

The Eagle Express



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Let's Talk!!!!

It's November!!!! We have had quite an eventful year thus far. School started late for us - September 8, 2020 and a nine weeks period has already passed; can you believe it? Beginning November 9, 2020, we will be 100% virtual. Teachers have been quite busy preparing lessons for our online students as well as preparing for our students who have been receiving learning packs. Teachers have been working very hard to assure that your child is learning. They have spent many restless nights trying to assure that they have done everything to enhance your child's learning.

Thank you parents for helping your children excel academically through this Pandemic. We have all been pushed into places that we've not known before - way out of our comfort zones. We are finally getting together in one place - online - to assure that all the children are receiving the same instruction.

Sometimes it may seem that teachers and administrators don't care about your child. I am here to say that we absolutely do. We have worked harder this year than any other to educate your children. It may seem that you are "out here all by yourself". Please know that teachers and other staff members are going through the same thing that you are going through. Teachers and other staff members are having to "find" someone to be at home with their children or "find" someone to care for their children just as you are. They are having to purchase technology or pay the insurance on technology, just as you are. They are having to pick up lunch and take it home to their children - just as you are. This pandemic was not created by teachers and given to parents - we are all in this together. And, just as we all are in it together - we all are having to go through it together. We're all having to do things differently. We're having to ADJUST.

Thank you for adjusting your schedules, work, even your life to assure that the children at AWJ are getting the BEST education that they deserve. We're all ADJUSTING to the new normalcy. Let's work together.

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.

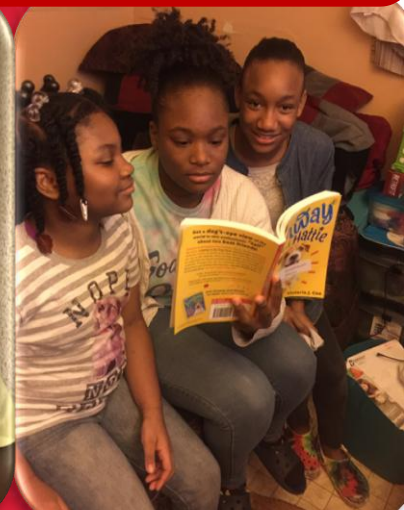
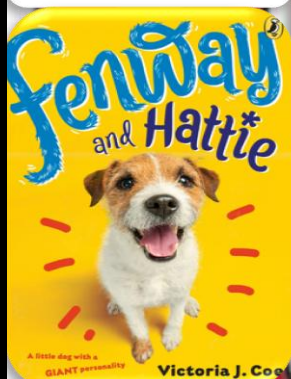
*Smile it's
wonderful
wednesday*

Wednesday is the one day of the week when you can always catch a staff member smiling. This smile is the work of our parent liaison, Susan Rash, who showers us with a variety of treats.



Our parent liaison, Susan Rash, is spear heading the Mississippi Reads One Book. She has reached out to our third grade parents to work with their children to read Fenway and Hattie by Victoria J. Cole. Families have been asked to work with the students to read at least one chapter a day.

Mississippi Reads
One Book®



Ms. Rash rewards winners from the Mississippi Reads One Book each week. Pictured below from left to right are third graders Antanayah Glenn, London Marshall, and Madyson Winston. These students participated in daily trivia questions, and a number of contest activities for families. We certainly want to thank Ms. Rash for taking time to make this project meaningful and important to our parents!



Congratulations

Parent of the Month

Congratulations to our Virtual parent of the month, Shaniqua Wiley. Ms. Wiley was the first parent to pick up technology to ensure online success for her children.



HAPPY BOSS'S DAY!

The faculty and staff at AW James took time on Boss's Day to show Principal Barbara C. Akon how much she is appreciated as the instructional leader.



Red Ribbon Week
Drug-Free America

Red Ribbon Week is a drug awareness campaign that is celebrated October 23-31 of each year. AW James celebrated by wearing camouflage on Monday to combat our fears of virtual learning. We pinked it out on Wednesday for Breast Cancer Awareness. On Thursday we wore costumes to prove we are not scared of virtual learning.

