

## WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!!!!

### **Dates to Remember**

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| Sept. 4 & 7      | No School – Labor Day Holiday                        |
| Sept. 16, 23, 30 | <b>90 Minute Early Release (dismissal @ 1:55 pm)</b> |
| October 2        | Health Screening                                     |
| October 2        | Awards Assembly, 2:00 Primary / 2:40 Intermediate    |
| October 5-8      | Student Led Conferences – 11:55 am dismissal         |
| October 9        | No School – Prad Day for teachers                    |
| October 19       | Individual School picture day                        |

*Dear James Sales Families,*

*Welcome to the 2015-2016!*

*We are off to a running start. The first day of school was amazing! The positive energy from all the students and their eagerness to continue learning was great to see. Smiles, smiles and more smiles is all we saw. What a great way to start the year!*

*The staff here at James Sales are committed to create a culture of learning that embraces all of the students. I look forward to seeing you and having conversations about how your child(ren) has grown this year. Thanks in advance for taking the time to ask your child(ren) each night how their day was and what they learned. I have an open door policy and am willing to discuss anything you feel necessary.*

*Brandy Nelson, Principal*

**WELCOME TO JAMES SALES** We have a few new staff members at James Sales; Euna Bae (ELL), Kelly Demarco (School Psychologist), Nick Edwards (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Denise Petrovich (LAP Specialist), Marina Popkov (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Angela Silk (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Jessica Stewart (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Erin Wells (5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Brianna Williamson (Kindergarten – returning after a years' leave of absence), James Wrede (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Caitlyn Zwang (Kindergarten), please give a big welcome to our new staff. We are so glad you are here!

**FAIR TICKETS** – A free Puyallup Fair admission ticket will be sent home with your child on Friday, September 11th! This ticket will be good for any day of the fair. **There will be no excused early dismissal from school** that coincides with the run of the fair. There will be no replacements for lost tickets!



# First early dismissal on September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 1:55 pm

## **From Nutrition Services**

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that James Sales will once again be participating in the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program as part of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program.

In a CEP school, **ALL** enrolled students receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost during the school year, regardless of family income. The meals served meet the federal regulations. All your child's favorites are still on the menu!

Please remember that only the complete meal is available at no charge. If your child brings a lunch from school or wishes to get just milk, it would need to be purchased separately. White and chocolate milk is available for purchase at \$.55. Milk by itself is not free in a CEP school. Student meal accounts are still available in CEP schools if parents wish to put money on accounts for ala carte purchases, i.e., milk.

In order to secure additional funding and continue current funding you will be asked to fill out a Family Income Survey again this year. This Family Income Survey provides your child's school a way to collect household income information when free/reduced price applications are not collected.

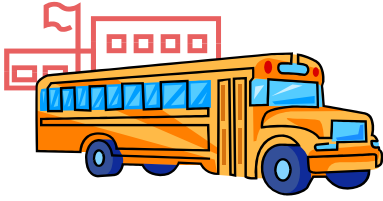
The information you provide by returning the Family Income Survey impacts funding that each school receives from the federal and state government. The survey is used to collect household income information in order to ensure that your child continues to have access to the level of resources he/she currently has at school such as Learning Assistance Programs (LAP), K-3 class size and state funded full day kindergarten. As well as competitive grants for which our school is eligible to apply and teacher incentives.

In keeping with current practices, all information provided is private and confidential as required by state and federal law. State and federal formulas use only aggregate information for funding calculations.

***Please complete this form as soon as possible and return to your child's school.***

If you have any questions concerning school meals or CEP please feel free to contact the Nutrition Services Department at 253-298-4618.

***REMEMBER...*** if you plan on Volunteering for any field trips this year, (or in the classroom) you need to be approved by the District Office by filling out the volunteer application on-line. The application process is on-line only now. This takes approximately 1-2 weeks to process. *If you had an application prior to May 2015, you will need to fill out a new application* **Please don't wait until just before your student has a field trip.**



**BUS PROCEDURES** – Please be patient, the first days of school, the buses might be running late. We have a very helpful transportation department; so if you have any questions, issues about something that happened on the bus or at the bus stop, or regarding a late bus, please call

the Transportation office directly at 298-3865. ***To cut down on the number of calls received in the office daily we are asking that if you wish for your child to ride a bus other than the one they normally ride, or get off at a bus stop other than their normal stop, you must send a note with bus # and stop.*** The same holds true if you want your child to walk rather than ride their normal bus. **Without a note or phone call, we will not allow students to walk or change their regular bus or bus stop.**

**\*NOTE\*** Please be aware that any kindergarten student riding the bus after school that is not met at the bus will be returned to the district bus barn by Franklin Pierce High School for parent pickup. It will be very important to be home and/or meet your student at the bus stop on time!

**STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP AT SCHOOLS** – Just a reminder -

**DROP OFF:** The drop off lane will be marked. No students should be let out of cars until the car reaches the crosswalk in the front parking lot. ***New this year,*** parents will say goodbye to their student outside the front door. No parents in the gym during breakfast (*this is beginning on September 8<sup>th</sup>*). We've added another 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class room to the school and the gym is getting very full. Thank you for your help with this! The office will be open to parents in the morning if you need any assistance.

