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eStem Junior High Weekly Newsletter

THE ROAD TO A GREAT SEASON STARTS HERE!











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🏀📣 The excitement is BUILDING at eJH! 💙💛 We kicked off basketball season with an awesome pep rally filled with school spirit, friendly competition, and lots of fun! Our students and staff went head-to-head in relay races between grade levels, and Kona Ice was there to help us celebrate! 🍧🎉 We're ready to cheer on our Mets as basketball season gets underway! Let's go, Mets! 🏀🔥

SEPTEMBER STUDENTS & TEACHERS OF THE MONTH



Ava Williams



Neymar Ventura



Khennedi Gantt



Christopher Reta-Linares

STUDENT CHOICE



Samantha White

STAFF CHOICE



Jayla Anderson

Congratulations to this week's H.E.A.R.T. Award Recipients!

These students were recognized for the positive impact they make in our school community and for demonstrating the values we strive to see in every eStem Junior High student.

H.E.A.R.T. stands for:
Humility, Enthusiasm, Authenticity, Reflection, and Trust.

H.E.A.R.T. AWARDS

Jayce Flowers



AUTHENTICITY
AWARDED BY MS. G. WHITE

Gabriel Thompson



AUTHENTICITY
AWARDED BY MS. G. WHITE

Kimani Long



AUTHENTICITY
AWARDED BY MS. G. WHITE

Princestin Rodriguez



AUTHENTICITY
AWARDED BY MS. G. WHITE

Ada Gillespie



AUTHENTICITY
AWARDED BY MS. G. WHITE

Denise Ray



AUTHENTICITY
AWARDED BY MS. G. WHITE

Bailey Foreman



AUTHENTICITY
AWARDED BY MS. G. WHITE

Landon Jones



AUTHENTICITY
AWARDED BY MS. G. WHITE

Desmond Ewing



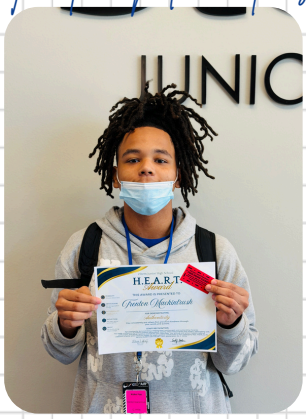
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Jaylon McPhearson



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Trenton Mackintrush



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FALL FUNDRAISER WINNERS

🎉🏆 Congratulations to our top fundraiser sellers! These students went above and beyond and were rewarded with gift cards for their outstanding efforts! 🎁
A HUGE thank-you to all of our families and supporters who participated in our fundraiser. Your generosity and continued support make a difference for our students and our school community! 💙💛

Princeton Sebree

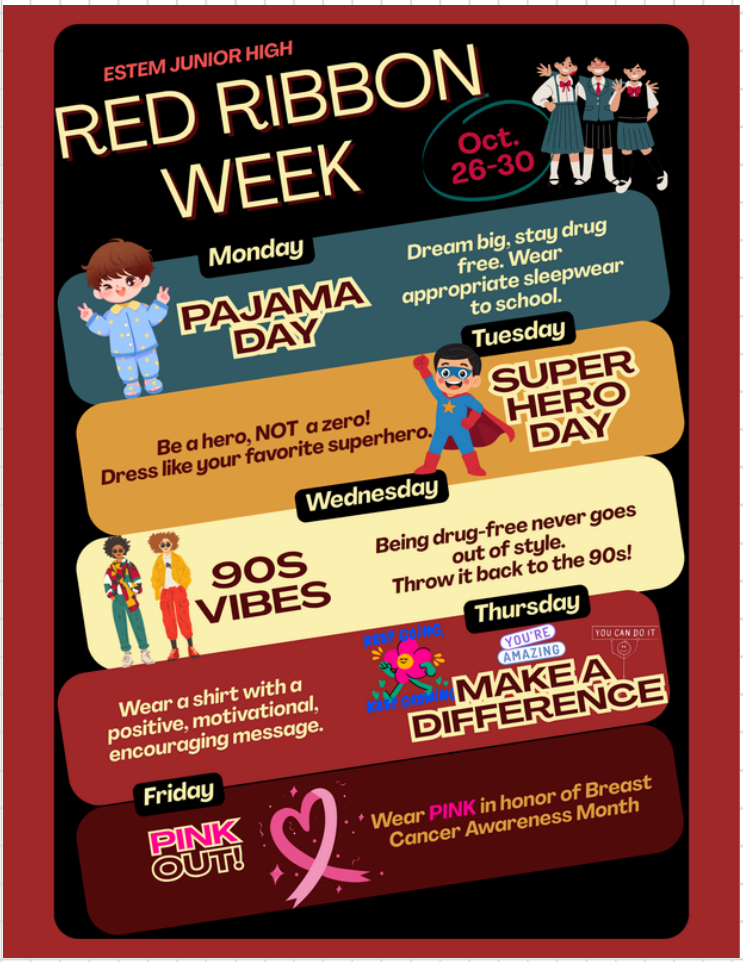


SeZhona Hunter



Ethan Martin





RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is next week!

