

PTEC NEWS

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23-24

● OCTOBER 5, 2023 ●



UPCOMING

October 2-6 - Spirit Week

October 11th - Picture Re-take day during school, IDs issued.

October 12th - 11:30am early release, no lunch served, End of first quarter

October 13 - Staff day, no students

October 16 - Columbus Day observed - no school

October 19th-20th - 11:30am early release, Parent Teacher Conferences, no lunch served.

November 4 - Trades Expo

November 20-24th - Thanksgiving Break - No School

December 15-20th - 11am early release, Final Exams, no lunch served

December 21 - Staff day, no students

December 21 - January 8 - Christmas Break - No school

January 9 - Students return

Thank you PTEC families for your support throughout your students academic journey, assisting them in fulfilling their educational requirements. We appreciate you!

PTEC

(719) 301-6200
2460 Waynoka Place
Office Hours:
M-TH 7:30-4
Friday 7:30-2

JUST IN

The front office is bustling first thing in the morning. Sending an email for attendance works perfectly. If you need to call, please understand we need you to leave a message. Front office staff will check messages as soon as possible. **Attendance** - to report an absence email:

PTECAttendance@jamesirwin.org

Wiffle ball fun, free event Friday 6th, 1:30-2:30 in multi-purpose room. Concessions available for purchase.

Mrs. Marroquin's Spanish classes are sponsoring El Dia De Los Muertos after school on Nov. 2nd, 3:15-4:15 PM. In order to provide this free event for all students, they are in need of donations of decorations and food to serve. This event is free for all students grades 6-12. If you are interested in donating, please email Mrs. Marroquin at karina.marroquin@jamesirwin.org.

Some of the items they are in need of is: can corn, chips and dip, nacho cheese, sour cream, tajin, Mexican cheese (Cotija), mayo, limes, jars of sliced jalapeno's, pumpkin pies, desserts, can drinks, plates, napkins, plastic wear, Styrofoam cups, battery operated candles, artificial marigold flowers, decorations for Day of the Dead.

2024 Iceland STEM trip for 8-12th graders. Parent informational meeting Tuesday, October 24th, 4:30-5pm on campus. Deadline to sign up for the trip is Nov. 10th. Please see the flyers below or email courtne.schobert@jamesirwin.org for more information.

Not a James Irwin sponsored trip.

PTEC's 2nd Annual Trades Expo is coming! Saturday, November 4th
What is PTEC's Trades Expo? It's where our CTE classes will sell items they have made in class, take orders for Christmas delivery. It's PTEC's very own Trades craft fair. Do you or your student have a product you can make to showcase or sell at the Expo. The item must be school appropriate. Students and families are welcome to participate to show off their talents! Contact Mrs. Grenier jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org for more information. See the flyer below.

Volunteer Opportunities

PTEC is always looking for support from our parents. If you have time, we could use your support in the following areas:

Before school carline, Before school hallway monitor, After school carline, After school hallway monitor, Lunchroom monitor, and Shop aide. All of these volunteer opportunities will require that you support PTEC in refining our culture, and you may have to use your "Parent Voice" occasionally to enforce rules, dress code, and culture. Please email jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org if you are interested.

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PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED

Lunch menu is posted on bulletin board in the cafeteria. You can find October lunch menu in the flyers attached below

Donations: We are in need of Thirty 2X4's for 6th grade Industrial Arts Class to make tables and three reams of cotton material in neutral colors. Mr. Heim will be sewing his own machine covers.

DONORS CHOOSE

Congratulations to those who were funded!

Donors Choose funded campaigns-

Funded Twice: Mrs. Dandrea, Mrs. Dias, Mrs. Duray, Mr. Martin, and Mr. McGee.

Funded: Mrs. Larson, Mr. Norquist, Mr. Samora, Mrs. Samora, Ms. Schobert, Ms. Pauletta, and Mrs. Primrose.

