



The Jaguar Journal

November 2018

James Sales Elementary
Brandy Nelson – Principal

Office Hours – 8:15 to 3:45
253-298-4200 / FAX 253-298-4215

Dates to Remember:

November 1	Picture Retake Day
November 2	Student of the Month Assembly K-1-3 2:00 2-4-5 2:40
November 4	Daylight Savings Time ends
November 7	Early Release – 1:55
November 7	Family Math Night – 4:30-6
November 8	Veteran’s Day Program 2:30 and 5:00 4 th and 5 th Grades will perform
November 12	No School – Veteran’s Day
November 13	DDA Info Night @ Midland
November 14	Full Day of School Health Screenings
November 21	Early Release – 12:25
November 22-23	Thanksgiving Holiday
November 26-30	Honor Choir Auditions – 4 th and 5 th grades
November 28	Early Release – 11:55 End of First Trimester
November 29	Behavior Reward
November 30	Attendance Reward

A Message from our Principal

Hello Families!

Happy November. Each week we focus on one character trait as a school. Classrooms discuss the meaning, thought, and question related to this word. Each month I will be posting the words we focus on so that you can review these as a family with your child. Here are the four character traits we focused on in October:

Empathy- We show empathy by trying to understand how someone else is feeling. When you notice that someone is sad, scared, angry, or worried, you are showing empathy! Once you know how someone is feeling, you can try to



help them or be extra kind to them. Empathy is a great way to show others you care!

Friendship- Being friendly means welcoming new classmates, treating others with respect, and reaching out to others who are lonely. Friends are a great resource to help you too. They will encourage and support you in good times and in bad, through success and failure. Being a good friend takes effort and kindness so try your best to be friendly today!

Helpfulness- There are many ways to be helpful to others. You can help get a tough job done, help someone learn new skills, or help someone feel better when they are upset. If you are helping someone, you are showing them respect and kindness. It’s okay to ask for help as well – we all need others to help us reach our goals.

Courage- Courage is doing something even when it frightens, scares, or worries you. Courageous people stand up for their own beliefs and people who need help. When you are courageous, you take risks and do hard things. Be courageous by setting challenging goals for your future!

As a school, we just set reading, math, behavior and attendance goals and shared them with our school board. Below are our goals:

ELA: To increase the number of students reading at grade level.

Math: To increase the number of students meeting the proficient level on math assessments.

Behavior: To reduce the number of write-ups.

Attendance: To increase the number of students who meet our attendance goal of 9 or fewer absences and/or tardies for the year.

I am thankful for you, the family, for being such a huge part of your child’s education! We couldn’t do what we do without your support and assistance. Thank you for all your help and support with your child.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. It is truly an honor to be working with you!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nelson, Principal

Music Notes

The 4th and 5th grades will perform in honor of our veterans on Thursday, November 8th at 2:30 for the whole school and at 5:00 for all community members. Plan to bring the family. We invite all veterans to wear their uniforms to be recognized at this special concert. Participation from all 4th and 5th graders is highly encouraged. Performing is a large part of learning, and all students should be present to have the experience and to encourage each other. Please contact Mr. Delgado if your student will NOT be attending the after-school performance.



4th and 5th grade students are invited to audition for the 2018-19 Elementary Honor Choir. Each elementary school will select 8-12 students to rehearse from January through March for a performance at Trinity Lutheran Church on March 14 at 7:30. Please pick up an audition form from Mr. Delgado and return it by November 9th. Auditions will be held during the week of November 26-30.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is overflowing with student's belongings. Please check to see if your student is missing a jacket or other items. You will find our lost and found bin just inside the front doors. Remember to label your student's belongings with their names. We will be able to return them to the proper owner more easily! We will donate all unclaimed items during the Winter break.



Thanksgiving Vacation

School will dismiss at 12:25 on Wednesday, November 21 with no school on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23. We are thankful to work with the wonderful students and families of James Sales Elementary school. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Drop-off Reminder

As students are dropped off in the morning, please make sure to use the drop-off circle. Mr. Watkins is there to help all students exit vehicles. We want all our students to be safe!

