

# The Eagle Express



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## Let's Talk!!!!

March Madness, Spring Fever, Flu season, Spring Break and other seasons are upon us. March is here, but the weather seems to be stuck in February. Some days it is really cold! As we "March" into the spring season, this is the time that we, teachers and administrators, look at the data and make decisions about the upcoming school year. We are determining which students are in danger of failing and which children are in need of additional interventions and motivation.

We are just a few weeks away from the fourth nine weeks testing, state testing and benchmark testing. Teachers are teaching, re-teaching, regrouping, trying new strategies and re-thinking as we move forward. This nine weeks is critical for struggling students. We are continuing to ask parents to be involved in the school life of your children. Make sure that students practice every night what they have been taught at school – this is called homework. Have your child tell you how he/she comes up with the answers that they get to the problems or questions that they have to work on. This will be very helpful. It shows that they are learning and you, parents, are learning also.

We are continuing to meet with parents regarding the status of their children's continued education. Please come to the meetings to learn more about the school's activities. We want to thank our families for your diligence in having your students at school on-time and well-prepared for learning each day. I trust that we are all over the flu and other illnesses and ailments that kept us away from school last month. Additionally, please continue to be mindful that our students' academic day continues until dismissal (3:05) each afternoon and it is very important that students are not dismissed early unless an unavoidable appointment or emergency is involved, as valuable instruction from the teacher can be missed in addition to required assignments. As always, thank you for supporting the wonderful teaching and learning taking place here at A.W. James! We're working smart to maintain a "B" or above rating for our school. We BELIEVE that we will GROOOOOOWWWWWWWWWWW!!



*Principal, Barbara C. Akon*

## 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



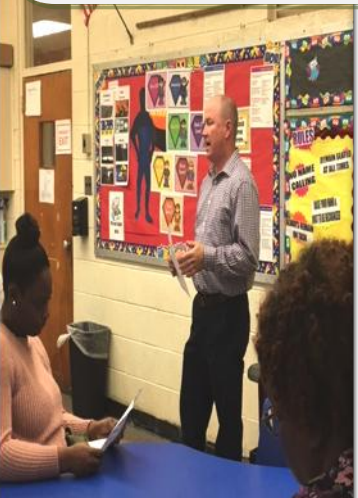


# Teacher of the Year

The faculty and staff at A.W. James would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 2017-2018 teacher of the year, Ms. Shirkethia Walker. We appreciate your hard work, dedication, and commitment to ensuring success for the students at A.W. James. We are grateful for your devotion to planting the seeds that help students grow! Congratulations!



Mrs. Leigh Ann Reynolds, Director of Early Childhood, met with pre-k parents to present opportunities for them to further their education and/or careers. Presenting at the meeting were Todd Donald, Director of the Capps Center, and Sarah Lomenick, Representative for 2nd Chance Mississippi in Oxford, MS. 2nd Chance Mississippi has donated funds to the district for parent education. These funds are being used to help parents of pre-k students with completing their CRC (Career Readiness Assessment) at the Capps Center and assisting with tuition costs for Workforce Programs.





# Academic Awards

Students and parents gathered to help celebrate success at the 2nd 9-weeks Awards Program. Students not only received recognition for grades, but were also awarded for showing growth on the 9-weeks assessment.



The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society®

Pennies  
for  
Patients®

A representative from The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for Pennies for Patients spoke to the students at A.W. James about joining the hero squad to help change cancer. The Pennies for Patients program is for elementary and middle schools that would like to support The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in their mission to create a world without cancer by conducting a fundraising campaign. Pennies for Patients is a great opportunity for kids to help other kids.





# BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

We would like to say Hats Off to our 3rd and 4th grade students & staff for putting on a one of a kind performance for our Black History Program. We would also like to thank the Ruleville Junior High Band members and their directors for taking part in our program.



Teachers of Kindergarten and 1st grade met with parents to discuss the current status of their children's progress. They also discussed data and what students need to achieve to continue on to the next grade level.



## dates to Remember

3rd 9-weeks  
Benchmark  
tests



**Mar. 5th - 9th**



**Mar. 9th - 13th**



**Mar. 19th**



**Mar. 22nd**



**Mar. 30th**