Below are those who have yet to be funded:

[Click here for Mrs. Chamillard](#)

[Click here for Mr. Hall](#)

[Click here for Mrs. Christian](#)

[Click here for Mr. Noel](#)

[Click here for Mr. Duray](#)

[Click here for Ms. Roman](#)

[Click here for Mr. Espinoza](#)

[Click here for Mr. Samora](#)

[Click here for Mrs. Grenier](#)

[Click here for Mr. Sheldon](#)

[Click here for Mr. Williamson](#)

A graphic with the words "THANK YOU" in large, colorful, block letters. The letters are in various colors: T (yellow), H (green), A (blue), N (purple), K (pink), Y (orange), and O (blue).

Our Teachers and Staff have an Amazon Wishlist!

Click the link below or copy and paste.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16KOM7N9UYNEJ?ref=wl_share

Some items in need are snow shovels, two flag stands and two nice flags to put in our meeting rooms, heavy duty paper shredder for offices, several 5-gallon buckets, and anti-fatigue mats.

For general inquiries, feel free to contact our communications secretary, Mrs. Grenier at jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org.

Kindly direct any concerns or feedback to our Administrative Assistant Ms. Rice at alex.rice@jamesirwin.org.

ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, & SPORTS

Brawlhalla Club

When: Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 PM

Who: Grades 6-12

Contact: ryland.negrete@jamesirwin.org

Where: Mrs. Espinoza's room #1087

Chess club - When: Thursdays 3:15-4:15 PM

Who: Grades 6-12.

Contact: drew.robertson@jamesirwin.org

Where: Mr. Robertson's classroom #1082

Cross Country

When: Monday - Thursday 3:30-4:30 PM

Who: Grades 6-12

Contact: patricia.samora@jamesirwin.org

chad.baker@jamesirwin.org

E-Sports - When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:15-4 PM

Who: Grades 6-12

Contact: brandon.espinoza@jamesirwin.org

Where: Mr. Espinoza's classroom # 1097

Game Design Club

When: Wednesdays 3:15-4:00 PM and

Thursdays 3:15-4:45 PM

Who: Grades 9-12.

Contact: shawn.mcgee@jamesirwin.org

Where: Mr. McGee's classroom # 1100

Weightlifting Club

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings

6:15 AM-7:15 AM

Who: Grades 6-12.

Contact: codey.martin@jamesirwin.org

Where: Mr. Martin's room #1028

Guild council- Is selling pretzel rods for \$1 each.

Students can purchase them at the front office during passing period, lunch, or after school. They also have a **snack shack** with various items for sale in Mr. Rice's room. Can be purchased during passing period, before and after school.

DID YOU KNOW?



When a student misses 2 days a month, they will miss 30 hours of math and 60 hours of reading/writing.

They will miss more than one year of school before graduation.

We want to stress the non-negotiable importance of your child's school attendance. Missing school not only hampers academic progress but also jeopardizes their future success.

PTEC's 2nd Annual
TRADES,
CRAFTS & MORE

Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes will be selling items that PTEC students have made. They will also be taking orders for an early December delivery.

EXPO



Where:
PTEC
2460
Waynoka
Place,
80915

Is your student a budding entrepreneur? Do you have a small business to showcase? Do you have craft items, baked goods or more?

Scan the QR code to fill out a form to participate.

Deadline to register for a booth is Oct. 27th at noon.

Who can participate?
Anyone, it's open to the public.



Public Welcome!
Concessions available.

Looking to participate? Scan the QR code to register for a spot today!
Contact Mrs. Grenier for more information
jamie.grenier@jamesirwin.org



While you're at the PTEC EXPO, stop and learn about the NEW

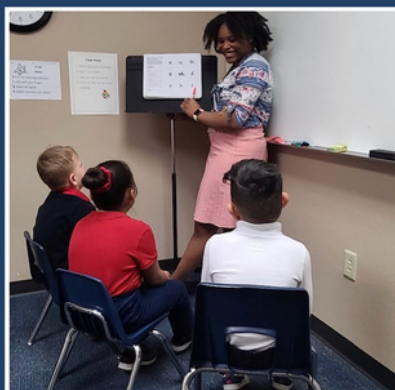


James Irwin Elementary School

Canada Drive Campus

Opening in August, 2024

- ⇒ Academically Rigorous
- ⇒ High Expectations
- ⇒ Cursive First
- ⇒ Math Facts
- ⇒ Minimal Devices
- ⇒ Patriotic
- ⇒ Western Heritage



JIES—CD Informational - 9 am November 4 at PTEC EXPO
2460 Waynoka Place JamesIrwin.org (719) 302-9105

CLIP ON THE DOTTED LINE TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR STUDENT'S ABSENCES.

