

# The Jaguar Journal

December 2018

James Sales Elementary  
Brandy Nelson – Principal

Office Hours – 8:15 to 3:45  
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## Dates to Remember:

<b>December 5</b>	<b>Early Release – 1:55</b>
December 7	Student of the Month Assembly K-1-3 2:00 2-4-5 2:40
December 7	Report Cards go home
<b>December 12</b>	<b>Early Release – 1:55</b>
December 13	Family Art Night 4:30-6
December 12-14,17	Book Fair
Dec. 19 - Jan. 1	Winter Break
January 2	First day back at school

## A Message from our Principal

Hello Families!

Do the words ‘community circle’ and ‘restorative practices’ sound familiar? Perhaps your child has talked about his/her participation in one of these community building activities.

At James Sales we believe that positive relationships are at the heart of everything we do. Therefore, our mission is to create capable, contributing citizens who achieve their highest potential every day.

The Franklin Pierce School District has implemented in all schools as of last year, a new process that seeks to repair relationships in a positive and proactive way. It is called ‘Restorative Practices.’ As a parent, you may be called to be a part of a restorative conference with your child.

Below you will find a summary of the process:

### The 5 Restorative Practice Questions

These questions are designed to build a strong basis upon which to foster healthy relationships. The questions are open ended, respectful and not value laden. They are objective and thinking questions that ironically evoke stronger emotional responses leading to the development of empathy.

**When harm has been done, the Restorative questions include asking:**

1. What happened?
2. What were you thinking at the time?
3. What have you thought about since?
4. Who has been affected by what you have done? In what ways?

5. What do you think you need to do to make things right?

**If a child has been harmed by the actions of others, Restorative questions include asking:**

1. What did you think when you realized what happened?
2. What impact has this incident had on you and others?
3. What has been the hardest thing for you?
4. What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

At James Sales we ask these questions in developmentally appropriate ways using language that children understand.



Restorative Practice is not just about the questions. It is about engaging students in a process that is fair, allows free expression of emotions and offers high levels of support. We are helping students communicate, accept responsibility and make repair efforts.

On another note, the three character traits we focused on as a school in November are listed here so you can review them as a family with your child:

**Integrity** – Integrity means being true to yourself, even when you might feel pressure to be someone different. A person with integrity is honest about who they are and steadfast in their beliefs.

**Leadership** - Leadership is the ability to inspire and motivate others so they can reach shared goals. It means making a difference and solving problems.

**Creativity** – People who are creative think about the world in a different way. They may use their talents to create art, music, machines, or even a solution to a problem.

We hope you have a wonderful and safe Winter break. We will see you in 2019!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Nelson, Principal

## Winter Break

School will dismiss at the regular time at 3:25 on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> for Winter Break. School will resume on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will see you in 2019!

## Lost and Found

Our lost and found is still overflowing with student's belongings! Please check to see if your child is missing a jacket or other items. You will find our lost and found bin just inside the front doors. Remember to label your child's belongings with their name so we can return them to the proper owner more easily! **All unclaimed items will be donated during Winter break.**

## School Delays and Closures

As the weather becomes colder, it is important that you have a plan for emergency school closures and limited or delayed bus runs. School may be delayed or canceled in the case of bad weather or an emergency. If the regular school schedule is changed, local radio and television stations will be notified.

"School Closed" means that all schools will be closed for that one day only. All school related activities will be canceled. If schools close early, parents are asked to make arrangements for their child's care.

"Late Start" means that all schools will start late and transportation will be delayed by the amount of time specified for that one day only. Breakfast will not be served on late start days. School related activities may or may not be altered.

You may find updated school schedule information in the following ways:



- 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 auto-dialer will be activated. **Please make sure the school has a current phone number for you.**
- TV News – Look for **Franklin Pierce Schools** not Tacoma Schools
- Radio – AM and FM Stations
- Internet –  
<http://www.flashalert.net/news.html?id=4380>
- Phone – 253-298-3000

**PLEASE TRY THE ABOVE OPTIONS FIRST!** If the power is out at school, our phones may also be out!

## Students of the Month

October's **Students of the Month** were honored at an assembly November 2<sup>nd</sup>. *These students were selected by their teachers for showing responsibility, respect, caring, and safe behavior.*

Christian A., Serah J., Alex K., Giselle O., Aydan A., Timothy C., Kaylee F., Eason S., Caylin S., Jamar P., Karissa S., Abigail M., Edgar C., Motusaga S., Dominique C., Tayani G., Anastazia D., Jonathan N., Pablo C., Alice H., Emmett C., Leea M., Karla R., Madison H., Alohi C., Solomon H., Alesia W., Moses M., Christopher J., and Jason H.

*The following students exemplified the 'Virtue of the Month' – Helpfulness.*

Savannah L., Victor L., Aubree L., Iresan L., Josiah F., Danna C., Tavarius B., Abel H., Jazzlyn I., Daniel M., Temukisa S., Leisha M., Bella B., Isaiah E., Regan K., Natalia R., Alexander H., Landyn C., Keira S., Trenton H., Genesiah H., Jasmine T., Aaron C., Lilly C., Demarko S., Yvette A., Michelle G., and Neyanna S.

## Appreciation Week

December 3-7 – Custodians and Maintenance



Cheryl Larson, our chief custodian, and Ryan McCormick, our night custodian, work very hard to keep our school clean and safe for our students and staff. They help maintain the playground, clean restrooms and other areas of the building, help at breakfast and lunch, and do countless other jobs. Please join us in giving them a big THANK YOU!!!

## iPad Corner

If your student's iPad is not covered by our



iPad protection plan yet, please make sure you come to the office to fill out the paperwork and pay \$20.00 for coverage as soon as possible. We accept cash, checks, and cards.

