



# The Jaguar Journal

October 2018

James Sales Elementary  
Brandy Nelson – Principal

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

## Dates to Remember:

- Sept. 28, Oct. 1-4 Book Fair – Before and after school
- October 1-4 Student Led Conferences  
**Early Release – 11:55**
- October 5 No School
- October 10 Early Release – 1:55
- October 17 Early Release – 1:55
- October 24 Early Release – 1:55
- October 31 Early Release – 1:55
- November 1 Picture Retake Day

## A Message from our Principal

Dear James Sales Families,

What a great start to the year! We have completed our beginning-of-the-year testing. Teachers and students are working hard on developing skills students will need to be successful as adults.

Please remember to:

- Keep in contact with your child’s teacher
- Ask the teacher if you are unsure about something
- Check your child’s backpack daily as important information and homework may be found in there
- Help your child be on time to school. Students need 10-11 hours of sleep each night.
- Have your child at school every day, on time, all day!



We look forward to working with you this year. Thank you for your support as we all work together to ensure your child is successful.

Sincerely,

Brandy Nelson, Principal

## Fall Weather Is Here!



We are enjoying our beautiful Fall weather which means that mornings can be cooler. Please take a moment to label outer-wear with a permanent marker in case it is misplaced. We do go outside on rainy days unless it is a real down-pour!

## Library News



Coming soon!!!

## The Enchanted Forest Book Fair

The Enchanted Forest Book Fair begins the Friday before conference week, September 28<sup>th</sup> and runs through October 4<sup>th</sup>. The book fair helps to put books on our library shelves and into the hands of your children. Take a minute or so to come check it out!

We are also looking for volunteers to help run the fair during the day and also Monday evening. Please be aware that you must be cleared to volunteer in order to help at the book fair. Contact Mrs. Bruce if you can volunteer – [jbruce@fpschools.org](mailto:jbruce@fpschools.org). All volunteers receive a discount! Let your imagination grow!

Book fair hours are:

- September 28 – 8:15-8:45 and 3:40-4
- October 1 – 8:15-8:45 and 12-5
- October 2 & 3 – 8:15-8:45 and 12-4
- October 4 – 8:15-8:45 and 12-12:30

## Student Led Conferences

Parents should have a conference appointment from your child’s teacher already. If you have not sent in your appointment slip to confirm your appointment, please do so as soon as possible. **Remember, all students will be dismissed early at 11:55 each day of conferences.**

Sack lunches will be served and busses will run 3.5 hours earlier than a regular dismissal day. Please make arrangements ahead of time for any daycare needs.



## 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 need to 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.

## Attendance

We at James Sales 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 if your student is absent for any reason. Our attendance desk number is 253-298-4200. You may leave a voice message if you need to call before or after school hours.



## From the Health Room

Our younger students still do have accidents at times. Please make sure your child has an extra set of clothes in his/her backpack. Remind your child to ask to use the bathroom as soon as they need to go. "If you wait, it may be too late!"



Remind your child that thorough hand washing helps keep you healthy. Teach them to wet their hands, lather up with soap, rinse thoroughly, and dry them everytime they use the bathroom, eat, or just get messy!

The beginning of the school year has hit our Jaguars hard with different kinds of illnesses. Please remember that your child cannot return to school until he/she has been fever-free/not vomiting for at least 24 hours.

## 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: October 17, 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.

## iPad Insurance

All students at James Sales use an iPad for many learning activities and testing. Because an iPad is an expensive piece of technology, we have an insurance policy that will cover damages and losses. Please make sure each student's iPad is covered by submitting the iPad insurance form and \$20.00 to the office right away. Most grades are using their iPads daily now.



## Appreciation Week

October 15-19 – Nutrition Service Staff  
October 22-26 – Transportation Staff

Thanks to Mrs. Kimball, Ms. St. Clair, and Mrs. Laughon our kitchen workers, who work hard to keep our students well-fed and happy.



We also appreciate our bus drivers, Gracie Espinoza (#10), Rudy Jones (#14), Agnes White (#23), Denise Reno (#35), Rick Thompson (#19), Nancy Koski (#78), and Eddie Brinson (#81), who transport our students safely to and from school each day.

## Family Access



Interactive Skyward Family Access features are open and ready for primary

guardians to review, update, and/or request changes to the following information:

- Student Information
- Family Information
- Emergency Contact Information
- Military Active Duty Status
- CEP Grant Survey

We ask that a primary guardian log into Family Access and complete the information update for each student prior to the first day of school. The system will remain open until mid-October. Please use this link to log into Skyward Family Access: <https://www2.franklinpierce.wa.k12.net/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=wfrankls71/seplog01.w>

To learn more about *Family Access*, watch the instructional videos on our district website under *For Parents – Skyward Family Access* [http://fpschools.org/for\\_parents/skyward\\_family\\_access](http://fpschools.org/for_parents/skyward_family_access)

For assistance with logging in for the first time or to retrieve your username/password, please view our tutorial video, *Logging In for First Time Users*. Other videos include *Introduction to the Family Access Home Screen*, *Viewing Attendance*, *Viewing Student Info & Contacts*, *Viewing Food Service & Meal Info*, and *Viewing Class Schedules*. New videos about the *Annual Student Information Update* are also available.

If you need help gaining access to a computer, try the Pierce County Library, visit your school, or come to the district office.

## End of the Day Changes

Any changes in your child's end of the day procedure **MUST** be received in the office at least half an hour

before the end of the school day. (2:55 on a regular day, 1:25

on an early dismissal day). Sending a note to school with your child will help us to receive the information in plenty of time to make the change.



## 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 Catalog Fundraiser runs October 8-22. Please look for fundraiser packets to be sent home with students soon.

We alternate Popcorn Friday and Treat Friday. If your student would like to purchase popcorn or a treat, please send 50 cents – exact change – 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.

Thank you to everyone who has supported PTO through their memberships this year! It is not too late to join. Membership slips can be found on the PTO bulletin board above the lost and found as you enter the school.

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

Please remember to collect Box Tops, Coke Rewards, and Labels for Education. Download the Shoparoo app on your phone and help us raise funds for our school by taking a picture of your receipts every time you shop.

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# October

## James Sales Elementary October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 BLUE - C  Student Led Conferences 11:55 Early Release	2 GREEN - D  Student Led Conferences 11:55 Early Release	3 RED - A  Student Led Conferences 11:55 Early Release	4 BLUE - B Awards Assembly Student Led Conferences 11:55 Early Release	5  NO SCHOOL 	6
7	Nutrition Services Appreciation October 8-12		10 BLUE - A  1:55 Early Release	11 GREEN - B	12 RED - C	13
14	Transportation Appreciation October 15-19		17 RED - B  1:55 Early Release	18 BLUE - C	19 GREEN - D	20
21	22 RED - A	23 BLUE - B	24 GREEN - C  1:55 Early Release	25 RED - D	26 BLUE - A	27
28	29 GREEN - B	30 RED - C	31 BLUE - D 1:55 Early Release 	1 GREEN - A Picture Retake Day 	Picture retakes are for anyone who missed original picture day (absent or new student) or for anyone dissatisfied with their original photos. The complete original package must be returned on Nov. 1.	