

# The Jaguar Journal

March 2018

James Sales Elementary  
Brandy Nelson – Principal

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

## Dates to Remember:

- March 2 Student of the Month Assembly  
K-1-3 2:00 2-4-5 2:40
- March 7 **Early Release – 1:55**
- March 7-26 Chocolate Fundraiser
- March 9 Class pictures and *optional* individual pictures
- March 9 Highly Capable Student Program referrals due by 4 PM
- March 11 Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 14 **Half Day – 11:55 Dismissal**  
End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester – Report Cards
- March 21 **Full Day of School – No Early Release**
- March 23 Report Cards go home
- March 28 **Early Release – 1:55**

## A Message from our Principal

Hello James Sales families,

Happy March! Over the next six weeks, students will be working hard in class on reading, math, and science as our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students prepare for the state assessment coming up soon. Thank you for taking time to help your child with homework as this reinforces skills and concepts they are learning in class.

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

**Generosity** – When you are generous, you give freely without expecting anything in return. Generous people share with others and give their time to help others. When you are generous, you show others how much you care for them. Show your generosity by sharing kindness with others!

**Patience** – If you are patient, you are good at waiting without complaining. You aren't easily frustrated, and you can stay calm, even when things aren't going your way. Patient people help others by giving them the time they need to learn. You also can be patient with yourself – it takes time to reach important goals!

**Service** – People who serve, help others without expecting anything in return. Serve in your classroom by helping your teacher clean up or volunteer in your home by doing a chore for a family member. Lend a helping hand to a friend or classmate when they are having a problem. You make the world a better place when you serve your community.



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

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Nelson, Principal

## Spring Pictures

March 9<sup>th</sup> is class picture day. All students will receive a complimentary 6x8 class photo this year! You may purchase optional individual pictures. Only students with picture money will be photographed for individual pictures. *Remember that neither the office nor the photographer can make change. Make checks to Quality School Portraits or send the correct amount of cash to school that day in a picture payment envelope. Watch for payment envelopes to come home with your student on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.*



## Employee Appreciation

Please join us in recognizing our hard-working para-educators during the week of March 12-16. We are grateful for our paras and all the help and support they offer to the students at James Sales Elementary; Christa Belcher, Faith Collins, Brittany Buce, Shan Dahlberg, Jared Dust, Beth Gunderson, Linda Heitz, Avery Henley, Christan Hickman, Tatiana Iglesias, Precious Kaikala, Dawn Miskar, Paula Roybal, Michelle Stocking, Marian Ufland, and Carol Yet. Please give them a big "Thank You!" when you see them during this week!



## Students of the Month

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

Allison D., Daniel M., Kaiya L., Timothy C., Destiny J., Isaac H., Viahney E., Timothy S., Kayani G., Cheston I., Kimberly G., Ti'Anna H., King Royal B., Fernando B., Lance J., Alexis V., Vicky F., DeMarko S., Lyneth T., Armani E., Lacey G., Jude G., Christian R., Rafael B., Neveah P., Jason H., Bella R., Jack G., Kaila A., Tayler G., Madilynn W., and Elijah A.



*The following students exemplified the Virtue of the Month – Kindness:*  
Nataiya T., Abel H., Airienna S., Malachi T., Lana F., Edgar A., Leisha M., Iris L., Isabella B., La'Mareon C., Alice H., Riley N., Landyn C., Alexa T., Karla R., Rey R., Apaula M., Cash R., Emely M., Lilly C., Jaciana B., Ariadna G., Sebastian L., Michelle C., Yuriko L., Angelica C., Aidalynn B., Anastasia K., Edwin C., Tony J., Malikai H., and Dojha H.

## Yearbooks

You may order James Sales 2017-18 full-color yearbooks online! Go to [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) and use the following Yearbook ID Code: 1794318. The price for a yearbook is \$15.00.



## From the Health Room

### CLEAN HANDS MEAN A HEALTHIER YOU!

**WHY?** Washing your hands helps keep you from getting sick and spreading disease-causing germs such as colds, flu, and other illness to friends and family.

### WHEN?

- ❖ Before eating
- ❖ After using the bathroom.
- ❖ After coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
- ❖ After playing outside.
- ❖ After touching trash.



### HOW?

1. **Wet** hands first!
2. **Soap** up!
3. **Wash** for 20 seconds (sing Happy Birthday twice). Scrub tops and bottoms of hands and in between fingers.
4. **Rinse** to wash all those germs down the drain.
5. **DRY!** Wet hands pick up more germs than dry hands.
6. Turn off the water with a paper towel.

*Please remind your student to wash hands regularly every day to stay healthy at home and at school.*

**Health Room – 253-298-4233**

## Attention 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents!

It is time to refer 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 2017-18 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

315 129<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Tacoma, WA 98444

**Registrations will not be accepted after the deadline.**

If you have questions, please contact Annette Burnett by phone at 253-298-3062 or by email at [aburnett@fpschools.org](mailto: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 Pakelekia S. They will perform at 7:00 PM on March 24 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 12115 Park Ave S, near PLU.



## 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

## Free Developmental Screening

Children ages 3-5 who reside within the Franklin Pierce School District are eligible for free developmental screening. Screenings take place monthly: March 14, and April 18. to request an appointment call the Early Learning Center Child Find hotline at 253-298-4658.



## 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 during the year 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.

## Attendance



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.

Call the school office if your student is absent for any reason at 253-298-4200. Leave a voice message if you call before or after school hours.

## Volunteers

If you would like to spend time in a classroom for any reason or attend field trips, you must be cleared as a volunteer. 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, 2018 for the 2017-18 school year.



## PTO News

The winner of the K-1-3 Box Tops trophy for January was Ms. Paczkowski's class. They turned in 124 Box Tops! The winner of the 2-4-5 Box Tops trophy was Ms. Van Hess's class with 78 Box Tops. Keep clipping Box Tops and send them to school.



Thank you to everyone who attended our PTO meeting. We enjoyed seeing new as well as familiar faces!

Our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser will run March 7-26! Flyers will come home soon.

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.

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



# James Sales Elementary

## March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid brown; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">           World's Finest Chocolate Sale March 7-26         </div>				1 BLUE - C  Hat Day  Big Buddies	2 GREEN - D  Pajama Day <i>Student of the Month Assembly</i> K-1-3 2:00 2-4-5 2:40	3
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11 Daylight Savings Time Begins 	<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px;">             March 12-16 Employee Appreciation - Paraeducators, Job Coaches, Security Officers, Interpreters           </div>		14 BLUE - D  11:55 Release Half Day End 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester	15 GREEN - A  Big Buddies	16 RED - B	17   Happy St. Patrick's Day!
18	19 BLUE - C	20 GREEN - D  Big Buddies	21 RED - A  Full Day of School	22 BLUE - B  Big Buddies	23 GREEN - C  Report Cards go home	24 Honor Choir Performance
25	26 RED - D	27 BLUE - A	28 GREEN - B  1:55 Early Release Pizza with the Principal	29 RED - C	30 BLUE - D	31  <div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">           Yearbooks are for sale online only!            Go to <a href="http://ybpay.lifetouch.com">ybpay.lifetouch.com</a> to order yours now! Our yearbook ID code is 1794318. The price is \$15.         </div>