**DISMISSAL:** Due to safety issues, **all parent transported students will be picked up from the gym.** Parents will be required to park their car and come to the gym to pick up your student(s). **Also, please note that no parents will be allowed to go up the hallway and wait outside the classroom door for their student or wait in the hall outside the gym** – this will cut down on the congestion in the halls. Teachers will be escorting classes directly to the buses each day before coming to the gym.

If you need to pick your child up during the school day, please come to the office to sign them out. One of the office staff will call your child down from the classroom. **As it is stated in the student handbook, we will not be releasing children from 2:55 to 3:25 pm for early release, or the last half hour on early release days.** Teachers are giving last minute instructions at this time and early release is very disruptive to the classroom. *Please schedule appointments so that students will NOT need to be picked up during the above mentioned time.* For safety reasons you may be asked for identification. Thank you for help us with this.

**REMINDERS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM** – The health room is staffed daily with a health assistant to provide first aid to students who become ill or injured at school, **not to treat injuries occurring at home. Do not send your student to school telling them to come to the health room for assistance.** If your student is not feeling well, please keep them home. We will also give medications prescribed by state approved medical providers. *We must have a new medication order each school year signed by your provider.* Our goal is to keep healthy children learning in the classroom, and to get ill children home. The State law allows for students to be administered only oral medications at school (including inhalers). The two exceptions in this law are for insulin and epi pen use. Please do not ask the school to give your student ear drops and eye drops, or to apply lotions and ointments, as we are unable to do so. All medications, even over-the-counter products such as pain relievers and cough drops, require an appropriate order from an approved medical provider. Please do not send medication with your child, as it is illegal for them to carry it on school grounds. The law does provide for students to carry inhalers, epi pens and diabetic supplies.

*Attached is a Master Calendar for the entire 15-16 school year. Please keep the calendar for future reference during the school year. **The 90 minute early release will be on most Wednesdays. Refer to your master calendar for the days that our 90 minute early release will be - they will be noted with an \****

**STUDENT ABSENCES** - At James Sales, we turn to research to find out how to help our students be successful. Numerous studies show that more “time on task,” in other words, more time spent engaged in learning at school, leads to more learning. We don’t want you to send your child to school when sick, but we hope you will make every effort to encourage **good and on-time** attendance. *Please make appointments outside of the school day whenever possible.* Please make sure you call the office if your student is going to be gone from school due to illness or an appointment. **We have a 24-hour voice-mail you can use to leave messages if you need to call after our school hours.** A call from you is appreciated, for it saves valuable office time. You can also submit absences for your student from the James Sales Website (Report an Absence). Please call the office (298-4200) if you have additional questions.



**INFORMATION FROM PTO** – We’re excited about this year! Please join our PTO. If you volunteer, you’re not obligated to join PTO. If you join PTO, you’re not obligated to volunteer. PTO and staff appreciate any volunteers, any time, and any length of time!

- Join our group on Facebook
- Please download the Shoparoo app to your smartphone
- Don’t forget Box Tops, Labels for Education, Coke Rewards and Tyson’s

### **2014-15 CHILD FIND – Free Developmental Screening for preschoolers!**

For children living in the Franklin Pierce District, free screening for children ages 3 to 5 is provided through the Child Find program. The next Child Find screening will be **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The purpose of the screening is to determine if your child is in need of special education services. Their skills in communication, fine and gross motor, school readiness, social and behavior, and hearing are screened to see if further testing is needed. Please call Tricia at 253-298-4675 to schedule an appointment.

### **Birth to Three Screenings**

Families of children below age 3 who have concerns about their child's development can call our district Family Resource Coordinator, Lori Holbrook, at 253-298-4670. She will come to your home and discuss your concerns and the child's need for developmental screening and/or evaluation.

### **Pruebas de Desarrollo Gratuito para Preescolares!**

Pruebas gratuitas para niños y niñas de 3 a 5 años que que viven en el Distrito Escolar de Franklin Pierce proveídas por medio del programa de Child Find. La próxima prueba de Child Find esta programada para **23 de Septiembre**. El propósito de las pruebas es para determinar si su niño(a) esta en la necesidad de usar servicios especiales de educación. Las habilidades en las siguientes areas son probadas, comunicación, destrezas en area motriz fina y muscular, si hay preparación en las areas escolares, sociales, de comportamiento y tambien se prueba el area auditiva. De ahí se determina tambien si más pruebas son necesarias. Por favor llame a Tricia 253-298-4675 para que pueda concertar una cita.

### **Pruebas de Natal a Tres**

Las Familias de los niño(a)s de 3 años para abajo que tengan concernimientos acerca del desarrollo de sus niños pueden llamar a nuestra Coordinadora de Recursos del Distrito, Lori Holbrook, al 253-298-4670. Ella la visitará en su hogar y discutirá los concernimientos que usted tenga y la necesidad de una evaluación en pruebas de desarrollo.

## **ATTENDANCE**

***The goal for students this year is to have 8 or fewer tardies and/or absences.*** At the end of each trimester, all students who have missed less than 8 days or have had less than 8 tardies will receive a reward. Examples of rewards are smoothies, extra recess time and special assemblies will be offered.

## **BEHAVIOR**

We will also be rewarding student at the end of each trimester for excellent behavior. Students with "0" write-ups at the end of each trimester will receive a reward. At the end of year, PTO will be sponsoring a field trip for all students that had "0" write-ups.