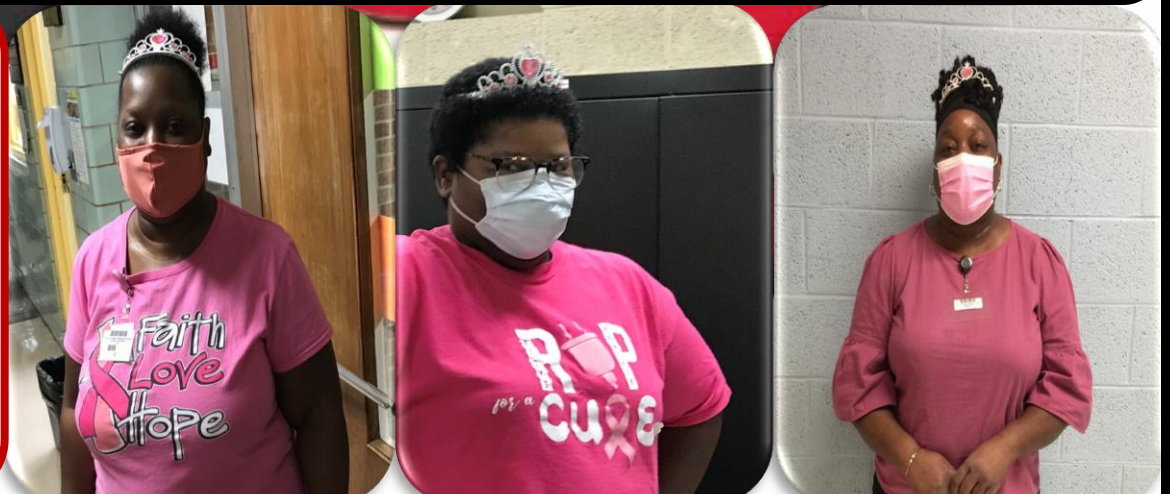


Queen Elizabeth has nothing on the Queens of AW James. Cancer came, but they fought and they won. They are living witnesses that surviving cancer is not a gruesome story. It is the beginning of a beautiful one. They have earned the right to sport their crowns and move forward like the Queens they are!

Latonya Woodard
(2 year survivor and counting)

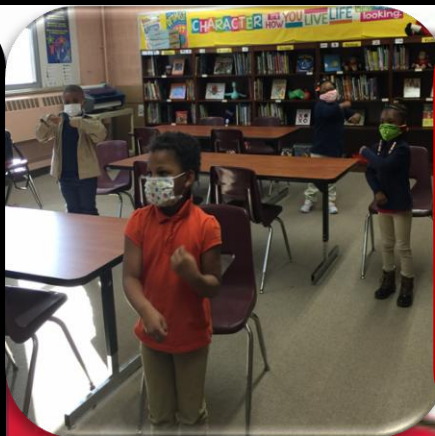
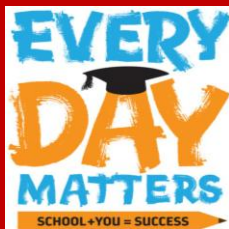
Lisa Davis
(1 year survivor and counting)

Amanda King
(7 year survivor and counting)



Ms. Ida Cannon Attendance Officer

The role of an attendance officer is to ensure that students are attending school. The officer also investigates students who have unexcused or excessive absences.



In alignment with CDC guidelines, our Pre-K students have been busy at work diving deep into the OWL Reading Program. They have been building on skills that will prepare them for Kindergarten. Our students currently attend school using the hybrid model.



Nov. 2nd-13th



**DATES TO
REMEMBER**



Dec. 14th-18th



Nov. 3rd

Nov. 16th-20th



Nov. 23rd-27th



Dec. 21st-Jan. 5th



Nov. 13th



Nov. 26th



**Bi-weekly Assessment
Dec. 7th-11th**



Dec. 25th