

## November 2015

### **Dates to Remember**

November 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends – Fall back 1 hour!
November 6	Awards Assembly, 2:00 Primary / 2:40 Intermediate
November 10	Veterans Assembly – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade – 2:30 & 5:30 pm
November 11	No School - Veterans Day
November 23	Picture Re-Take Day
November 25	Early Dismissal – 12:25 ( <i>note the time</i> )
November 26-27	No School – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 2	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester – 11:55 dismissal

November days for 90 minute early release @ 1:55 pm

November 4 & 18

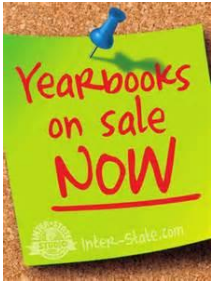


**NO SCHOOL – November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**In Honor of**  
**Veteran's Day**

**VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Classes and James Sales Choir will be performing a music program honoring our Veterans on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 and again at 5:30 p.m. Plan on bringing the entire family! We would like to invite all Veterans to please wear their uniforms and be recognized.



**Picture Re-Takes will be November 23<sup>rd</sup>** - If you weren't here for pictures on October 19<sup>th</sup> your picture will be taken then on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you don't like the picture you had taken, please return the picture packet with your student and a new picture will be taken.



## **VIRTUE OF THE MONTH (October) – Optimism**

We are recognizing students that emulate this virtue. These students were recognized on October 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shyanna Houston, Ukiah Larkin, Alexis Veach, Eliannah Fuaau, Lezly Lemus-Ortega, Lyllian Passino, Mila Vaielua, Jacob Rendon Calvo, William White, Damario Welch, Jasmin Elias Corro, Angelina Lawton, Lesane Tabios-Satele, Alan Davila, Zhyrill Serrano, Kaylie Clites, Mary Morrow, and Kiara Waggener. ***We are proud of your example!***

## **STUDENT OF THE MONTH - October**

This is an honor given to students who have been nominated by their teacher for special recognition of their citizenship and positive choices. November nominations are: Kindergarten – Sarah Anderson, Landyn Cowart, Jacob Stowers, Mireya Jimenez Sanchez, Amore Chisholm; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Free Satele, Mason Le, Anna Araiza, Ashley Guzman; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Michelle Guzman, Moses Manibusan, Brandon Garcia, Danika Huynh, Neeko Irvin, Dylan Rutz, Max Tews; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Jae'Rina Willis, Marquis Hoye, Yasena Rosales; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Luke Klutchko, Adolfo Briseno, Eduardo Guzman; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Tamia Tabios-Satele, Landon Michael and Osker Martinez. These students were recognized on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. ***Congratulations to all!***

**FEDERAL SURVEY FORM** - Thank you for completing and returning a Federal Survey Form for each of your James Sales students. There are still some forms out. If you have not done so already, please return the signed form (must be in ink) to school **tomorrow**. If you need another form, please call our school office at 298-4200.



**THANKSGIVING VACATION** - School will be dismissed at 12:25 on Wednesday, November 25. There will be no school for all students on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. We are thankful to work with the wonderful students and families at James Sales School. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday Jaguars.

## **Missing Something?**

Do you feel like you are not receiving all communication being sent home? First, please check your student's folders daily as homework and communication from the office is sent home regularly. Second, most communication can be found on our new district website at [www.fpschools.org](http://www.fpschools.org) and search for James Sales. Also, please make sure the office is being kept up to date on all phone number and address changes to be able to reach you.

**LOST AND FOUND** – Parents, please check the lost and found for any misplaced sweaters, jackets, etc. We are overflowing with items that have been left on the playground and around the school. Please label your students jackets with their name so that if anything gets left out we can make sure it gets delivered to them. Any unclaimed items will be donated during the Winter Break.

**Announcing the sale of the James Sales 2015-2016 Yearbook.** \$12.00 if ordered by 2/12/16 or \$15.00 if ordered after 2/12/2016. Payment is due with your order - we don't have change in the office or if paying by check, make check payable to: Lifetouch. *You can order your yearbook online!* Go to [www.ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://www.ybpay.lifetouch.com) [ID Code: 1794316]. Envelopes will be coming home soon! Yearbooks will be available to go home the last week of school.

## **The McKinney-Vento Act: The Basics**

If you lost your housing and now live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, camping ground, or temporary trailer; on the street; doubled-up with family or friends; or in another type of temporary or inadequate housing, your child might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act.

**Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children in homeless situations have the right to:**

- Attend either the local school or the school of origin, if this is in their best interest; the school of origin is the school the child attended when he/she was last permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if missing records and documents normally required for enrollment, such as a birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records.
- Enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in all school activities while the school gathers records.
- Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students, including transportation and supplemental educational services.
- Attend school with children not experiencing homelessness; a school cannot segregate a student because he or she is homeless.

If you believe your child qualifies for McKinney-Vento assistance, please contact Kristin Holten at 253-298-3021 or by email at [kholtens@fpschools.org](mailto:kholtens@fpschools.org).

