

The Jaguar Journal

February 2018

James Sales Elementary
Brandy Nelson – Principal

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

Dates to Remember:

- February 2 Student of the Month Assembly
K-1-3 2:00 2-4-5 2:40
- February 7 **Early Release – 1:55**
- February 9 PTO General Meeting – 3:45
- February 14 **Early Release – 1:55**
Valentine’s Day
- February 19 President’s Day – No School
- February 20-23 Mid-Winter Break – No School
- February 24 Yearbook order deadline for reduced price - \$12
- February 28 **Early Release – 1:55**
- February 26-March 2 Read Across America

A Message from our Principal

Hello James Sales families,

We are excited for the start of the 2018 school year. Your students came back to school eager to continue learning. The teachers work hard daily with your children in class practicing reading

strategies and introducing new math skills. Please join us in the teaching of your child by reading at home for 15-20 minutes and practicing math flashcards with your child nightly. Together we can all make a difference in the lives of your children.

Thanks for bundling up your little ones for recess. Remember, we try our best to have outdoor recess every day so your kids can run and play. We appreciate you dressing your children for the weather – sun, rain, or cold! Also, please take some time to discuss recess expectations with your child. We are working hard with students to remind them to keep their hands to themselves and to use kind words. Your help and support with this is appreciated.

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

Motivation – Motivation is the drive that helps you get things done. When you set a goal, and work hard to reach it, you are motivated. You can even motivate others by encouraging them to reach their goals. You can succeed in college and beyond if you are motivated to do hard things!



Grit – A person with grit works hard and sticks with things even when things are tough. They take on new challenges, make mistakes and learn from them. Show your grit as you do hard things and stick with them until they are accomplished!

Growth mindset – If you have a growth mindset, you believe you can learn to do things that are difficult for you. You believe in your ability to change, try things that are hard and become good at something that was once really tough for you. When you have a growth mindset, you look at challenges as chances to grow and learn!

Effort – Putting your best effort into all you do means you try your best and give 100 percent. Whether you are playing a sport or learning something new in the classroom, you are putting all your energy into doing the best you can. Show effort by trying as hard as you can to reach your goals.



Understanding – Being understanding of others means you watch, hear, think, reflect and ask questions so that you really know what people are telling you. Listen with your heart so you don’t miss anything. When you are confused, keep asking questions until things are clear. Show understanding to others by forgiving when they make mistakes and being respectful of them when you disagree.

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

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nelson, Principal

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.

Employee Appreciation



One of the great things about public schools is that we welcome every child with open arms. As you know, some children face unique challenges. James Sales is

fortunate to have an outstanding team of professionals to support the special learning needs of all our students. During the week of February 5-9, we recognize and honor Serena Mickelson, Speech Pathologist; Kelly Glick, Psychologist; Susi Esson, OT; Lori Odagiri, PT; Sharika Callaway, Counselor; and Jennifer Parsons, Social Worker. These professionals do an outstanding job supporting the needs of James Sales students. Please give them a big "Thank You" when you see them during this week!

Please Vote!

The voting public will have the opportunity to cast their ballots on February 13th in a special election that will include four-year renewals of our Educational Programs and Operations Levy and our Technology Capital Levy. Prop. 1 and Prop. 2 will renew expiring levies. They are not a new tax or a tax increase. These levies support:



- ✓ Maintaining smaller class sizes
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Text books and other instructional materials
- ✓ School safety and security
- ✓ Performing and visual arts
- ✓ Technology maintenance and new equipment
- ✓ Athletic programs
- ✓ Programs for students with special needs.

The total cost to property owners will decrease over the next four years. The passage of both measures is extremely important to continue the great programs we provide to our students. Please make sure to mark your ballot and mail it by February 13th!

Yearbooks

You may order James Sales 2017-18 full-color yearbooks! Go to YBPay.lifetouch.com and use the



Yearbook

following Yearbook ID Code: 1794318. The early-bird yearbook price is \$12.00 per book if ordered by February 24, 2018. After that date, the price increases to \$15.00.

Did You Know?

Each day we announce which classes had perfect attendance and no tardies the day before. Help your child help his or her class achieve this goal by being at school and arriving on time! Students are tardy if they are not in their seats by 8:55.

Attention 3rd and 4th Grade Parents!

It is time to refer 3rd and 4th grade students for the 2017-18 Highly Capable Student Program.