Absences Add Up!



Mark an "X" or write the date in a box each time you miss school, excused or not excused.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Chronic Absence
18 or more days

Warning Signs
10 to 17 days

Satisfactory
9 or fewer Absences

On Track									Warning									Chronic Danger!							
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10/2/2023 Main Entree Hamburger Cheeseburger Pepperoni Pizza Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Baby Carrots Baked Beans Coleslaw Diced Peaches Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/3/2023 Main Entree Beef Nachos K-8 Yogurt , String Cheese and Granola 9-12 Yogurt with Granola and Hardboiled Egg Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Fresh Pears Baby Carrots Salsa Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/4/2023 Main Entree Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza BBQ Chicken Wrap Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Baby Carrots Bell Pepper Diced Pears Strawberries, Frozen Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/5/2023 Main Entree Chicken Bites and Goldfish Crackers Picnic Roll Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Celery Sticks Cucumbers Red Bliss Potato Salad Orange Wedges Banana Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/6/2023 Main Entree Pepperoni Wrap Spicy Chicken Sandwich Fruit Muffin with Sunflower Seeds and Cheese Stick Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Baby Carrots Corn Salad Bar Special Fresh Pears Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site
10/9/2023 Main Entree Cinnamon Roll and Lil' Smokies (5) Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Ranch Wrap Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Baby Carrots Broccoli Florets Mixed Fruit Raisins Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/10/2023 Main Entree Breaded Chicken Sandwich Yogurt, Cheese Stick & Bakery Bread Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Celery Sticks Baked Beans Coleslaw Orange Wedges Juice Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/11/2023 Main Entree Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Pre Made Sub Variety Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Baby Carrots Cucumbers Corn Raisins, Sour Variety Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/12/2023 Main Entree BYO Taco Kit Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Celery Sticks Cauliflower Florettes Orange Wedges Fresh Pears Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site Salsa	10/13/2023 Main Entree Teriyaki Chicken with Lo Mein K-8 Spicy Chicken Sandwich Cream Cheese Filled Bagel and Hard Boiled Egg Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Baby Carrots Peas Salad Bar Special Strawberry/Blueberry Mix Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site



Menu Calendar



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10/16/2023 Main Entree Pretzel Bites (4), Queso, and Lil' Smokies (3) Pepperoni Pizza Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Baby Carrots Coleslaw Corn Diced Peaches Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/17/2023 Main Entree Picnic Roll Roasted Chicken Drumstick with Goldfish Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Celery Sticks Baked Beans Orange Wedges Juice Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/18/2023 Main Entree Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza BBQ Chicken Wrap Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Baby Carrots Peas Diced Pears Craisins Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/19/2023 Main Entree Chicken Alfredo Penne Yogurt , String Cheese and Granola 9-12 Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Celery Sticks Cucumbers Orange Wedges Banana Cinnamon Applesauce Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/20/2023 Main Entree Hot Dog on a Bun Spicy Chicken Sandwich Cinnamon Roll, Sunflower Seeds, Cheese Cubes Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Baby Carrots Red Bliss Potato Salad Fresh Pears Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site
10/23/2023 Main Entree Bosco Sticks with Pizza Sauce Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Ranch Wrap Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Baby Carrots Baked Beans Broccoli Florets Mixed Fruit Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/24/2023 Main Entree Orange Chicken with Rice K-8* Yogurt , String Cheese, and Zee Zee Bar Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Celery Sticks Peas Orange Wedges Juice Strawberries, Frozen Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/25/2023 Main Entree Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Pre Made Sub Variety Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Baby Carrots Cucumbers Corn Fresh Pears Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/26/2023 Main Entree Cheese Nachos K-8 Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Celery Sticks Cauliflower Florettes Orange Wedges Raisins, Sour Variety Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site Salsa	10/27/2023 Main Entree Maple Waffles and Lil' Smokies K-8 Spicy Chicken Sandwich Cream Cheese Filled Bagel and Hard Boiled Egg Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Baby Carrots Salad Bar Special Raisins Strawberry/Blueberry Mix Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10/30/2023 Main Entree Chicken Bites and Goldfish Crackers Picnic Roll Pepperoni Pizza Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Celery Sticks Peas Orange Wedges Juice Fresh Pears Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	10/31/2023 Main Entree Hamburger Cheeseburger Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Vegetables & Fruits Baby Carrots Apple Condiments & Extras Bottled Water	11/1/2023 Main Entree Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza BBQ Chicken Wrap Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Baby Carrots Bell Pepper Diced Pears Strawberries, Frozen Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	11/2/2023 Main Entree Mac & Cheese Yogurt , String Cheese and Granola 9-12 Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Celery Sticks Cucumbers Red Bliss Potato Salad Orange Wedges Banana Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site	11/3/2023 Main Entree Pepperoni Wrap Spicy Chicken Sandwich Fruit Muffin with Sunflower Seeds and Cheese Stick Vegetables & Fruits Salad Lettuce Spinach Baby Carrots Corn Salad Bar Special Fresh Pears Condiments & Extras Bottled Water Italian Dressing Ranch made at Site