Monday: Pajama Day
Tuesday: Superhero Day
Wednesday: 90s Vibes
Thursday: Make a Difference
Friday: Pink Out

GLOW PARTY



Get ready to GLOW! ✨ Our students have earned this exciting Glow Party Dance as their prize for their amazing participation and efforts at our Family Night: Students vs Parents, and we can't wait to celebrate with them!

Glow Party Details

- **Date: Friday, November 13th**
- **Time: 6:00-8:00 PM**
- **Location: eJH Cafeteria**
- **Admission: FREE with an RSVP!**
  - **All RSVPs must be submitted by Wednesday, November 11th, at 11:59 PM. Students who do not RSVP by the deadline will be required to pay $5 at the door.**

RSVP HERE

Students must RSVP using the link below to attend for free. There is also an option to purchase a Glow Party Pack for $6 to make the night even more fun! This party pack will contain light-up and glow-in-the-dark items for students to keep.

Please note: Students only need to bring money if they would like to purchase snacks from the Snack Shack and/or a Glow Party Pack at the dance, if available. Bringing money is completely optional!

SCHOOL LETTER GRADE



We are incredibly proud to share that we have received our letter grade for the 2025-2026 school year, and we maintained our B!
eStem Junior High is also currently in the Top 5% for growth among middle schools in the state of Arkansas!

eStem Junior High was also recognized as an Arkansas Gem School for growth on the 2025-2026 ATLAS Exam.

CLOSE UP

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we head into fall break, this is the perfect time for students to get a head start on fundraising for their D.C. Trip deposit! Starting early can help make reaching their fundraising goals more manageable and give students plenty of time to explore different ways to raise money.

Students can use fall break to try a variety of fundraising ideas, such as:

- Asking family and friends for support
- Offering to complete chores or small jobs for neighbors
- Organizing a yard sale or selling items they no longer need
- Sharing their fundraising efforts on social media
- Reaching out to local businesses, family members, or community members for donations or sponsorships

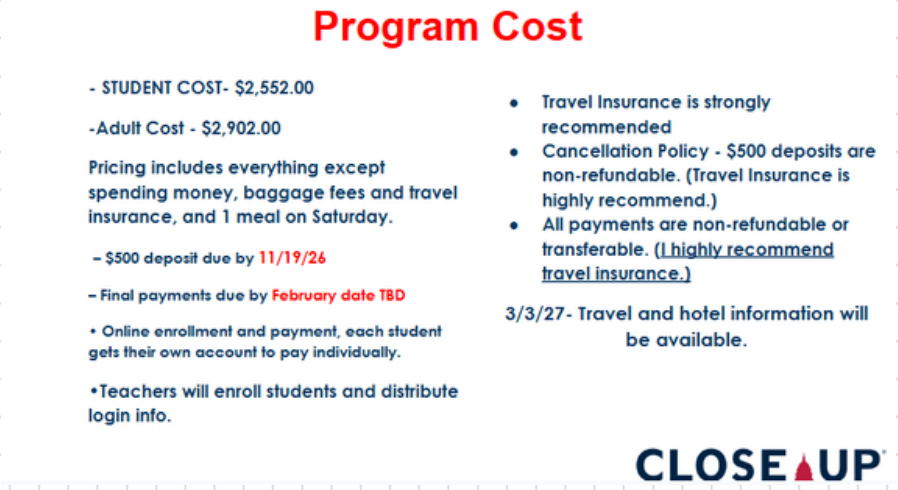
Students should also be sure to take advantage of their Close-Up login portal. The portal includes editable fundraising materials, including sample letters and a Facebook fundraising campaign, that students can personalize and share with their family, friends, and community.

