



• Week 30 Director Notes • March 15, 2019 •

eStem Junior High Community,

I hope you and your families have a relaxing spring break planned! If you find the time, I'd like to make two requests for a small amount of parent support:

1. *Every morning I challenge our students "In your head and in your heart, be positive and be respectful." Have a quick conversation about what that sounds like, looks like, and feels like!*
2. *Our ACT Aspire Summative test is just around the corner, and our teachers and students have worked hard all year to show off their skills. Please speak with your child about trying their hardest as they take their tests. These scores play a large role in our building's report card, and we want the ENTIRE State to recognize the hard work that our students and staff have dedicated to this school year!*

Have a wonderful break, and we will see you when we return on March 25!

For updates on some of the cool things that are happening in our hallways and classrooms, find us on Twitter and Instagram: **@eStemDTIHS**

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**.

UALR's College of Engineering and Information Technology will be hosting a number of FREE STEM camps this summer! All camps are residential, but local students do have an option to commute.

Geology Camp - June 9-15

Engineering Scholars Program (2 sessions) - June 16-22 and June 23-29

Civil and Construction Engineering Camp - June 16-28

Computer Science Camp - June 23-29

EIT Middle School Summer Science Camp (2 sessions) - July 7-13 and July 14-20

Detailed information about each camp and applications can be found at this link: <https://ualr.edu/eit/additional-info/outreach/>. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Ashley Henry-Saorrano (alhenry@ualr.edu). We hope to see some of our students Take advantage of these awesome opportunities!

Our 2018-2019 Wellness Policy and Triennial Assessment are conveniently located on our website under State Required Information. If you would like to be involved in the Wellness Committee, you may contact Jessica Slaughter, R.N. via email at jessica.slaughter@estemschools.org.

We have been informed by the Arkansas Department of Education that the eSchool system, including Teacher Access Center (TAC) and Home Access Center (HAC) will be down next week for software updates and server maintenance.

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 grades 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 remember that Louisiana street drop-off is exclusively for the Elementary school and all Junior High students should ONLY be dropped off on 3rd Street. When Junior High students get dropped off on Louisiana, it greatly slows the process of morning arrival for both schools. _

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

There are only 2 eStem High School tours left for our 8th & 9th grade students? If you're interested, 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.

- 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