2024 Iceland Trip

Dear Parents and Students,

I am excited to announce that I will lead a group of James Irwin Charter Middle Sch students on a WorldStrides program to Iceland. On this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, students will explore the power and beauty of nature, experience incomparable learning moments, and gain a new appreciation for science. This will be a trip that your son or daughter will be talking about for years to come!

Your child will return home excited to tell you about:

- Hiking along some of Iceland's most famous volcanoes and waterfalls
- Swimming in the Blue Lagoon, a mineral-rich spring in the center of a black lava field
- Standing at the foot of massive glaciers and seeing powerful geysers in action
- Discovering Icelandic life and cultures while exploring Reykjavik, museums, and villages

I have chosen to travel with WorldStrides because of their exceptional service, their 50 years of experience, their safety record, and their preventive measures that ensure learning occurs in a safe and fun environment. I will chaperone the program with other teachers as needed, and throughout the program our group will be guided by a WorldStrides-certified Course Leader 24 hours a day. **Since this is not a school sponsored trip, we will not be attending as representatives or employees of the school.**

There will be a trip information meeting to discuss this wonderful opportunity on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 4:30 pm Ms. Schobert's class #1086. All parents and students are invited to attend this brief 30-minute meeting where I'll share more information about WorldStrides, review some of the trip highlights, and explain some of the tools available to help pay for the trip. I strongly encourage you to attend this meeting. Please read through all the details of this letter including a sample itinerary on the back of this page, and visit www.worldstrides.com/signup for more details about WorldStrides and our group's trip. If you have any questions, you can contact me at (719)302-9108, or via courtnie.schobert@jamesirwin.org.

Sign Up By Friday, November 10, 2023

Courtne Schobert
Program Leader

DAY 1

Travel from the United States to Iceland

DAY 2

Arrive in **Iceland**

Viking World Exhibition Explore the famous Viking ship, the *Iceland*, while having breakfast with a view.

Reykjavik City Orientation Explore Iceland's capital with a tour of the city whose motto, "pure energy," perfectly describes it. Visit the Hofdi house, site of the "end of the Cold War" meeting between President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev.

The Pearl Visit the Perlan exhibition, go on a cinematic underwater journey, and wander through an ice cave. Visit the Pearl vantage point, a remarkable domed glass building housing huge tanks of natural hot water that heat the city and offers gorgeous views of Reykjavik.

Lunch

Just outside **Reykjavik**, students will learn about tectonic plates and, weather permitting, explore a lava field.

Dinner and hotel check-in

DAY 3

Breakfast and hotel check-out

Depart **Reykjavik** and travel to the Golden Circle This stunning 300 km loop illustrates the power and beauty of nature.

Thingvellir National Park See Iceland's first national park, including the country's largest lake, a rift valley, and the site of Iceland's Parliament from 930 to 1789.

Geothermal Bakery Try rye bread baked from the surface of the earth.

Gullfoss Waterfall Watch the rushing water drop 250 feet.

Lunch

The Great Geysir Visit this now inactive geyser, and also see Strokkur, a geyser that erupts about every 10 minutes. Take in the beautiful hot and cold springs, and unusual plant life that surround this area.

Fríðheimar Learn how natural hot springs help grow tomatoes all year long and hear a brief history of the Icelandic horse at this charming family run farm.

