

The Eagle Express



December 2020

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Let's Talk!!!!

This year it feels great to finally be in December. 2020 has been unlike any other year that I have ever experienced. So, I started putting up my holiday decorations and I decided what I needed were more lights. The added lights throughout my house have brought an added warmth and comfort to the season for me. And I thought, just as those Christmas lights we see all around us are sharing their light and shining brightly, our teachers and staff share their light and shine brightly every day in working hard to help our children learn. Our parents share their light as they support their children at home and continue the learning there. Our students share their light in their enthusiasm and love for learning and their bright smiles each day although they are virtual. May this season continue to bring light and warmth to you and your family! Continue to be safe by wearing your mask, social distancing and staying at least six feet apart when you are out.

I truly miss having all of our children at the school building but I believe that we are doing what is best for all concerned - students, teachers, parents and community. With the pandemic still upon us, we should be thankful that we are able to look forward to a great Holiday. We will get back together - BETTER! Have a happy holiday break, keep safe and healthy and READ!!! See you January 5th, 2021!

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.

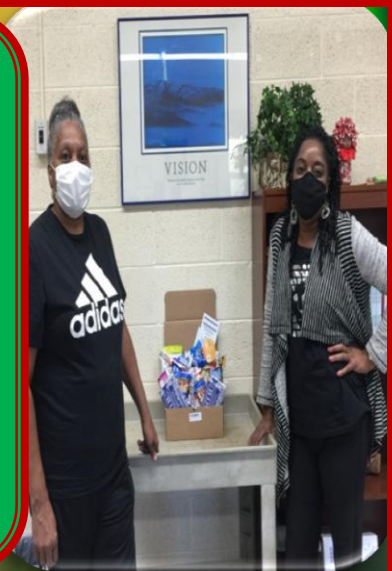
Congratulations!

Parent of the Month

Congratulations to our Virtual parent of the month, Nellie Wilson. Despite frustrations with virtual learning, she is a fighter and continues to give her all to ensure her great grandson's success.

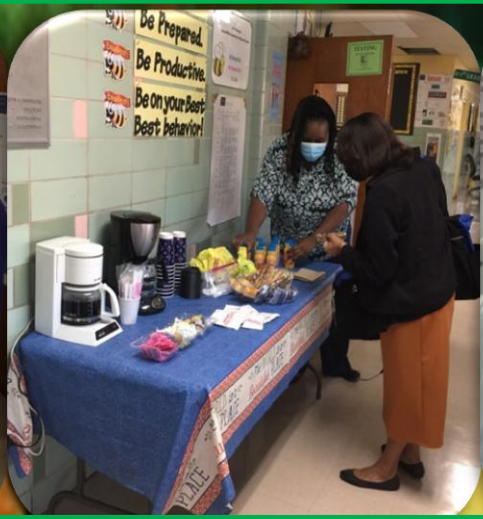


Congratulations to our Parent Liaison, Susan Rash, who takes a moment to show Principal Barbara C. Akon her Redbox Movie Night win through Ole Miss University.



HAPPY WEDNESDAY!

Most people look forward to Wednesday because it signifies reaching the halfway point to ending the week. At A.W. James, the faculty and staff look forward to Wednesday because we know we can look forward the treats provided by our Parent Liaison, Susan Rash. Mrs. Rash began this initiative at the beginning of the year and continues to supply the treats which always puts a smile on our faces. Thank you Mrs. Rash. You're the Best!



GO TEAM! GO TEAM!

Shout out to our 4th and 5th Grade teachers who nailed it on the 1st 9-weeks Benchmark Assessment. Because of their efforts and determination, we were able to secure the benchmark growth trophy for our school.

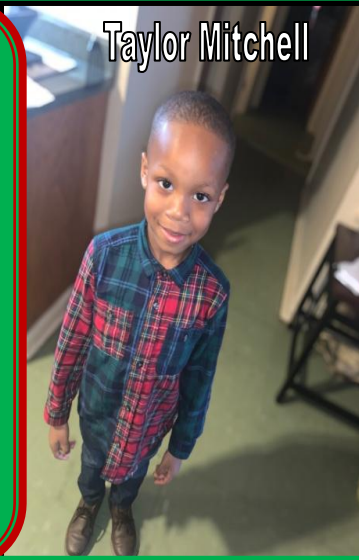




Against all odds and in spite of the growing concerns about the numbers, fear and frustrations that have been brought by the pandemic, these students prevailed . They scored the highest score in their grade level on the i-Ready BOY Reading and Math Diagnostics. We want you to know that we are proud of you and we encourage you to keep it up. We want all of our students to keep pushing and giving your best so that each of you will gain success.

**i-Ready Reading
Highest Scale
Score**

- Kindergarten
Taylor Mitchell
- 1st Grade
Kaylynn Brewer
- 2nd Grade
Alayna Rivera



Taylor Mitchell



Kaylynn Brewer



Alayna Rivera

**i-Ready Reading
Highest Scale
Score**

- 3rd Grade
Aubrey Sherrod
- 4th Grade
Jakyria Selvage
- 5th Grade
Averie Hodges



Aubrey Sherrod



Jakyria Selvage



Averie Hodges

**i-Ready Math
Highest Scale
Score**

- Kindergarten
Alfrenette Baggett
- 1st Grade
Kaylynn Brewer
- 2nd Grade
Alayna Rivera



Alfrenette Baggett



Kaylynn Brewer



Alayna Rivera

**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.



**i-Ready
Math**

**Diagnostics
Continued**

2020-2021



**3rd Grade
Aubrey Sherrod**

**4th Grade
Jakyria Selvage**

**5th Grade
Takiya Tyler**



Aubrey Sherrod



Jakyria Selvage



Takiya Tyler



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



Dec. 14th-18th



Dec. 21st-Jan. 4th

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**



Dec. 25th



Jan. 1st



Jan. 5th



**Bi-weekly Assessment
Jan. 11th-15th**



Jan. 18th

Jan. 25th-29th



**MOY Diagnostic
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