Do you have a student who:

- Learns easily and quickly
- Thinks up unusual ways to solve hard problems
- Has a clever sense of humor
- Dislikes doing the same thing over and over
- Thinks logically and wants things to make sense
- Is open to new ideas
- Is persistent and wants to keep trying with difficult tasks

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above questions, please refer your student to test for the Highly Capable Student Program. Pick up a Project Excel Program referral packet in your school's office today. **Return completed referral packet by 4:00 p.m., March 9, 2018 to:**

Teaching and Learning
c/o Annette Burnett
Franklin Pierce Schools
315 129th Street South
Tacoma, WA 98444

Registrations will not be accepted after the deadline.

Please be aware that students who live within the district boundaries will receive first consideration. Out-of-district students who attend Franklin Pierce Schools must be granted another year's release and will be placed in the program after all qualifying in-district students have been served.

If you have any questions, please contact Annette Burnett by phone at 253-298-3062 or by email at aburnett@fpschools.org.

Music Notes

The Franklin Pierce Schools Honor Choir was selected from students throughout the district. James Sales students selected for the Honor Choir are Ray B., Maximus T., Florence T., Sasha L., Aaryah W., Mekhi J., Cristobal R., Mitchell R., and Pakeleikia S. They will perform on March 24 at the Trinity Lutheran Church near PLU.



From the Health Room



**REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK**

Head Lice is very common in the school setting and can become a big problem fast. Be vigilant! **Check your child's head once a week** for nits or bugs even if they have never had it before. The sooner you find it and treat it, the easier and more effective that treatment will be. The longer lice go undiscovered on a child's head, the more eggs they lay, and the more offspring they produce. This makes them even more difficult to get rid of! Remind your students not to share coats, hats, brushes, or hair accessories such as head bands or barrettes. If you child has long hair, always keep it braided or tied back so that it can't touch another student's hair as they work or play together. Remember to treat the entire house and household if your child has head lice.

Health Room – 253-298-4233

Read Across America

February 26 to March 2 is our Read Across America celebration in honor of the beloved author, Dr. Seuss. Students are encouraged to participate in as many theme-related activities as they would like. Watch for more information that may come home from your child's teacher for additional activities for their classroom. See our calendar for the schedule of events for the week.



iPad Corner

To enable your student to access the internet at home on their iPad, follow these steps:



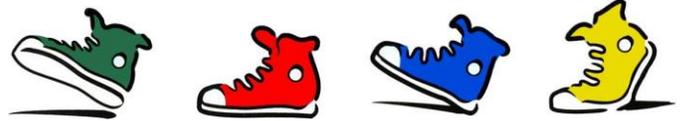
1. Connect to home wifi
 2. Open Safari
 3. When prompted, put in the following username and password:
USERNAME: jamesales
PASSWORD: student2016
- Now your student should be able to access the internet as well as

use apps that require the internet.

Just a reminder! Students are not able to take AR tests at home on their iPads.

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.

Walking Club



For our second recess each day, James Sales students now participate in our walking club. All students walk laps on the track around the playground. Students earn different rewards for each level of laps they accomplish. Students who walk 100 laps by the end of the year will be entered into a drawing for a new pair of shoes!

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.

“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 will send a recorded message to you. 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** in the news, not Tacoma Schools
- Radio – AM and FM Stations
- Internet – <http://www.flashalert.net/news.html?id=4380>
- Phone – 253-298-4200

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



Questions About Busses?

Call Transportation –
253-298-3865



Bikes for Books



During the month of November, as students read and took AR tests, they earned tickets for a drawing. Each ticket was a chance to win a new bicycle. At the end of the month,

three student names were drawn from all of the tickets collected and they were each presented with a bike and a gift card for a new bike helmet. The lucky recipients were Lusion W. – 3rd Grade, Susanna N. – 3rd Grade, and Cadence G. – 5th Grade.

The bikes were provided by the Grand Lodge of F&A Masons of Washington through their 'Bikes for Books' program. Mr. Kyle Foster, a representative of the local Masonic lodge and a teacher in the Franklin Pierce School District was instrumental in bringing this motivational program to James Sales. Many thanks to the Masonic Lodge and Mr. Foster and congratulations to the winners!

Stay Connected

Stay on top of what is happening in our school district and with your child at school.

District and School websites: www.fpschools.org

Skyward Family Access: Access, view, and manage class schedules, student attendance, school meal menus, and more.

www.fpschool.org/familyaccess

Peachjar: Receive emails containing school and community flyers.

www.fpschools.org/peachjar

Bus Bulletin: Opt-in to receive

messages alerting you if your child's bus will be delayed. www.fpschools.org/busbulletin

Flash Alert: Receive phone calls and emails to alert you of important inclement weather announcements about your child's school and/or the district.

www.fpschools.org/flashalert

Twitter: Follow our Twitter account to receive Tweets informing you of important, up-to-the-minute district announcements. @FPSPD402

Facebook: Like Franklin Pierce Schools on Facebook to stay informed of student, staff, school, and district accomplishments, as well as upcoming events.