Kerio Crater Lake Check out this amazing 3,000-year-old volcanic crater lake.

Dinner and hotel check-in

DAY 4

Breakfast

South Shore Travel through south Iceland to see farmlands, black sand beaches, thundering waterfalls, powerful volcanoes, and majestic glaciers!

Lava Centre Experience this interactive, high-tech educational exhibition where we will examine various volcanos and earthquakes that have help shape our planet and create Iceland.

Skogafoss Waterfall Make a stop at one of Iceland's gorgeous waterfalls.

Vik/Dyrholaey and Reynisfjara Beach From basalt columns to cave-filled cliffs, this place holds a beauty all its own.

Lunch

Solheimajokull Glacier Walk right up to Solheimajokull, the southwestern snout – or end – of the Myrdalsjokull icecap.

Seljalandsfoss Waterfall See this waterfall from a new perspective – the back – by walking behind the magnificent wall of water and feeling its power.

Dinner and return to hotel

DAY 5

Breakfast

Hveragerdi Geothermal Park Walk to a hot spring where there are active hot springs to observe.

Raufarhollshellir Cave Witness the inner workings of a volcanic eruption by walking in the path of lava.

Lunch

National Museum Discover Icelandic cultural history and learn about the museum's latest archaeological projects.

Hellisheidi Power Plant Visit a power plant and get an in-depth look at how geothermal energy is processed.

Dinner and return to hotel

DAY 6

Breakfast and hotel check-out

Blue Lagoon Explore this unique wonder of nature with pleasantly warm geothermal water in the middle of a black lava field. Because of the silica and minerals in the water, the lagoon is a rich and beautiful blue! Take a dip in the famous waters and feel invigorated by the natural beauty around you.

Lunch

Gunnhver Visit a site with powerful jets of steam escaping from deep below the earth's crust and sulfurous steam rising from numerous vents of a geothermal field. Students will have the opportunity to see innumerable small hot springs, mud pots, boiling pools and other types of geothermal activity.

Depart **Iceland** for home

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS IN **Iceland**

Volcanoes, glaciers, waterfalls, and more! A trip to Iceland gives you an up-close and personal look at the adventurous side of scientific study. Explore the iconic Blue Lagoon, get inspired by the five forces of nature, and have a blast making unforgettable memories with your friends.



THE GREAT GEYSIR



BLUE LAGOON



VIK/DYRHOLAÆY AND REYNISFJARA BEACH



KERID CRATER LAKE



EYJAFJALLAJÖKULL VOLCANO



GOLDEN CIRCLE



SÖLHEIMAJÖKULL GLACIER



GULLFOSS WATERFALL

LEAP into STEM

This trip will provide endless opportunities for hands-on interaction with the science and natural wonders you may have only seen in your classroom. We call this LEAP—Learning through Exploration and Active Participation—and it creates the perfect balance of fun and education on every trip!



Safety is our top priority

You're never alone when you travel with WorldStrides. Here are some of the ways we support our travelers:

WorldAssist

specially trained team available to assist traveling groups 24 hours a day

24-Hour Course Leaders

caring and dynamic individuals who are specially trained to guide your group throughout your trip and make learning come to life

Motor Coach Drivers

with years of experience driving and working with student groups

Tools to help pay for your trip

We offer several tools to help make these experiences possible for every student!

Financial Assistance: Over \$2.5 million in assistance is given out each year to families with annual adjusted gross incomes of \$85,000 or less

Gift of Education: An effective fundraising tool where 100% of the money raised goes to pay for your trip

Payment Plans: Spread out payments and set up auto-deductions to save time and money

Visit worldstridesfundraising.com for more details.

Student Name Tags

printed with WorldAssist's toll-free number

Doctors on Call Program

an exclusive partnership with The George Washington University Department of Emergency Medicine that grants us access to doctors for consultations and treatment recommendations



SCAN
to see how much fun
you'll have on our trip!

Sign up today!

800-468-5899

worldstrides.com/signup

Students who travel have a...



54% increased willingness to know, learn, and explore new things



36% increased desire to attend college/university



50% increase in self-confidence, independence, and self-esteem



37% increased marketability to potential employers

According to the Student Youth Travel Association 2018 Survey.

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