOSED*

April 1: *Report Cards Go Home*

April 4: *Amazing Race Test Prep*

April 8 - 18: *ACT Aspire Summative*

April 10: *Academic Advising Night for Rising Sophomores*

April 25: *4th Quarter Interims Go Home*