

Robert L. Merritt Junior High School

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"Equitable Education for Every Student"

Principal's Message

Greetings Parents,

Thank you for allowing your child to come to the school to test during the 1st Benchmark Assessment. We are taking every precaution to make sure this environment is safe for staff and students. We issued laptops and hotspots to our 7th, 8th, and 9th graders this week. If you would like to receive a laptop, don't hesitate to contact us at the school and we will set a time for you to come get the device. Please make sure your child/children are logging in classes every day and every period for this is extremely important for their academic success. Thank you for choosing Robert L. Merritt!

Parent Center Corner, Geraldine Ray

The year has kicked off with a great start. Let's continue to practice safety and social distancing. As the holiday's approaches, let's enjoy family and food with love and care by continuing to wear our masks and sanitize. My days at RLMJH are Monday through Friday from 7:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. on Monday. 7:00 A. M. to 3:30 P. M. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. 7:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. on Friday. You can reach me at gray@sunflower.k12.ms.us or (662) 884-1270 ext. 317.

Upcoming Events at RLMJH

Testing at a Glance:

Mon. November 2, 2020 – 7th ELA

Tues. November 3, 2020 – 8th ELA

Weds. November 4, 2020 – 9th ELA

Thurs. November 5, 2020 – 7th Math

Fri. November 6, 2020 – 8th Math

Mon. November 9, 2020 – 9th Alg. I

Tues. November 10, 2020 – 7th Science

Weds. November 11, 2020 – 8th Science

Thurs. November 12, 2020 – 9th Bio. I

Fri. November 13, 2020 – 8th Compacted Math

Merritt's Virtual Learning Schedule

7:40-7:55 Office hours
1st period: 8:00-8:50
2nd period: 8:55-9:45
3rd Period: 9:50-10:40
4th Period: 10:45-11:35
5th period: 1:00-1:50
6th Period: 1:55-2:45
7th Period 2:50-3:40
Office Hours 3:45-4:00

Merritt's Virtual Parents of the Month

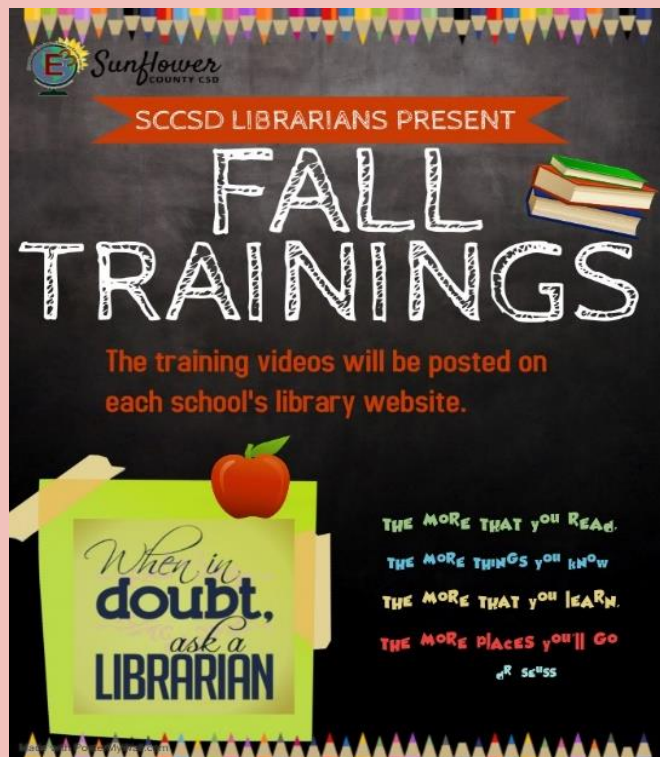
September (Khaliah Ransom)



October (Maria Alvarez)



Librarian's Corner, Dr. Jessica James



Look for the flyer on the Parent/Student tab on the SCCSD website. Training videos will be posted there and on each school's library website. These videos give parents and students information on being successful throughout this pandemic. The videos can be watch at any time. If there are additional questions, please contact the librarian at your child's school.

Breast Cancer Awareness



On November 30, 2020, we honored Miss Felicia McKinney. This marks her 5th year of survival.

The McKinney -Vento Act

When a family becomes homeless, there are two issues that usually occur with the effected children, 1) student attendance decreases and 2) financial situations destroy students' interest in school. The SCCSD recognizes the importance of education for all children and has adopted the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act that addresses the needs of homeless children. This policy aids with homeless students so that they can continue to be educated despite the challenges they face. If you know of families with children who are homeless, please let us know at (662) 844-1270. For more information visit Website: <http://www.serve.org/ncheor> E-mail homeless@serve.org.

Counselor's Corner, Latoshia Lewis

November is the month of gratitude and thanksgiving. If you are concerned about how to raise teenagers who are grateful, please read the following excerpt from an article found on the following website <http://rdavewalsh.com/posts/tips//174> and posted by Erin Walsh on November 19, 2013.

5 Ways to Teach Your Child Gratitude- Plus Tis for Teens

Adolescence can be seen as a self-adsorbed time in life but it is also a great time for transformation when young people are opening up to the world around them and figuring out who they want to be. Gratitude helps teens be more resilient as they travel on the rocky and exhilarating road from childhood to adulthood. Here are a couple of tips for nurturing gratitude in teens:

- **Don't give up.** You may need to modify family gratitude traditions or let your teen shape them, but don't abandon them completely. They are likely more important to your teen than you know.
- **Gratitude is a practice, not a script.** Avoid "correcting your teen if he or she express gratitude about something that doesn't meet your expectations. It is okay if your teen goes in and out of taking gratitude seriously around you.
- **Modeling still matters.** While they may never tell you this, your actions will matter. A lot. Practice gratitude.
- **Give credit to others.** Teens are vulnerable to the "self-serving bias" which means that when something good happens they think it is because of them and when something bad happens they blame the circumstances or someone else. Encourage them to think of how others have helped them succeed and to take responsibility for their own actions.
- **Expand the conversation.** Talk to your teen things like rights versus privileges and equality versus justice. Gratitude calls on us to be more aware of our relationships with others.



One School...One Team...One Goal

Student Achievement!