

The Jaguar Journal

February 2019

James Sales Elementary
Brandy Nelson – Principal

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

Dates to Remember:

February 1	Student of the Month Assembly K-1-3 2:00 2-4-5 2:40
February 6	Early Release – 1:55
February 13	Early Release – 1:55
February 14	Class Pictures/Optional Individual Pictures
February 14-15	Lindquist Dental
February 18	President’s Day – No School
February 19-22	Mid-Winter Break – No School
February 28	Yearbook order deadline for reduced price - \$12
February 27	Early Release – 1:55
February 25-March 1	Read Across America
February 28	Family Reading Night - 4:30-6

A Message from our Principal

Hello James Sales families,

We are excited for the start of the 2019 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 are 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 of 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 4-8, we recognize and honor Serena Mickelson, Speech Pathologist; Kelly Glick, Psychologist; Susi Esson, OT; Beth Crabtree, 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!

Yearbooks

You may order James Sales 2018-19 yearbooks now! Go to YBPay.lifetouch.com and use the following Yearbook ID Code: 1794319. The early-bird yearbook price is \$12.00 per book if ordered by February 28, 2019. After that date, the price increases to \$15.00. Watch for flyers with yearbook ordering information to come home soon!



Spring Pictures

February 14th 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. *Make checks to Quality School Portraits or send the correct amount of cash to school that day in a picture payment envelope, or pay online at*

www.qualityschoolportraits.com. Remember, neither the office nor the photographer can make change. Watch for payment envelopes to come home with your student on February 7th.

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.



Questions About Busses?

Call Transportation - 253-298-3865

Attention 3rd and 4th Grade Parents!

It is time to refer 3rd and 4th grade students for the 2019-20 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. Please complete a Project Excel Program referral packet online (<https://bit.ly/2RRmKGB>) or pick up a packet in your school's office today. Online registrations may be completed through the evening of March 13th. **Return completed paper referral packets by 4:00 p.m., March 13, 2019 to:**

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

Testing materials are ordered the next day and late registrations may not be able to be accommodated.

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 Elementary Honor Choir was selected from students throughout the



district. James Sales students selected for the Honor Choir are Audrey H., Angelica C., Ray B., Mitchell R., Olivia C., Jorja P., Amya E., Adrian M., Imani H., Alexia S., Demarko S., Landon B., Paige W., Jilly R., and Raphael A. They will perform on March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church near PLU.

From the Health Room

Head Lice is very common in the school setting and can quickly become a big problem. Be vigilant! **Check your child's head once a week** for nits



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

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 your 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 and your car if your child has head lice.

Health Room – 253-298-4223

Read Across America

February 25 to March 1 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 to come home from your child's teacher for additional activities for their classroom. See our calendar for the schedule of events for the week.



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 at our December assembly. The lucky recipients were Micheal W. – 2nd grade, Danika H. – 5th grade, and Jeremiah N. – 3rd 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!

iPad Corner



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.

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. If schools close early, parents are asked to make arrangements for their child's care.

"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 can send a recorded phone message to parents and staff of Franklin Pierce Schools. In the event of an unscheduled school closure or late start, the auto-dialer will be activated.



Please make sure the school has your current phone number.

- Local Media – Look for **Franklin Pierce Schools** not Tacoma Schools
- FPS Facebook and Twitter
- Flash Alert Notification – <http://www.flashalert.net/news.html?id=4380>
- Phone – 253-298-3000

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

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!



Stay Connected

Stay on top of what is happening in our school district and with your child at school. Go to www.fpschools.org/connect to find easy access to bus



information such as bus routes and bus bulletin, Peachjar for newsletters and other information, Flash Alert for weather announcements, Skyward Family Access, and other important information.

Our Goals for 2018-2019

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 reward 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. At the end of the year, Students with zero write-ups will also go on a PTO sponsored field trip.



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 must 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, 2019 for the 2018-19 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 6, March 13, and April 17. To request an appointment call the Early Learning Center Child Find hotline at 253-298-4658.

