



The Jaguar Journal

April 2018

James Sales Elementary
Brandy Nelson – Principal

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

Dates to Remember:

April 2	Kindergarten Registration begins
April 4	Early Release – 1:55 Family Fitness Night – 4:30-6:00
April 6	Student of the Month Assembly K-1-3 2:00 2-4-5 2:40
April 9-13	No School - Spring Break
April 18	Early Release – 1:55 3 rd Grade SBA Testing
April 19	3 rd Grade SBA Testing
April 24	3 rd Grade SBA Testing
April 25	Full Day of School – No Early Release 3 rd Grade SBA Testing
April 27	No School! (Make-up Day)
April 30	2018-19 Teacher requests due

A Message from our Principal

Hello James Sales families,

April is here! Our state test, The Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) is just around the corner. Third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be taking the Smarter Balanced English Language Arts (ELA) and Math Assessments this spring. Third graders will be tested in April on the following dates: April 18th, April 19th, April 24th, and April 25th. Other testing will take place in May and June.

Families can support their students during testing time by:

1. Making sure your child gets a good night sleep the night before testing.
2. Making sure your child attends school on testing day. Avoid scheduling appointments on testing day.

Thank you for your help and support during this important time!



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

Acceptance – Acceptance means being friendly and welcoming to those who are different from you. It means you are willing to learn about and respect the beliefs of practices of others.

When you are accepting, you can get along with many different people. Acceptance can lead to strong friendships and cooperation with others.



Curiosity – Curious people want to learn all they can about the world and people around them. They ask questions, explore and learn new things all the time. If you are curious about someone who is different from you, spend time playing with and learning from them. Your curiosity will help make new friends and discover new information!

Uniqueness – Being unique means there is nothing else like you in the world. People who are unique have their own special way of looking at the world. You are unique when you have confidence in the person you are and the beliefs you hold. Share your uniqueness with others by staying true to yourself.

Honesty – Honesty means telling the truth. Honest people try their hardest to be trustworthy. Being honest means you admit to your mistakes, even if you'll get in trouble. It also means you don't say things about people that aren't true. When you are honest, other people can trust you and that helps build strong relationships.

We do appreciate your help, support and collaboration in educating your child. We love working with you!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nelson, Principal

2018-19 Registration

We are preparing for the 2018-19 school year already! Registration for **new** kindergarten through grade 5 students who live within our attendance boundaries opens April 2nd. A child must be five years of age on or before August 31, 2018 to be eligible to enroll. Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate, complete and up-to-date immunization records, and proof of residency. Come to the main office to pick up or turn in an enrollment packet between 8:30 and 3:15 daily. Current students are automatically enrolled for next year, with the exception of overload students who will return to their home schools for 2018-19.



Teacher Requests



If you would like to request a teacher for the 2018-19 school year for your student, **please put your request in writing** and turn it into the main office **by April 30th**.

Students of the Month

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

Cinthia B., Karissa S., Sophiya M., Eric R., Malia F., Alexxys M., Eryn G., Kassandra O., Nathan L., Jayden P., Juli Anna P., Anabelle G., Covin M., Charnele S., Nakayla F., Ennett C., Senya B., Karla R., Rickey H., Olivia A., Joshua B., Alicia M., Toby R., Amir M., Jordin G., Azarae D., Alyssa W., Danika H., Kira C., Rubi R., Matthew G., Ave N., Florence T.

The following students exemplified the Virtue of the Month – Acceptance:

Kaleb H., Kasen K., Caylin S., Tysaiah R., Micheal W., Leisha M., Trinity H., Andy C., Avianna G., Jayden W., Aisa F., Jonathan N., Guadalupe M., Brooke S., Susana N., Lesley L., Guage F., Lillian P., Dionni A., Akasha B., Paige W., Christopher J., Cheyanne S., Yvette A., Anastasia K., Jack G., Hunter M., Cadence G.



Employee Appreciation

We are grateful for the many volunteers who give of their time to assist in classrooms, raise funds, and organize fun events for our students and families. Make sure you thank a volunteer or two during volunteer appreciation week – April 16-20. Also, please join us in recognizing our hard-working secretary and clerical staff during the week of April 23-27. Mrs. Morrison – Office Manager, Mrs. Kaikala – Office Assistant, and Mrs. Hines – Library Clerk, work closely with staff, students, and families to make their experience here the best possible and keep James Sales running smoothly.



Yearbooks

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



From the Health Room



It is now allergy season. If your child has seasonal allergies, please make sure you give them their allergy medication before they come to school.

Kindergarteners and 1st graders should always keep an extra set of clothing in their backpacks in case of accidents.

Health Room – 253-298-4223

Did You Know?

Our students go outside for recess everyday, rain or shine! Please make sure your child is equipped with appropriate wet weather clothing. It is also a good idea to send your child to school with a change of clothes in their backpack – just in case!



Lost and Found

Please check our lost and found bin in the front entry. It is full of nice jackets. We will donate any unclaimed items during Spring Break.

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. The last screening for this school year is on 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 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 February was Mrs. Shearer's class. They turned in 30 Box Tops! The winner of the 2-4-5 Box Tops trophy was Mrs. Stover's class with 64 Box Tops. Keep clipping Box Tops and send them to school. Each one is worth 5 cents!



Our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser went very well! If you haven't turned in your chocolate money yet, please send it to school with your student as soon as possible. A special thank you to the volunteers that came in early and stayed late to help make the fundraiser run smoothly!

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. Students may each purchase one (1) treat. Money must be turned into the teacher first thing in the morning.

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

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James Sales Elementary April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 GREEN - A	3 RED - B Big Buddies	4 BLUE - C 1:55 Early Release Family Fitness Night 4:30-6	5 GREEN - D Big Buddies	6 RED - A <i>Student of the Month Assembly</i> K-1-3 2:00 2-4-5 2:40	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 BLUE - B April 16-20 Volunteer Appreciation Week	17 GREEN - C Big Buddies	18 RED - D 3 rd Grade SBA Testing 1:55 Release	19 BLUE - A 3 rd Grade SBA Testing Big Buddies	20 GREEN - B	21
22	23 RED - C April 23-27 Secretary and Clerical Appreciation Week	24 BLUE - D 3 rd Grade SBA Testing Big Buddies	25 GREEN - A 3 rd Grade SBA Testing Full Day of School	26 RED - B Big Buddies	27 No School Snow Make-up Day	28
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