

The Eagle Express



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Let's Talk!!!!

November is a month of taking time to reflect and express gratitude for those people and experiences that we've been blessed with in our lives. This month is kicked off with Veterans Day when we all stop for a moment to honor those men and women who've served our country. Then, November brings parent conferences and Thanksgiving - both opportunities to sit down together with people who we care about and care about us to reflect on the past and plan for the future.

On the other hand, November can also be the start of the hectic holiday season that brings changes in school and family routines. Even the time of day and daytime changes as we "fall back" for Day Light Savings! The season of change can often be challenging to navigate both at home and at school, but with a bit of patience and cooperative teamwork, we can support our children by sticking to as many regular routines (like attending school) as possible. We believe that a two-way relationship between school and home is essential for the success of students. That is why we encourage parents to schedule conferences so that they can keep check on the progress of their child. Progress reports will be coming out soon and of course some will need to schedule conferences.

We trust that you will have a Happy Thanksgiving and remember that Thanksgiving has two words - Thanks and Giving. Let's remember to be thankful for the bountiful blessings we have and let's not forget to give to those who are less fortunate than we are.

Barbara C. Akon
Principal



Mission

To provide a clean, safe,
and orderly environment that is
conducive to student
achievement and growth.



Vision

We envision our school as a "Successful" or (above rated) school. We hold ourselves accountable for implementing, with fidelity, teaching and learning processes that will enable all students
to achieve academic growth.

We would like to say welcome aboard to the newest member of our construction crew Mrs. Christine Bennett. Mrs. Bennett is serving as the secretary of A.W. James Elementary. We thank you for choosing to join us, and we are certainly glad to have you!



WELCOME

We highlighted the importance of breast cancer awareness by wearing pink to show our support of the breast cancer movement and hope for the future! To our survivors we say keep fighting and keep hope alive!



A Night of Frozen allowed us to crown our newly elected King and Queen, Mr. and Miss A.W. James Tyjhen Hannon and Akirah Sanders. This night also gave us the opportunity to say good bye to our former reigning queen Kamiyah Burchfield, who served A.W. James well during her time with us. We thank all of our students who participated in the coronation ceremonies. You made the night a success!



Students who showed growth or scored proficient or advanced on the state MAAP Assessment were able to have a day of fun away from school. They traveled to the State Fair in Jackson as an incentive to celebrate their accomplishments. Congratulations to all of our students who went on this wonderful adventure. We hope you had a fantastic time, and we look forward to sending you to bigger and better places next year. Keep up the good work!



A.W. James took a moment to celebrate not only proficient and advanced students but those who showed growth on the 2019 MAAP Assessment. Students who showed the most growth in either ELA or Math received a monetary gift. Those who scored a perfect score in ELA or Math received a monetary gift and a t-shirt for them and their parents.



Superintendent Davis stopped by A.W. James to reward teachers with her famous "Killing It" Award. Teachers who received this award met or exceeded the district's required goal for growing students on the 1st 9-weeks benchmark assessment. Mrs. Davis also rewarded teachers with a medallion. Congratulations A.W. James. You deserve it!



In an effort to take a stand against the use of alcohol, tobacco, and the illegal use of drugs, students were asked to participate in a variety of activities during Red Ribbon Week. On Monday, students were asked to be Red-y by wearing all red. Tuesday drugs were Wacky and students were asked to dress Wacky Tacky. On Wednesday, students were asked to sock it to drugs by wearing crazy or mix matched socks. Students were asked to scare drugs away on Thursday by wearing their costumes. On Friday, students were asked to show how bright their futures are by wearing their bling jeans.



Word of the month

Integrity

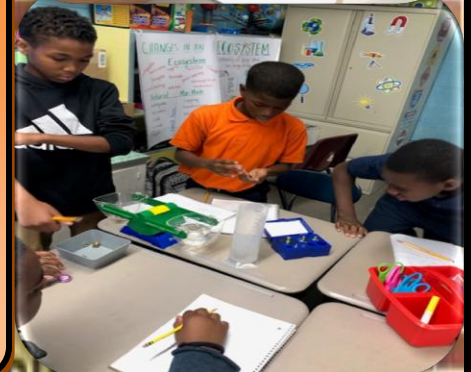
Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.



Students in Kathern Barber's 5th grade Science class had a blast working in stations to conduct experiments as a culmination activity for the physical property of matter. All students were very focused and actively engaged! Great Work!



5th graders hard at work in Science Class. As you can clearly see, these students were involved, engaged and vested in learning.

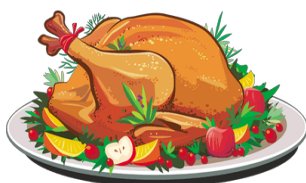


Nov. 1st

DATES TO REMEMBER



Dec. 20th



**Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov. 6th**



Nov. 11th-15th



Nov. 25th-29th



**2nd & 3rd Grade
Nov. 14th**



Nov. 28th



Dec. 21st - Jan. 6th