## Music Notes

Those students accepted for the Honor Choir will be notified during the first week of December.



## Bikes 4 Books



November 1<sup>st</sup> kicked off a school-wide reading contest. Students in grades 1-5 have the chance to win a new bike! Bikes 4 Books will be donating three bikes to

the students that read the most from now until December 8<sup>th</sup>. As students read, they will take an Accelerated Reader test which will keep track of student points.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students need 10 points to qualify for an entry in the drawing. Third and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students need 15 points and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students need 20 points. The more times a student meets the point goal, the more times their name will be entered in the contest. Good luck readers and keep on pedaling!

Also, on December 12-14, and 17 we will have a BOGO Book Fair. Hours will be 8:15 am till 4 pm daily and till 6 pm on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

Please contact Jen Bruce if you are interested.



## Yearbooks

You may begin ordering James Sales 2018-19 yearbooks! Go to [YBPay.lifetouch.com](http://YBPay.lifetouch.com) and use the following Yearbook ID Code: 1794319. The early-bird yearbook price is \$12.00 per book if ordered by February 28,

2019. After that date, the price increases to \$15.00. Watch for flyers with yearbook ordering information to come home soon!



## From the Health Room

All children do go outside for recess. We do not have an area for students to be supervised inside. **Make sure your children are dressed for the weather.** Don't forget to get your flu shots!

Health Room – 253-298-4233



## Free Developmental Screening



Children ages 3-5 who reside within the Franklin Pierce School District are eligible for free developmental screening. Hearing, vision, kindergarten readiness, speech and language, motor skills, and behavior are checked.

Screenings take place monthly: January 9, February 6, March 13, and April 17. To request an appointment call the Early Learning Center Child Find hotline at 253-298-4658.

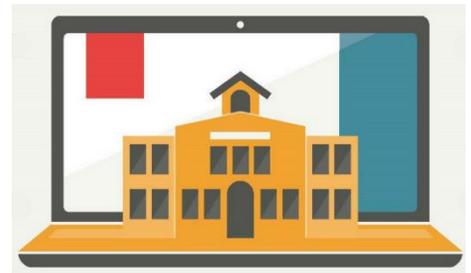
## Attendance

We hope you will make every effort to encourage consistent and on-time attendance at school. Did you know if your child is tardy **or** leaves school early, it will show on their attendance record? Please make appointments outside of school hours whenever possible. **Make sure you call the school office at 253-298-4200 if your student is absent for any reason.** You may leave a message if you need to call before or after school hours.



## Stay Connected

Stay on top of what is happening in our school district and with your child at school. Go to [www.fpschools.org/connect](http://www.fpschools.org/connect) to find easy access to bus information such as bus routes and bus bulletin, Peachjar for newsletters and other information, Flash Alert for weather announcements, Skyward Family Access, and other important information.



## Volunteers



If you would like to spend time in your child's classroom for any reason or attend field trips, you must be cleared as a volunteer. All previously approved volunteer applications expired July 31<sup>st</sup> and must be renewed before participating in any volunteer capacity at James Sales. You will find the online application for volunteers on the [fpschools.org](http://fpschools.org) website. Click on 'Volunteers' and follow the directions. You will receive an email when you are cleared. It can take up to two weeks to process the application. Please don't wait until just before your student has a field trip to submit your application! All volunteer clearances will expire July 31, 2019 for the 2018-19 school year.

## Our Goals for 2018-2019

Are your students on target for meeting the attendance and behavior goals at James Sales?



- **Attendance** – This year's goal is to have nine or fewer tardies and/or absences. At the end of each trimester, all students who have missed less than nine days or have had less than nine tardies, will receive a reward. At the end of the school year, the PTO will sponsor a reward for all students who have met the attendance goal for the year.
- **Behavior** - Students with zero write-ups at the end of each trimester receive a reward. At the end of the year, Students with zero write-ups will also go on a PTO sponsored field trip.

## PTO News

Thank you for your participation in the school fundraiser! We raised \$5004.00! This money will be used to purchase needed items for classrooms and to support family activity nights.

The Box Tops winners for November were Mrs. Stover's class with 154 box tops and Ms. Paczkowski's class with 341 box tops.

Please download and use the Shoparoo app. We earned \$162.08 last year from parents scanning their receipts with the Shoparoo app!

We alternate Popcorn Friday and Treat Friday. If your student would like to purchase popcorn or a treat, please send 50 cents – exact change – to school with your student. Money must be turned into the teacher first thing in the morning for the PTO to fill the classroom orders. This means that students who are tardy will not be able to turn their money in on time and receive their popcorn or treat.

You can contact the PTO board by email - [PTOJamesSales@gmail.com](mailto:PTOJamesSales@gmail.com) or Facebook message. Search @jamesaleselementarypto to follow on Facebook.



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# DECEMBER

## James Sales Elementary December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 RED - D	4 BLUE - A  Imagine Learning	5 GREEN - B  1:55 Early Release	6 RED - C  Imagine Learning	7 BLUE - D <i>Report Cards Go Home Awards Assembly</i> K-1-3 2:00 2-4-5 2:40	8
Custodian Appreciation December 3-7						
9	10 GREEN - A	11 RED - B	12 BLUE - C   1:55 Early Release	13 GREEN - D   Family Art Night 4:30-6	14 RED - A 	15
16	17 BLUE - B 	18 GREEN - C  Full Day of School Bikes 4 Books Assembly	19  First Day of Winter Break	20  	21  	22
23 	24	25	26	27	28	29 
Winter Break						
30	31 	1  Last Day of Winter Break	2 RED - D  Full Day of School	3 BLUE - A	4 GREEN - B	5