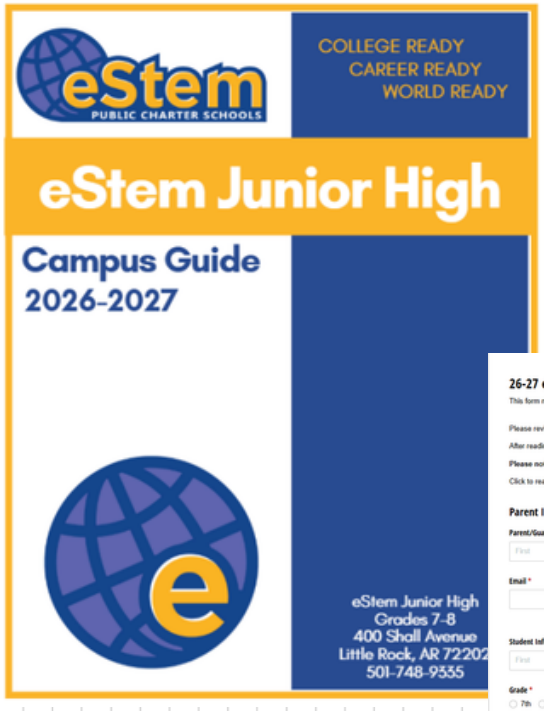
Every contribution and fundraising effort brings students one step closer to making this exciting trip a reality. Thank you for supporting your students and encouraging them to take an active role in reaching their fundraising goals!

If you have any questions or concerns over fall break, please feel free to contact me at breanna.walter@estemschools.org. If you would like to register your student there is still time, register before November 11th!

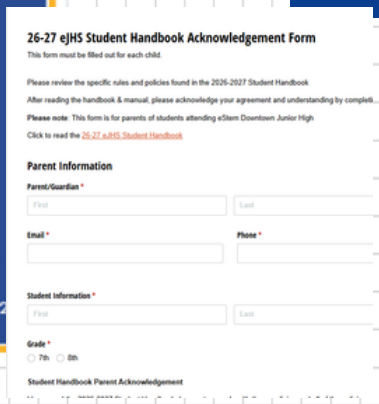
Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable fall break!

Best,
Mrs. Walter





STUDENT HANDBOOK


26-27 eJHS Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form

This form must be filled out for each child.

Please review the specific rules and policies found in the 2026-2027 Student Handbook

After reading the handbook & manual, please acknowledge your agreement and understanding by completi...

Please note: This form is for parents of students attending eStem Downtown Junior High

Click to read the 26-27 eJHS Student Handbook

Parent Information

Parent/Guardian *

First Last

Email * Phone *

Student Information *

First Last

Grade *

7th 8th

Student Handbook Parent Acknowledgement

Please make sure you have read the Student Handbook and have submitted the Acknowledgement Form as soon as possible.

Click HERE to read the Student Handbook.

Click HERE to submit the Acknowledgement Form.

EJH EARLY YEARBOOK SALE



DON'T MISS THE MOMENTS — ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK EARLY!

click here **Early Yearbook Price: $35**

The 2026–2027 eSTEM Junior High Yearbook is officially on sale! From the first day to the last bell, we're capturing the memories, friendships, celebrations, and unforgettable moments that make this school year one to remember.

Order early and check one more thing off your list! Don't wait until the end of the year to decide you want the memories, secure your copy now.

Buy yours today and make sure you're part of the story!

CARE SOLACE

Dear students and families,

When you or a family member needs help, it's hard to know where to turn. In an effort to ease the burden of finding the mental health and substance use services you need, we have partnered with Care Solace, your central hub of care.

With a network of over 700,000 providers and services, Care Solace will help you find the right help at the right time, 24/7/365, at no cost to you. They will connect you with providers accepting all medical insurances, including Medicaid, Medicare, and sliding scale options for those without insurance.

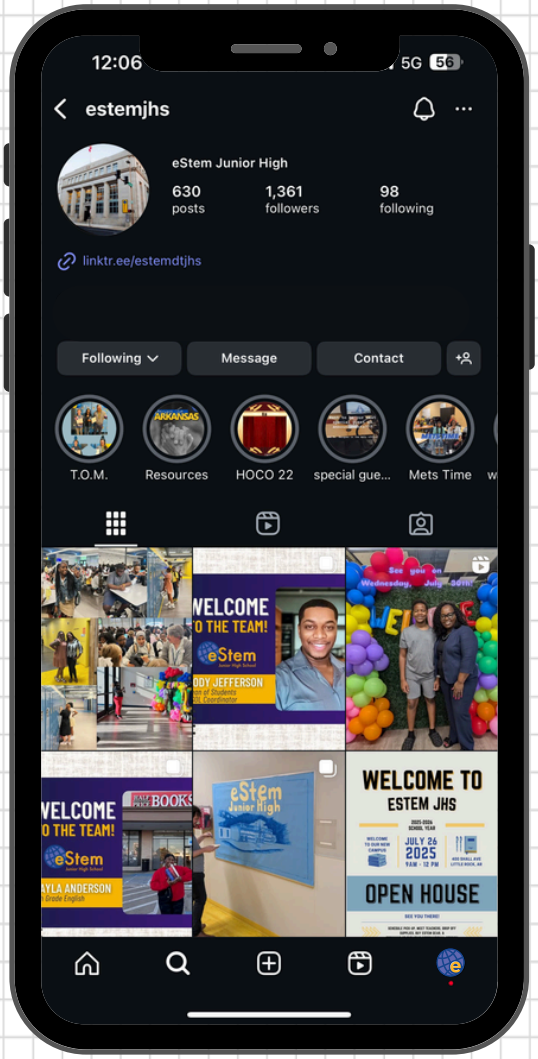
You can access Care Solace services in three ways:

