



• Week 12 Director Notes • October 19, 2018 •

eStem Junior High Community,

I wanted to end the week by giving a HUGE shout-out to the 100+ students and parents that attended our 2<sup>nd</sup> Project Lit book club this passed Tuesday. We're making a conscious effort to establish a meaningful culture of reading in our building, and this was surely an indication that we're making strides in the right direction.

For daily updates on some of the cool things that are happening in our hallways and classrooms, find us on Twitter and Instagram: **@eStemDTJHS**

For updates on eStem Athletics (*tryouts, pictures, scores, schedules, fundraisers, booster club, etc*), you can also follow **@estempcsathletics** on Instagram or Facebook. You can also find them on Twitter **@estempcsathlet1**.

**Unfortunately, we did not sell enough Haunted House tickets to put on this year's event; however, we have planned an alternate event for our students to come together and enjoy Halloween.** In place of the Haunted House, we will be hosting a student movie night where we will watch the 2004 horror film, The Grudge. Students can enter as early as 5:15, and the movie will begin at 5:30. We will begin dismissing students as soon as the movie ends at 6:45. Admission to this event will be the same price as the Haunted House, which is \$5. Concessions will also be available for purchase throughout the showing. ***This movie is rated PG-13 and parental approval is required in order to participate. Any student who wishes to attend the movie night can pick up a permission slip in the main office. Students for whom we do not have signed permission slips will not be allowed to watch the movie.*** Tickets can be purchased in the main office, on the night of the event, or on MySchoolBucks.

**We maintain a no gum policy at eStem Downtown Junior High.** We do not allow students to chew gum in the building, because it frequently ends up on the floor or under desks. This has been a building policy since the first day of school and was addressed on announcements every morning during the first month of school and multiple mornings since then. We are so lucky to be housed in such a beautiful and historic building, and we'd like to ask your support in keeping it clean. Due to the recurrence of this issue and the effort/time we have put into communicating it to students, teachers have been asked to issue automatic detentions to students who are chewing gum.

**Many of our students are congregating at 4<sup>th</sup> and Louisiana during arrival and dismissal.** In the morning, we expect our students to come directly into the school building after exiting their vehicles. In the afternoon, we expect walkers to go directly to the location designated on their walker's passes. To help us reinforce our expectations, we ask that you please discuss them with your child at home. Moving forward, building leaders will be monitoring these locations and calling parents of the students who are congregating there.

**You should be receiving weekly instructional newsletters from each of your child's teachers.** If you have not been receiving these emails, please let us know so we can investigate and resolve this issue.

- **Home Access Center (HAC) is a website through which you can monitor your child's grades and attendance.** The web address for HAC is: <http://hac40.esp.k12.ar.us>.
- **All students who purchase a lunch will need to have money on their lunch account.** Money can be loaded onto lunch accounts at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).
- **If your child will be absent,** please email [JHSattendance@estemschools.org](mailto:JHSattendance@estemschools.org) to let us know!
- **If you have an address, email, or phone number change,** please email those changes to Mrs. Peterson: [allyson.peterson@estemschools.org](mailto:allyson.peterson@estemschools.org).

## **Dates to Remember:**

**Halloween Movie Night:** *October 26*

**ACT Aspire Interim #1:** *November 5 – 8*

**November 8:** *2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Interims*

**Flu Clinic:** *November 9*

**November 12-16:** *Wellness Week*