

The Jaguar Journal

May 2018

James Sales Elementary
Brandy Nelson – Principal

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

Dates to Remember:

May 2	Early Release – 1:55
May 3	4 th Grade Field Trip
May 4	Student of the Month Assembly K-1-3 2:00 2-4-5 2:40
May 8	4 th & 5 th Grade SBA Test
May 9	Early Release – 1:55 4 th & 5 th Grade SBA Test
May 10	4 th & 5 th Grade SBA Test
May 14	LENS Project Performance 5:00 4 th & 5 th Grades
May 14-18	Jump Rope for Heart week
May 16	Early Release – 1:55 4 th & 5 th Grade SBA Test
May 17	4 th & 5 th Grade SBA Test Book Fair – 3:30-6
May 18	Book Fair – 8:15-4
May 21-24	11:55 Early Dismissal Days Elementary Conferences Book Fair – 8:15-4
May 21	3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Grade SBA Test
May 22	3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Grade SBA Test
May 25 & 28	No School – Memorial Day
May 30	3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Grade SBA Test
May 31	Full Day of School – No Early Release 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Grade SBA Test

A Message from our Principal

Hello James Sales families,

Spring is here and so is testing season! Third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be taking the Smarter Balanced English Language Arts (ELA) and Math Assessments in the coming weeks.

Third graders will continue to test on May 21, 22, 30, 31.

Fourth grade students' test dates are May 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 21, 22, 30, 31.

Fifth graders will test on May 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 21, 22, 30, 31 and will take the science assessment on June 4.

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 April are listed here so you can review them as a family with your child:

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.



Work Ethic – Work ethic is being responsible about completing tasks you are given. Spend a little extra time and energy working hard at everything you do – at school, at home and in your activities.

Perseverance – People who persevere show mental toughness and commitment to finish a job. When you try to do what you said you would do, no matter how hard it may be, you persevere.

Reliability – If you are reliable, it means people can count on you. Reliable people keep their promises to their friends, families, classmates and teachers. The people around them trust them to get things done!

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

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nelson, Principal

2018-19 Registration

Registration for kindergarten and students new to James Sales who live within our attendance boundaries is open now. A child must be five years of age on or before August 31, 2018 to be eligible to enroll in kindergarten. 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 3:00 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.**



Students of the Month

March's Students of the Month were honored at an assembly on April 6th. *These students were selected by their teachers for showing responsibility, respect, caring, and safe behavior:*

Aleeya M., Maximus W., Jaeonna R., Monica O., DeSean B., Eason S., Nicole C., Carlos S., Michael B., Motusaga S., Regan K., Pablo C., Trance G., King S., Ethan H., Cody J., Madison H., Jacob R., Alohi C., Siannnon A., Ashley G., Lilly C., Jacob A., Landan L., Yuriko L., Kaleigh F., Aaryah W., Orion M., Edwin C., Victor L., Maliki H., Aiden P., and Nicole C.



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

Jazlynn I., Anastasia M., Grace B., Temukisa S., Kira M., Moana T., Marc R., Abigail F., Ahlyzah S., Thomas B., Katie A., Tyree R., Demarko S., Andre F., Priscilla A., Jasmine G., Kayla K., Cadin R., Moses M., Michelle G., William W., Akasha B., Michelle C., Ray B., Angelica C., Katie H., Aerin L., Faith V., Aveipepa N., and Renella F.

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.



Clothing Guidelines

These reminders are to help you and your child select clothing that is comfortable, appropriate for warmer weather, and meets school standards. Thank you for your support!

- Crop tops and bare midriffs are not acceptable at school. Tummies must be covered.
- Shorts and skirts are to be at least fingertip length.
- Straps must be at least two inches wide – no spaghetti straps on shirts and dresses.
- Bagging, sagging pants are not allowed. No flip-flop, open toed, or high-heeled shoes. These type of shoes are not appropriate for PE and are difficult during recess activities.

Free Preschool Programs

The Franklin Pierce Head Start/ECEAP preschool program is now taking applications for the 2018-2019 school year.



Head Start/ECEAP are FREE programs serving families with children turning 3 or 4 years old by August 31, 2018. Families must live in the Franklin Pierce School District and staff will assist in determining eligibility. Head Start/ECEAP provides wonderful educational experiences, meals, health services, transportation, and parent involvement opportunities. Interested families may call 253- 298-4675 (option 0) to request an application or go to the Franklin Pierce Early Learning website <http://elc.fpschools.org>

From the Health Room

If your child has been complaining of a stuffy nose, itchy eyes, or headaches, please have them evaluated for seasonal allergies. Pollen counts have been very high. Allergy medication taken before school will help symptoms all day.



Employee Appreciation

We are blessed with the finest teachers around! Our teachers provide James Sales students with a safe environment where they can learn and grow. In addition to the daily responsibilities of running a classroom, our teachers spend countless hours outside of the school day planning and preparing for their students. Please make a special effort to show our teachers how much you appreciate what they do every day!