Students of the Month

September's Students of the Month were honored at an assembly October 4th. *These students were selected by their teachers for showing responsibility, respect, caring, and safe behavior:*

Amiya H., Bennett H., Ethan G., Thania S., Aubree H., Tanner W., Jasmine W., Melody M., Serenity V., Monica O., Maila F., Sofia T., Moana T., Zoey K., Edgar A., David N., Jackson S., Malachi W., Arylen M., Omar A., Kayla K., Jacob R., Mila V., Susana N., Ashley G., Jordyn G., Danika H., and Azarae D.



The following students exemplified the 'Virtue of the Month' – Self Control:

Porter S., Emiliana N., Iris J., Daniel C., Dakota I., Riot K., Blake B., Stephanie R., Eleanor S., Maximus W., Lily S., David N., Isaac H., Covin John M., Marc R., Abigail W., Kara P., Zane R., Rose C., Apollyon H., Genesis A., Ariana R., Scarlett C., Kayden S., Sandra M., Apaula M., William W., Ryun P., and Mitchell R.

Appreciation Week

November 12-16 – Substitute Employees

Be sure to thank a sub for their hard work in keeping our school running when our staff members are out sick or at training meetings.



Text Message Emergency Notification

If you have a cell phone number in our Skyward system, you can opt-in to receive text message emergency notifications by texting "yes" to 67587. Messaging will be reserved for emergency situations only including safety and security information, school closures, and unique schedule changes.

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.



Information Night

Come to an information night to learn about the Developmental Disabilities Administration and apply for their services. You will learn about the systems and supports for children and young adults with disabilities and fill out eligibility paperwork to see if your child will qualify for services. Please bring proof of diagnosis and a copy of an IEP/Eval if you have them.



Childcare by high school students and pizza will be provided. The event will be held on Tuesday, November 13th at Midland Elementary School, 2300 105th St E, Tacoma 98444 from 5-8 pm.

For more information and to reserve your spot in the class contact Terry Dosser – tdosser@fpschools.org – 253-298-3025.

From the Health Room

When to keep your child home from school:

Fever: Temperature over 100 degrees. Keep home until fever free for 24 hours.

Eyes: Any green or yellow drainage.

Ears: Any drainage or significant ear pain.

Throat: Severe or persistent pain, difficulty swallowing, loss of voice, white spots on back of throat.

Mouth: Significant dental pain or infection.

Chest: Deep or constant cough.

Skin: New, undiagnosed rash.

Abdomen: Vomiting or diarrhea. Keep home until symptom free for 24 hours.



If your child returns to school with a lingering cough or nasal congestion, send him or her with tissues and advise to drink extra fluids. Please remember that over the counter

medicine cannot be brought to school unless a doctor's note is provided. Also, understand that all children must go outside for recess when they return. We do not have an area for students to be supervised inside. Thank you for dressing your children for the weather.

Health Room – 253-298-4223

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 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.

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: November 14, 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.

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 31st 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 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

The PTO board would like to thank the volunteers who helped in the book fair and continue to help with popcorn Fridays. Thank you Tonnika, David, Annabel, Nathan, and Tonya!

The Box Tops winner for September for grades K, 1, 3 was Mrs. Callaghan's class with 52 box tops turned in! The winner for grades 2, 4, 5 was Mrs. Gillon's class with 92 box tops turned in!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our catalog sale fundraiser. The money we raised benefits ALL students at James Sales.

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.

You can contact the PTO board by email - PTOJamesSales@gmail.com or Facebook message. Search @jamesaleselementarypto to follow on Facebook.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 GREEN - A School Picture Retake Day Big Buddies	2 RED - B Awards Assembly K-1-3 2:00 2-4-5 2:40	3
4 Daylight Saving Time Ends!	5 BLUE - C	6 GREEN - D Big Buddies	7 RED - A 1:55 Early Release Family Math Night 4:30-6 	8 BLUE - B Veteran's Day Assembly 2:30 and 5 PM 4 th and 5 th Grades Big Buddies	9 GREEN - C	10
11 <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;">Substitute Appreciation November 12-16</div>	12 No School Veteran's Day Observed	13 RED - D Big Buddies DDA Night at Midland - 5-8 pm	14 BLUE - A Full Day of School Health Screenings	15 GREEN - B Big Buddies	16 RED - C	17
18	19 BLUE - D	20 GREEN - A LENS Project Performance 4 th Grade 5-6 PM	21 RED - B 12:25 Early Release	22 No School Thanksgiving 	23 No School	24
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