



• Week 35 Director Notes • April 26, 2019 •

eStem Junior High Community,

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](#)

If you cannot make it to the actual event but would still like to contribute, we are in need of donations for our silent auction! Each department has teamed up to gather donation items for our baskets. If you have anything you could contribute or know anyone that does, we would be so grateful for any help! Listed below are the themed baskets for each department. Please feel free to bring any items to the main office. If you have any questions, please email [Ms. Stafford](#).

Math Department: Movie Night

Possible Donation items: Popcorn, Popcorn flavoring, Movie Theater gift cards, DVDs, Sodas, Candy/Snacks, Blanket, Food Delivery gift card, etc.

Science Department: Guilty Pleasures

Possible Donation items: Ice Cream gift card, Candies, Wine/Beer, Cookies, Chocolate covered peanuts, Junk Snacks/Chips, Sodas, Gossip Magazines, Bath Salts, etc.

Noble & EAST Department: Family Fun Night

Possible Donation items: Blankets, Snacks, Drinks, Board Games, Card Games, Escape Room gift card, Dave & Buster's gift card, Third Realm gift card, Movie gift card, Big Rock gift card, etc.

Literacy & Social Studies Department: Exploring Arkansas

Possible Donation items: Tshirts from local shops (i.e. Nativ, Rock City Outfitters), River Trail maps, Downtown LR gift cards, Biking gift cards, Pinnacle maps, Petit Jean maps, Arkansas themed coffee table books, State Capital gift shop items, Souvenirs, Buffalo Outdoors gift card, etc.

Administration & Special Education Department: BBQ Grilling

Possible Donation items: BBQ Tools (i.e. Spatula, Brush, Tongs), BBQ Sauces, Gift Card to a butcher shop, Grilling Apron, Beer, Sunglasses, etc.

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

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.

eStem students have been invited to the 2019 Summer Music and Arts Camp hosted by Adventures in the Arts!

Since we report back to school on July 23, "Camp II" is not an option; however, "Camp I" (July 15 – 19) is open for registration now through July 5. This camp offers exciting classes for students ages 5 - 14 on topics like IQ Music, Discovery Violin, Watercolors and Wild Things, Nifty Needlework, Yoga, Masters of Illusion, Discovery Young Chefs, Hip Hop, Discovery Young Idols, Masterworks in Sculpture, and Viva el Español. Please see the attached flyer for registration details.

On the Come Up Project LIT Book Club will be our last book club!! Join us on Tuesday, May 14th for trivia and discussion on Angie Thomas's *On the Come Up*. It's our final book club of the year and will definitely be the most LIT. Use this link to RSVP: [RSVP Link](#).

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). 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 8th & 9th grade students. If you're interested, the High School campus will be offering 1 more tour. 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 tours OR return to school after the morning tours. 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. If the student does not pass or does not take the test before June 10th, a new form will need to be requested after July 1st. 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:

May 25: *4th Quarter Interims Go Home*

April 1: *Rising 8th and 9th 2019 Course Selection Sheets Go Home*

April 3: *Rising 8th and 9th 2019 Course Selection Sheets Due Back (Signed by Parent)*

April 3: *Interim Reports Due Back (Signed by Parent)*

May 6 – 9: *NWEA Session # 3*

May 6 – 10: *Teacher Appreciation Week*

May 16: *7th/8th Field Day*

May 17: *9th Grade Field Day*

May 24: *9th Grade Celebration*