- Call 888-515-0595 at any time. Multilingual support is available 24/7/365. A dedicated Care Companion will help you every step of the way to research options, secure appointments, and follow up to make sure it is a good fit.
- Search anonymously to get matched with an extensive list of care providers at caresolace.com/**epcs**
- Contact your school health professional, and they will submit a referral on your behalf.

Scan to save Care Solace's number

No matter what you're experiencing, **there is hope and help**. We are confident that our new partnership with Care Solace will help us build a healthier, more vibrant school community.

If you have a life-threatening emergency, please call 9-1-1 or The Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 9-8-8. Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider.



Stay informed on all school activities by following us on Instagram!

@estemjhs

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Bell Schedule
- Dress code
- School Calendar
- 26-27 Dismissal Form
- To update your contact information, i.e. home address, phone number, email address, please email rebecca.roseberry@estemschools.org
- To report your child's absence, please email jhsattendance@estemschools.org
- If you are needing your HAC (Home Access Center) information, please complete the Parent HAC Password Reset
- ***All proceeds from fundraising throughout the school year go directly toward supporting our students and staff through incentives, celebrations, and special activities hosted throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create meaningful and memorable experiences for our eJH community!***

STUDENT ID BADGES

ALL returning eJH 8th Grade Students have received their Student IDs.
7th Grade Students will receive their IDs on Monday, August 24th.
Please ensure that your student brings their ID with a lanyard each day. The expectation is that students wear their IDs around their necks every day while on campus. The cost to replace a lost Student ID is $11 via MySchoolBucks.
Your support in reminding them to bring their ID daily is greatly appreciated!



Hall Sweeps

Students have three minutes to transition to each class, and we want to help our students understand the importance of punctuality. When we conduct hall sweeps, students are made aware well in advance to make sure to be on time to avoid an automatic detention. Should your student experience an issue during a certain transition, please email Cody.Jefferson@estemschools.org about that particular transition time.