Brittany Behrer, Kelsey Bidwell, Tyler Bieker, Marietta Brown, Jennifer Bruce, Britney Callaghan, Nicole Dandridge, Maraye Davis, Joseph Delgado,

Hallie Fortt, Katie Gallagher, Carol Gillon, Jennifer Hendershot, Lucyka Hwang, Madeline Isaacson, Alicia McDonell, Katrina Mercado, Cindy Miller, Robyn Paczkowski, Denise Pfeiffer, Susan Plankey, Marina Popkov, Ashley Powell, Allison Shearer, Ronda Siebert, Teri Soholt, Jessica Stewart, Sophia Stover, and Elayna Van Hess.

Our school nurse, *Jessica Churchill*, is an indispensable part of our school. She takes care of all our students' health needs while they are here at school. Make sure you express your appreciation to her for all she does to take care of so many students.

A very BIG and special thank you goes to our principal, *Mrs. Brandy Nelson*. She puts in many hours to make sure our school runs smoothly. When you see her, thank her for all she does for your students!

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

Breakfast for Tardy Students

Students who are late to arrive at school will receive graham crackers and milk for breakfast if they have not already had breakfast.

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.



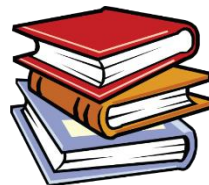
Our Goals for 2017-2018



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.

Return Library Books



The end of the school year is quickly approaching! It is time to look under beds, in closets, and other hiding places for those overdue and lost library books. Students who have overdue books or unpaid library fines will not be able to participate in field trips or field day unless these books are returned or fines paid before these events. Our goal is to have all books turned in so every student can participate in field day. Please help us out! Last day for library book check-out is the week of May 14th. Books must be returned by May 31st or fees will be assessed. Questions? Email Mrs. Bruce – jbruce@fpschools.org or call 253-298-4200.

James Sales Coin Drive

The James Sales Coin Drive helps place books and technology into the hands of our Jaguars. The annual coin drive begins May 7th and runs through May 11th. Each day will feature a different coin. The class with the highest amount of coins that day, will win a prize. If you would like to have a box to place at your workplace, please contact Mrs. Bruce.

jbruce@fpschools.org



Monday: Penny Day
Tuesday: Nickel Day
Wednesday: Dime Day
Thursday: Quarter Day
Friday: Any Coin Day

Book Fair

The Paws for Books Fair begins May 17th and runs through May 24th. The book fair helps put books on the library shelves and in the hands of your children.

Please take a minute to come check it out! Students may purchase books before and after school, as well as during their specialist and recess times. We also need volunteers to help run the book fair during the day. You must be cleared to volunteer at the book fair.



Book Fair Hours:

May 17th - 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Please come celebrate the opening of the Book Fair!

May 18th - 8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

May 21st through 24th - 8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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 March was Mrs. McDonell's class. They turned in 71 Box Tops.

The winner of the 2-4-5 Box Tops trophy was Mrs.

Stover's class again with 90 Box Tops. Keep clipping Box Tops and send them to school. Each one is worth 5 cents!

Our World's Finest Chocolate sale made \$11,800. This money will help pay for field trips for our students this year.

Ms. Mercado's class won a 5-pound chocolate bar for having the most students participating in the sale.

The following top selling students received a 1-pound chocolate bar: 5th place - Nataiya from Brown's class sold 10 boxes, 4th place - Kaylee from Brown's class sold 11 boxes, 3rd place - Paige from Dandridge's class sold 14 boxes, 2nd place - Abrielle from Stover's class sold 21 boxes. The 1st place student, DeMarko from Callaghan's class sold 32 boxes and won a \$100 Family Experience. The winner of the all-school drawing for an Amazon Fire Tablet was Ronan from Brown's class.

Thanks to all who participated in this very successful fundraiser!

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 GREEN - D Big Buddies	2 RED - A 1:55 Early Release	3 BLUE - B 4 th Grade Field Trip Big Buddies Last Day!	4 GREEN - C 4 th Grade Field Trip <i>Student of the Month Assembly</i> K-1-3 2:00 2-4-5 2:40	5
6	7 RED - D <i>Penny Day</i>	8 BLUE - A 4 th & 5 th Grades SBA Testing <i>Nickel Day</i>	9 GREEN - B 4 th & 5 th Grades SBA Testing 1:55 Early Release <i>Dime Day</i>	10 RED - C 4 th & 5 th Grades SBA Testing <i>Quarter Day</i>	11 BLUE - D <i>Any Coin Day</i>	12
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May 21-25 Administrator Appreciation Week						
Student Led Conferences - May 21-24 - 11:55 early dismissal						
27	28 NO SCHOOL 	29 GREEN - B	30 RED - C 3 rd 4 th & 5 th Grades SBA Testing Full Day of School Pizza with the Principal	31 BLUE - D 3 rd 4 th & 5 th Grades SBA Testing All library books due!	Yearbooks are for sale online only! Go to ybpay.lifetouch.com to order yours now! Our yearbook ID code is 1794318. The price is \$15.	