

The Jaguar Journal

January 2019

James Sales Elementary
Brandy Nelson – Principal

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

Dates to Remember:

January 1	No School – Happy New Year!
January 2	First day back at school – Full Day of School
January 9	Early Release – 1:55
January 16	Early Release – 1:55
January 21	No School – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 23	Full Day of School
January 11	MLK/Winter Music Assembly 2 nd - 3 rd grades-2:30 & 5:00
January 28	No School – Teacher Development
January 30	Full Day of School

A Message from our Principal

Hello James Sales families,

Happy New Year! 2019 is going to be a great year. We will be hitting the road running as soon as we return. We will be busy benchmark testing all students in the school. We will conduct our Winter reading and math fluency assessments. Students have been working incredibly hard at school on reading fluency and comprehension along with daily practice on math fact fluency. As 2019 begins, we greatly appreciate your continued support with reading and practicing math facts at home each night with your child. This will help them continue to progress throughout the school year.



The character traits we focused on as a school in December are listed here so you can review them as a family with your child:



Resiliency – Being resilient means you can bounce back when times are tough. When mistakes and problems come up,

resilient people try again, figure out new ways to solve problems and keep moving forward. Resilient people overcome challenges to be successful.

Self-Confidence – Believing in yourself means you have self-confidence. When you are confident, you have the courage to ask questions and share your thoughts and ideas. You speak up when you see a

solution to a problem. You are proud of the things you can do well and believe you can always learn more!

Thank you for all your help, support and collaboration in educating your child. We love working with you!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nelson, Principal

Music Notes

Our 2nd and 3rd graders are busy preparing for the Winter program honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. They will perform on Thursday, January 24 at 2:30 and at 5:00.



The Franklin Pierce Elementary Honor Choir was selected from students throughout the district. James Sales students selected for the Honor Choir are Audrey H., Angelica C., Ray B., Mitchell R., Olivia C., Jorja P., Amya E., Adrian M., Imani H., Alexia S., Demarko S., Landon B., Paige W., Jilly R., and Raphael A. Rehearsals begin on January 8th. They will perform on March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church near PLU.

Students of the Month

November's **Students of the Month** were honored at an assembly December 7th. *These students were selected by their teachers for showing responsibility, respect, caring, and safe behavior.* Kaitlynn F., Raymond D., Esaias S., Shaniah M., Neal A., Maria W., Kasen K., Maryaniya M., Leland W., Lana F., Brianna D., Allison D., Ayvah V., Charlie J., Anabelle G., May-C W., Kara P., Zane R., Lance J., Asia F., Katie D., Abel V., Alliyah M., David I., Lillian P., Imani H., Mekhi J., and Michelle J.



The following students exemplified the 'Virtue of the Month – Leadership.

Harry B., Ethan G., Iris J., Addilynn H., Tristan J., Luke J., Kevin S., Kaleb H., Kendric H., Ladrakier C., Ahlyzah S., Gianna F., David N., Riley N., Abi B., Madison C., William G., Maya F., Lezley L., Mila v., Jaiciana B., Christopher R., Ray B., and Audrey H.

Appreciation Week

January is School Board Recognition Month! We would like to thank our school board members who serve as volunteers on behalf of the students in the Franklin Pierce School District. We appreciate Ms. Melanie Morgan, Ms. Rebecca Gallogly, Mr. Mark Baumgarten, Mrs. Mary Sherman, and Mr. Cole Roberts for all of their hard work to make our schools the best they can be. Please join us in giving them a big THANK YOU!!!



Yearbooks

You may begin ordering James Sales 2018-19 yearbooks! Go to 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

We have noticed a lot of sickness at James Sales. Please check with your child before sending them to school in the morning to see how they are feeling. Remember, if your child has a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, they must stay home for 24 hours after the last symptoms. Thorough hand washing is important to help stop the spread of germs. Please help your child learn proper hand washing procedures, and don't forget your flu shots!



Health Room – 253-298-4233

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.



Update Records

Have you moved? Do you have a new phone number? We cannot emphasize enough how important it is that we are able to contact you in any type of emergency involving your child. Please call our office at 253-298-4200 or send us a note with your most up-to-date address and phone information.

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 can send 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 your current phone number.

- Local Media – Look for **Franklin Pierce Schools** not Tacoma Schools
- FPS Facebook and Twitter
- Flash Alert Notification – <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!

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.

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

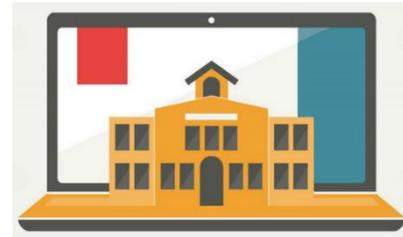
Are your students on target for meeting the attendance and behavior goals at James Sales?

- **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.



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.



PTO News

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Fall fundraiser. Your support was amazing! We want to recognize our top sellers:

- Most Items Sold by an Individual or Family
 1. Quentin and Ronan G. – Callaghan and Siebert
 2. Ryun P. – Powell
 3. Stella C. – Paczkowski
- Ms. Paczkowski's class had the most student participate in the fundraiser and will enjoy a PTO sponsored popcorn party.
- Carter B. from Mrs. Gillon's class is the winner of the Amazon tech drawing.

The Box Tops winners

for November were Ms. Isaacson's class with 95 box tops and Mrs. Gillon's class with 170 box tops!

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 or Facebook message. Search @jamesaleselementarypto to follow on Facebook.



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JANUARY

James Sales Elementary January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
		1 No School Last Day of Winter Break	2 RED - D Full Day of School	3 BLUE - A	4 GREEN - B	5		
6	7 RED - C	8 BLUE - D	9 GREEN - A 1:55 Early Release	10 RED - B	11 BLUE - C	12		
13	14 GREEN - D	15 RED - A Imagine Learning	16 BLUE - B 1:55 Early Release	17 GREEN - C Imagine Learning	18 RED - D	19		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #ADD8E6; padding: 5px;"> January is School Board Recognition Month! </div>		20	21 No School Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	22 BLUE - A Imagine Learning	23 GREEN - B Full Day of School	24 RED - C Imagine Learning	25 BLUE - D	26
27	28 No School PRAD Day	29 GREEN - A Imagine Learning	30 RED - B Full Day of School	31 BLUE - C Imagine Learning	Winter / MLK Assembly 2:30 and 5:00 			