## The Eagle Express

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#### Let's Talk!!!!

January has rushed in and it is gone!!! As we welcome in February, we are also looking forward to the second half of the school year. It's amazing that the year is more than half over. As I review the progress reports, I always notice a couple things that show a lot about being successful. I think this is a good time to share them and look forward to great things in the second semester.

We are finding that some of our students are not focused, not applying themselves and are not living up to the expectations that we have set for them. We encourage our parents to speak with their children to assure that students participate wholeheartedly in the teaching and learning process.

Our most successful students continue to work hard when things are challenging. We hope you will encourage and inspire this at home as we do the same at A.W. James Elementary School.

Join us as we celebrate Black History Month, Counselor's Appreciation Day, Healthy Heart Month and Valentine's Day. But most of all join us by supporting our teachers and your children in the teaching and learning process.

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.



# Welcome To Our

Welcome to our newest crew members, Xavius Loggins, P.E. teacher and Margaret Knighten, ISD instructor. We are thrilled that you decided to become a part of our family.

The 100th day of school proved to be an exciting time for our Pre-K and Kindergarten students. This day marked a special opportunity for them to celebrate their academic achievement. They were also able to celebrate the fact that they are now 100 days smarter. Below, Ms. King's Pre-K students show off some of their 100th day family projects, while Ms. Luckett's kindergarteners enjoy some 100th day activities.



It was **"Killing It"** time and once again our Superintendent was full of surprises. During this round of appreciation, she added those support personnel who give up their time to aid in our LPS pullout sessions. This assistance helps in improving student success. Our school can't reach our anticipated level of success without buy in from **all** staff members. We appreciate the efforts of all of our staff members and we encourage you to keep up the great work and let's continue to #WIN.



## **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

Students and parents gathered to help celebrate success at the 2nd 9-weeks Awards Program. This time around students not only received recognition for their honor roll status, but were also awarded for "Nailing It" by having the highest overall average. We want to congratulate those students who received accolades, and encourage everyone else to continue working hard, pushing forward and giving it your all to accomplish academic success.



Excitement filled the air as our Annual Spelling Bee took place. We would like to say thanks to the Curriculum Department for serving as our pronouncer and judges. We would also like to congratulate our winners: Nariyah Ingram - 1st place - 5th grade, Takiya Tyler - 2nd place - 4th grade, and Averie Hodges - 3rd place - 4th grade. We want all of our participants to know they did an outstanding job and they are all WINNERS!



Students in Ms. Walker's 5th grade math class show off their ability to use two different ways to find volume. They were asked to bring a cube or rectangular prism from home to be measured in cubic units or with a ruler. They had a blast working and presenting their information with their partners. Way to go 5th graders!



## Congratulations

teacher og the year

OUTSTANDING, and WONDERFUL Teacher of the Year, Ms. Jacqueline Luckett! We appreciate your inspiration to take students to the path of success. We applaud your efforts to take the gift that parents give us and give them the art of creativity. Your tremendous hard work, determination and endurance is highly commendable! You truly make the difference!



Feb. 2nd



Feb. 3rd-7th



Feb. 10th-14th





Feb. 14th



Feb. 11th





Feb. 21st





No School for Students Teacher Work Day



Mar. 16th





**Mar. 23rd-27th**