### **Free Developmental Screening for preschoolers!**

The next Child Find screening for children 3 to 5 years old will be **November 18th**. The purpose of the screening is to determine if your child is in need of special education services. Please call Tricia at 253-298-4675 to schedule an appointment.

### **Birth to Three Screenings**

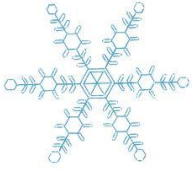
Families of children below age 3 who have concerns about their child's development can call our district Family Resource Coordinator, Lori Holbrook, at 253-298-4670 to see if your child qualifies for services.

### **Pruebas de Desarrollo Gratuito para Preescolares!**

Pruebas gratuitas para niños y niñas de 3 a 5 años que viven en el Distrito Escolar de Franklin Pierce proveídas por medio del programa de Child Find. La próxima prueba de Child Find esta programada para **18 de Noviembre**. El propósito de las pruebas es para determinar si su niño(a) esta en la necesidad de usar servicios especiales de educación. Por favor llame a Tricia 253-298-4675 para que pueda concertar una cita.

### **Pruebas de Natal a Tres**

Las Familias de los niño(a)s de 3 años para abajo que tengan concernimientos acerca del desarrollo de sus niños pueden llamar a nuestra Coordinadora de Recursos del Distrito, Lori Holbrook, al 253-298-4670.



Save For Future Reference

## SCHOOL DELAY & CLOSURE INFORMATION

As the weather gets colder, it's important that you develop plans for emergency school closures and limited or delayed bus runs. In case of an emergency or bad weather, school might be delayed or canceled. If the regular school schedule is changed, local radio and television stations will be notified. Emergencies may include inclement weather, power outages or a need to alter an individual school schedule. *Remember... we are Franklin Pierce School District NOT Tacoma School District, we may have different operating schedules.*

**"School Closed"** means that all schools will be closed for that one day only.  
All school related activities will be canceled.

**"Late start"** means that all schools will start late by the amount of time specified for that one day only. School related activities may or may not be altered.

There are five ways you can find updated information on school schedules:

1. AUTO DIALER - The district has the ability to send out a recorded phone message to parents and staff of Franklin Pierce Schools. In the event of an unscheduled school closure or late start, the autodialer will be activated. Please make sure the school has a current phone number for you.
2. TV NEWS - Komo (4), King (5 & 6), KIRO (7), and KCPQ (13)
3. RADIO STATIONS -
  - a. AM STATIONS - KCIS (630), KIXI (880), KOMO (1000), KLAY (1180), KGY (1240), KENU (1330)
  - b. FP STATIONS - KPLU (88.5), KGRG (89.9), KVTI (90.9), KMPS (94.1), KUOW (94.9), KXXO (96.1), KGY (96.9), KIRO (97.3), KCMS (105.3)
4. INTERNET / TEXT - <http://www.flashalert.net/news.html?4380>  
Pre-register for this site before the bad weather begins and you will be notified anytime there is a delay or closure. You can sign up to receive email and/or text messages.
5. PHONE - 253/298-4200 **PLEASE TRY THE ABOVE OPTIONS FIRST.**  
**\*\*NOTE:** If the power is out at our school, our phones may also be out\*\*

**NOTICE TO PARENTS:** We have recently been notified from the Pierce County Sheriff's Office that a Level 3 sex offender has recently moved into our school attendance area.

Please remind your children how to stay safe by walking in numbers and not speaking/going with strangers.

If you would like more information or details about this person, you can visit the Sheriff's Office web site at [www.co.pierce.wa.us](http://www.co.pierce.wa.us). (When the home page opens, click on "sheriff.") We will also have a picture of this person available in our office for you to view.

## **ATTENDANCE**

**The goal for students this year is to have 8 or fewer tardies and/or absences.** At the end of each trimester, all students who have missed less than 8 days or have had less than 8 tardies will receive a reward. Examples of rewards are smoothies, extra recess time and special assemblies will be offered.

## **BEHAVIOR**

We will also be rewarding student at the end of each trimester for excellent behavior. Students with "0" write-ups at the end of each trimester will receive a reward. At the end of year, PTO will be sponsoring a field trip for all students that had "0" write-ups.



Thank you for shopping at the library's Book Fair. We earned \$1200 in Scholastic credit and \$75 in donations!

The James Sales Day at Denny's earned \$388.96! It was fun seeing so many families of our students and staff. This money will be used to buy supplies for the library.

October was a busy month! Thank you for supporting the catalog fundraiser for field trips. Fifth grade has already planned their field trip. Items should be delivered by the end of the month.

There are a few yearbooks left over from last school year. If you'd like one, send \$2 cash and a note to the attention of PTO.

We also have a few '14-'15 SaveAround Coupon Books. They expire at the end of December. Now only \$5.

Would you like to help on Friday mornings for Treat and Popcorn Fridays? [jamesalespto@gmail.com](mailto:jamesalespto@gmail.com)