Attendance

We hope you 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 at 253-298-4200 if your student is absent for any reason.** You may leave a message if you need to call before or after school hours.



PTO News

Please join us for a PTO General Meeting on February 11th at 3:45 in the school library. All are welcome to attend. PTO will have information on the upcoming World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser, volunteer information, and nomination forms for our Executive Committee for next year.

Our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser will run March 7-25! Please look in student's backpacks for flyers.



We will not have Popcorn Fridays during the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser due to the large amount of volunteer hours involved in running the sale. We will have Treat Fridays each week instead. We look forward to getting back to Popcorn Fridays after the fundraiser!

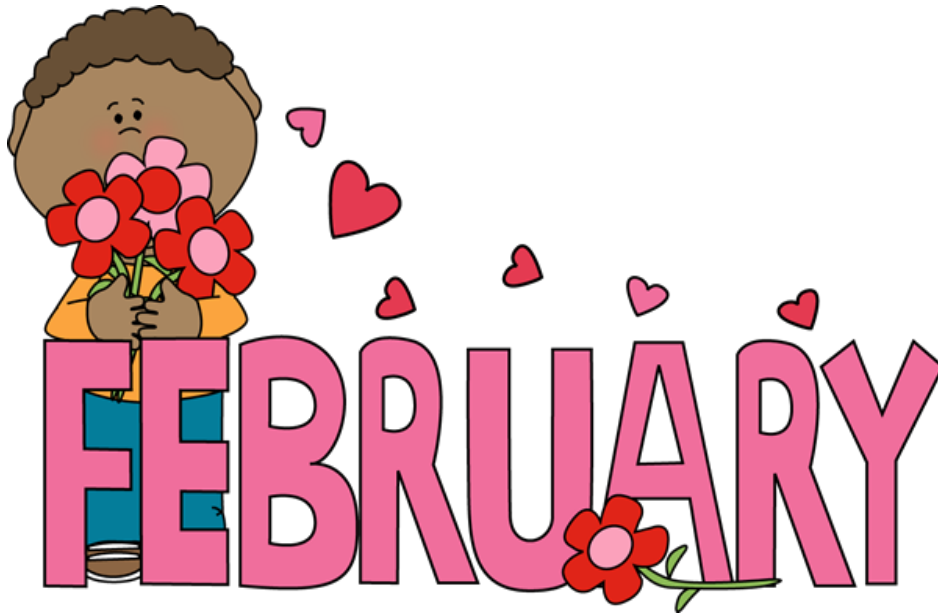
We continue to count and submit BoxTops so please continue to send them to school!

Since December was a short school month, we are combining December with January for the winners of the Traveling BoxTops Trophies. Winners will be announced in the March newsletter.

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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Yearbooks are for sale online only! Go to ybpay.lifetouch.com to order yours now! Our yearbook ID code is 1794319. The price is \$12 through Feb. 28 th .			1 GREEN – D Student of the Month Assembly K-1-3 2:00 2-4-5 2:40	2
3	4 RED – A	5 BLUE – B	6 GREEN – C 1:55 Early Release	7 RED – D	8 BLUE – A Jump Rope for Heart Assembly 10:30-11	9
February 4-8 - Appreciation Week Counselors, Psych, OT, PT, Speech, Social Workers		Imagine Learning	Imagine Learning	Imagine Learning		
10	11 GREEN – B	12 RED – C	13 BLUE – D 1:55 Early Release Valentine's Day	14 GREEN – A Spring Pictures – Class Pictures and <i>Optional Individual Pictures</i>	15 RED – B Lindquist Dental	16
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17	18 NO SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S DAY	19	20	21	22	23
No School – Mid-Winter Break						
24	25 BLUE – C	26 GREEN – D Red and White Day	27 RED – A 1:55 Early Release Foxiest Socks Day	28 BLUE – B Hat Day	1 GREEN – C Oh the Places You Will Go Day	2
		Imagine Learning		Imagine Learning Family Reading Night 4:30-6		