



• Week 33 Director Notes • April 12, 2019 •

eStem Junior High Community,

We are SO proud of the hard work that our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders put into their ACT Aspire tests this week. These test scores will play a large role in the grade that eStem Downtown Junior High receives from the State Department, and we want the world to see just how hard we've worked together to achieve a productive and meaningful learning environment! Thanks to all the parents that have AND will continue to review the attached testing strategies.

For updates on some of the cool things that are happening in our hallways and classrooms, find us on Twitter and Instagram: [@eStemDTJHS](#)

**Our annual Stem Soiree fundraiser will be held on May 11 at the Doubletree Little Rock Grand Ballroom (424 W. Markham St) from 6:30 –**

**9:00 PM.** For those who are new to eStem, our Stem Soiree is a fundraiser benefiting eStem Public Charter Schools. ALL proceeds go back into eStem classrooms through our Innovative Grant program. At this event, we also announce our District Educator of the Year, District HEART Award winner, and our grade level Educators of the Year: Elementary, Junior High, and High School. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. This is a 21 and up event. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at this link: [Soiree Admission Ticket](#)

**Speaking of the Stem Soiree, it's also time for our annual Disney World**

**Raffle.** Students can earn prizes by selling raffle tickets to friends and family.

*Every student who sells **8 tickets** will get to go to a nacho party on Friday, May 10th!*

*Every student who sells **75-99 tickets** will receive a \$50.00 Visa gift card!*

*Every student who sells **100-149 tickets** can choose between a \$150.00 Visa gift card or a pair of AirPods!*

*Every student who sells **OVER 150 tickets** can choose between a \$250.00 Visa gift card or a Third Realm party valued up to \$250.00.*

**Every student has been given a book of 4 tickets to sell. If these 4 tickets are sold, more can be acquired in the main office. You can also share the following link via email or social media if you prefer to try and sell tickets digitally: [Disney Raffle Ticket](#)**

These raffle tickets provide a chance to win a trip to Disney World valued at up to \$3,000. For every raffle ticket bought, a name will be entered into a bowl. The winner will be drawn at the Stem Soiree on the night of May 11. The raffle winner does not have to be present at the event to win.

**Our ACT Aspire Summative Test is just right around the corner!** The schedule is below:

<p><b>Monday April 8 AM:</b>  <del>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading &amp; English</del>  <b>Tuesday, April 9 AM:</b>  <del>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science and Writing</del>  <b>Wednesday, April 10 AM:</b>  <del>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math</del></p>	<p><b>Thursday, April 11 AM:</b>  <del>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading &amp; English</del>  <b>Friday, April 12 AM:</b>  <del>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science and Writing</del>  <b>Monday, April 15 AM:</b>  <del>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math</del></p>	<p><b>Tuesday April 16 AM:</b>  <del>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading &amp; English</del>  <b>Wednesday, April 17 AM:</b>  <del>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Science and Writing</del>  <b>Thursday, April 18 AM:</b>  <del>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Math</del></p>
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**We are in the planning process of our Jr. High Field Day and are ready for t-shirt orders to be made!** Attached is the Field Day t-shirt order form. For safety purposes, **ALL** student and staff participants **MUST** have a t-shirt to attend Field Day. This year's field day will be held at MacArthur Park in downtown Little Rock. Students will walk to/from the park with an eStem staff member and enjoy games, food, music, and fun throughout the day.

*7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade field day will take place on Thursday, May 16*

*9<sup>th</sup> grade field day will be Friday, May 17*

These order forms will serve as permission slips and are due (*with payment*) no later than **Wednesday, April 24**. We will not be taking online payments for field day t-shirts, so please plan on sending cash/check with your completed form. If you have any questions at all, please contact [Ms. Stafford](#).

**We are excited to share information about the inaugural Girls**

**Leadership Academy at Mount St. Mary Academy (GLAM)**. It is a **FREE** one-day leadership retreat tailored to **6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls**. It will be a fun-filled day held on Saturday, April 27 from 8:00-4:30. This unique, student-led event serves to recognize and celebrate outstanding young girls in the Little Rock community and inspire leadership growth in the following areas: self-esteem, leadership, respect for self and others, goal setting, public speaking, time management, and public service. Participants don't need to bring anything. Breakfast, lunch, and t-shirts will be provided to all participants. To register, participants/parents should fill out this brief online form: <https://tinyurl.com/GLAMnominee>

**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 Ashley Henry-Saorrano ([alhenry@ualr.edu](mailto:alhenry@ualr.edu)). We hope to see some of our students take advantage of these awesome opportunities!

### **There is only 1 eStem High School tour left for our 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade**

**students.** If you're interested, the High School campus will be offering 1 more tour at the end of this month. We hope you will take advantage of this awesome opportunity 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.

- 4/30/19 @ 8:30 am – 10:00 am (eStem only)

Parents will be expected to transport their children to and from the tour, 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 tour. However, they will be expected to either report to school before the afternoon tour OR return to school after the morning tour. We encourage all participants to RSVP using this link: [HS Tour Sign Up](#)

**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 and need to already be 14 years old. 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](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](#).
- **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:**

**April 8 – 18:** ACT Aspire Summative

**April 19:** No Students-Teacher Workday

**April 25:** *4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Interims Go Home*  
**May 6 – 9:** *NWEA Session # 3*  
**May 6 – 10:** *Teacher Appreciation Week*

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