P.E.

Please make sure your student wears tennis shoes or some sort of athletic footwear on their P.E. day to avoid twisted ankles and other injuries!



Our Goals for 2017-2018

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 field trip 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.



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 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 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, 2018 for the 2017-18 school year.



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: February 7, March 14, and April 18. to request an appointment call the Early Learning Center Child Find hotline at 253-298-4658.

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.

PTO News

Please join us for a PTO General Meeting on February 9 at 3:45. All are welcome to attend. PTO members will be eligible to vote.

Our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser will begin in March! Please look in student's backpacks for flyers.

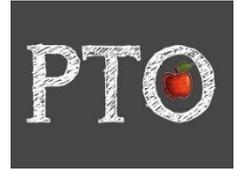
Campbell's has ended their Label's for Education program. We have submitted all labels that have been turned in. PLEASE NOTE- This is NOT the BoxTops program. **We continue to count and submit BoxTops so please continue to send them to school!**

Since December was a short school month, we are combining December with January for the winners of the Traveling BoxTops Trophies.

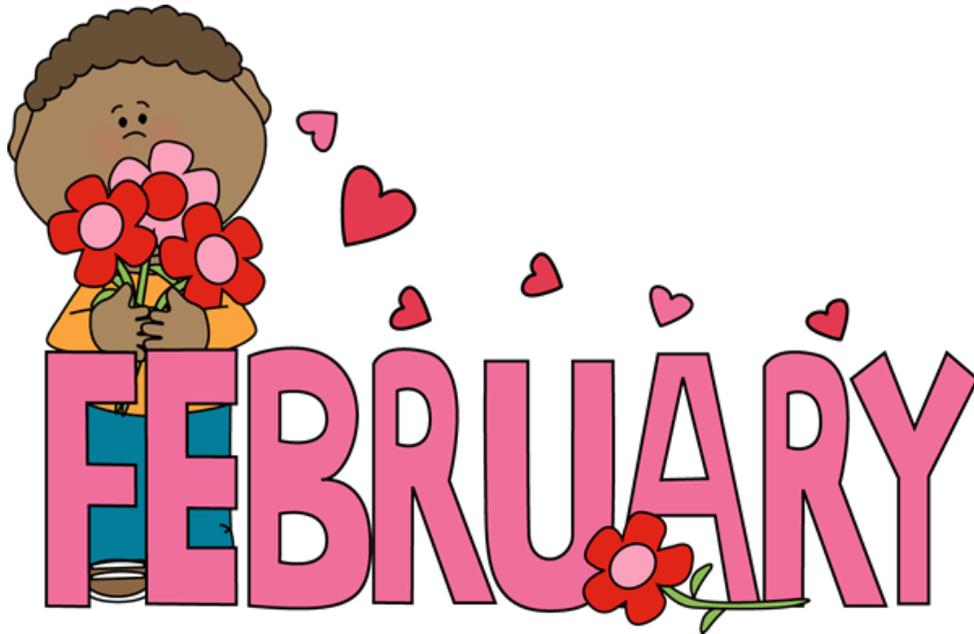
Please download and use the Shoparoo app. We earned \$162.08 last year from parents scanning their receipts with the Shoparoo app!

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



Franklin Pierce Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Questions and complaints of alleged discrimination should be directed to Dr. Shaun Carey, Compliance Coordinator for State and Civil Rights Laws; Wendy Malich, Title IX Officer; or William Rasplica, 504/ADA Coordinator at 315 129th ST S, Tacoma, WA 98444-5099 or at (253)298-3000.



James Sales Elementary February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 BLUE - C	2 GREEN - D Student of the Month Assembly K-1-3 2:00 2-4-5 2:40	3
4	5 RED - A	6 BLUE - B	7 GREEN - C 1:55 Early Release	8 RED - D	9 BLUE - A PTO General Meeting Library - 3:45	10
February 5-9 - Appreciation Week Counselors, Psych, OT, PT, Speech, Social Workers						
11	12 GREEN - B	13 RED - C	14 BLUE - D 1:55 Early Release  Valentine's Day	15 GREEN - A	16 RED - B	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL  PRESIDENT'S DAY	20	21	22	23	24 Deadline for early- bird yearbook online orders
No School - Mid-Winter Break						
25	26 BLUE - C  Red and White Day	27 GREEN - D  Mis-match Day	28 RED - A 1:55 Early Release Foxiest Socks Day 	1 BLUE - B  Hat Day	2 GREEN - C  Pajama Day	