OCTOBER EVENTS

October

1: Parent Teacher Conferences @ 4:30pm - 7:30pm

2: Parent Teacher Conferences @ 7:30am - 12:00pm

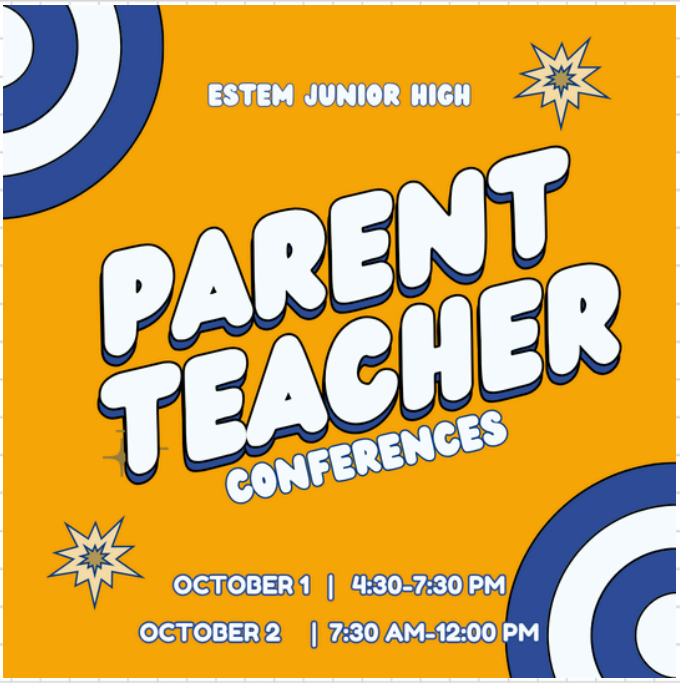
5-9: Fall Break - No School

12: Teacher PD – Students Out

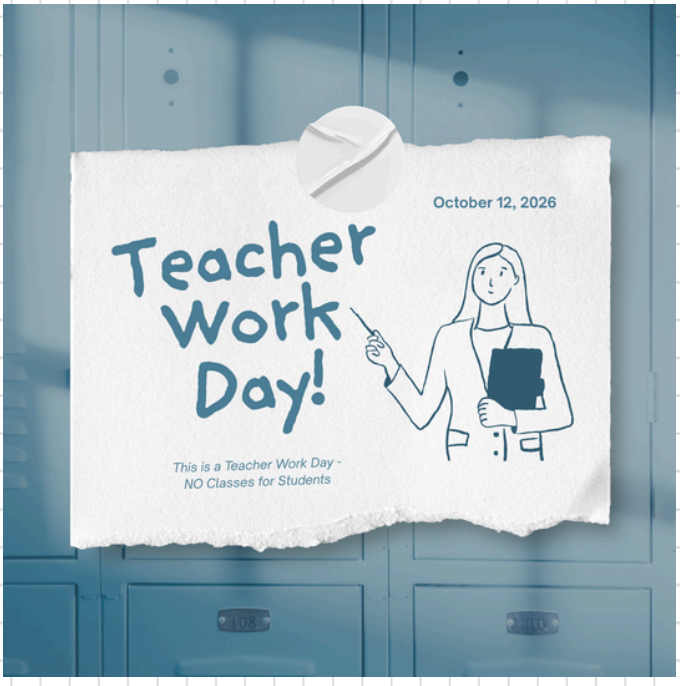
13: Students Return Start of 2nd Quarter

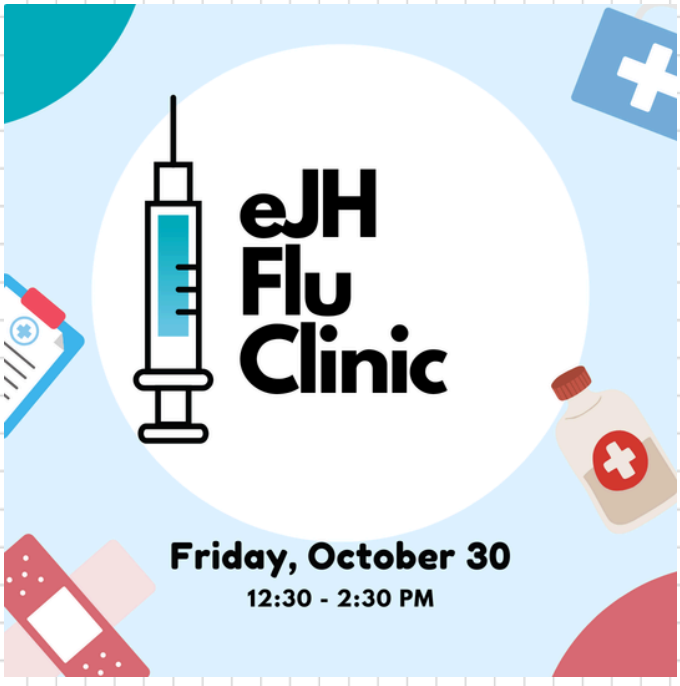
26-30: Red Ribbon Week

30: Flu Clinic









WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

The Week of October 26-30

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spicy Chicken Sandwich OR Chicken Caesar Wrap OR Beef Taco Salad Zingy Crinkle Fries Fruit Milk	Grande Chicken Nachos OR Ham & Cheese Salad w/Roll OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich Mexican Pinto Beans Fruit Milk	Sweet Honey BBQ Wings w/Biscuit OR Chicken Salad Croissant OR Crispy Popcorn Chicken Salad Buttery Steamed Corn Fruit Milk	Country Fried Steak Potato Bowl OR Chicken Tender Wrap OR BBQ Chicken Salad Spiced Green Beans Fruit Milk	Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza OR Ham & Cheese Sub Zingy Crinkle Fries Cookie Crumble Dessert Fruit Milk

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

If your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms, please keep them home.

Your student may return to school when they are symptom free without medicine for 24 hours or as directed by your physician. Please consider contacting your child's doctor, and please share any test results and doctor's notes with the school nurse at Krista.Duncan@estemschools.org

Please call or email with any concerns or questions.
Krista.Duncan@estemschools.org