

East Sunflower Elementary Newsletter

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“Equitable Education for Every Student”

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Principal’s Message

Welcome Back!! I am so excited to begin the second semester with you at East Sunflower Elementary. We are entering a new calendar year; however, expectations are still high for all stakeholders. We encourage everyone to make teaching and learning a **PRIORITY** each day at East Sunflower. Not only do we promote the importance of a quality education, we expect our students to be respectful and well-disciplined. By revisiting our vision and mission, schoolwide goals, and positive behavior plan, we are anticipating a successful second semester! As we strive to create proficient readers, writers, mathematicians, problem solvers, critical thinkers, and productive citizens in the **NEW YEAR**, remember that if better is possible, then good is not enough. Let’s work together to make 2019 a **BETTER** year with new possibilities.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 1/9 Students return to School
- ◆ 1/11 School Wide Spelling Bee 1:15 P. M.
- ◆ 1/16 Parent Meeting @ 4:40 P. M.
- ◆ 1/16 Second Grade Meeting @ 5:30 P.M.
- ◆ 1/17 School Board Meeting @ 6 P.M.
- ◆ 1/18 100 Days of School Celebration
- ◆ 1/21 Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday (NO SCHOOL)
- ◆ 1/23 Parent Walk @ 1:30 P. M.
- ◆ 1/23 Data Night with Parents 4 – 6 P. M.
- ◆ 1/24 Parent Academy @ 4- 5:30 P.M.
- ◆ 1/25 Regional Reading Fair (Delta State)
- ◆ 1/28 Kindergarten and 1st Grade Parent Meeting @ 4:30 P. M.
- ◆ 1/30 PTO Meeting @ 5:30 P. M.

Parent Center Corner, Geraldine Ray

WE ARE STILL WAITING!!.....Come on out and visit our **Parent Center at East Sunflower Elementary in room 2B**. By visiting the center you will receive parenting literature and learning tools for you and your child. Our goal is to make a difference in the lives of children and provide support to parents. I am still looking forward to seeing you at workshops. We will have our **Learning Walk** on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 from 1:30 to 2:30. Remember, we have different ways in which you can be involved in your child’s education, such as **Active Parent, Remind, PTO meetings, school events, and volunteering**. You may reach me through e-mail at gray@sunflower.k12.ms.us, **My hours are Monday and Wednesday from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M**

“With us plus you, there’s nothing our students can’t do”!

Are You OrganWise?



OrganWise

Can you say, *cruciferous* (cru-cif-er-ous)? Pre-K students at ESE march to the beat of the *OrganWise* Roll Call (in the tune of Sound Off) and they practice hard at saying *cruciferous*, at naming the foods that will make them healthy and strong, and at learning how food affects the organs of their bodies. While they’re still practicing on *cruciferous*, they are already experts on knowing the rules to follow to be healthy:

OrganWise Rules

- Low fat
- High fiber
- Lots of water
- Exercise

The *OrganWise* Foods of the Month for January are Legumes (dried beans, peas, lentils) and cruciferous vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, bok choy, cabbage, kale). Are you organ wise?



Congratulations, ESE Spelling Champions!

Tacorri Griham- 1st Place
Zion Brown- 2nd Place
Andria Carter – 3rd Place
Mariah Minton- 4th Place

Three of these champions will represent the ESE Panthers well in the Sunflower County Consolidated School District Spelling Bee District on Friday, February 15, 2019. Go Panthers!

Box Tops for Education is sponsoring a “support your local school” campaign. Collect Box Top labels and receive ten cents per label. This is a great way to receive money for school projects. Here's how it works: (1) Clip Box Tops from participating products. (2) Send Box Top labels to your child's teacher. (3) Teachers will send labels to General Mills and receive funds for the school. This process is **SIMPLE** and **FREE!** Show how much you support East Sunflower Elementary by turning in box tops labels **IMMEDIATELY!** Thanks for your help!!

Santa Surprises ESE!



ESE held its first RIF book distribution on December 21, 2018. All of ESE and our guests were thrilled to have Santa come and visit our school. Santa visited the library for our RIF distribution where he talked to students, listened to their stories of how good the little Panthers had been, and posed for pictures to our students' delight. He even made suggestions on how some could and should behave better. He stressed the importance of reading the books they were given that day.

Our RIF theme was *Have a Ball with Books!* Thanks to ESE's Library Advocacy Committee (LAC) members: Mrs. LaFayette Rounds, Mrs. Geraldine Ray, Ms. Christye James, Mrs. Megan Freeman, Mrs. Ann Stuckey and Sheriff Haywood, our first distribution of the school year a great success!



In the Spotlight



Kathy Lang
Inclusion Teacher
Teacher of the Month



Geraldine Ray
Parent Liaison
Staff of the Month



Kimberly Robison
School Supporter
Parent of the Month



Jalyn Taylor
4th Grader
Student of the Month



ESE Panthers of the Month



Counselor's Corner

This month's focus on character is **OPTIMISM!** Optimism is the expectation that the future holds positive possibilities and the confidence that, with effort, these possibilities become likelihoods. When you look at the glass, how do you see it? Half full? Half empty? It all depends on the person and their perception about life. Do you stay motivated even when things don't go well? Do you believe that you can improve on things that maybe didn't turn out well? If you do, then you are an optimistic person!



Nearline Anderson



Ms. Nadia Earvin, Pre-K Teacher, Ms. Deana Wilson, Pre-K Assistant Teacher, Mrs. LaFayette Rounds, LAC, and ESE's Pre-K Class



Headed for the Northeast Mississippi Regional Reading Fair

ESE Panthers are on the prowl for another victory representing the SCCSD! Four students from ESE will represent the District at the Regional Fair on Friday, January 25, 2019. Each representative won 1st place in their division at the SCCSD Reading Fair. These outstanding Panthers are Serenity Lee, Division B - Literary Fiction (Individual), grades 1-2; Kaitlyn Price, Division G - Literary Fiction (Individual), grades 3-5; and Miracle and Markevius Edwards, Division J - Literary Fiction (Group), grades 3-5. In addition to our three 1st place winners, ESE is proud of another Panther, Alexandria Freeman, who placed 2nd in Division C - Literary Fiction (Individual) at the District Fair. Alexandria represented SCCSD at the Regional last year in the Division C - Literary Fiction (Individual), 2nd grade.

Go Panthers!!!



Theresa Logan

Theresa Logan is honored and humbled to have been selected for **Teacher of the Year** at East Sunflower Elementary School for the 2018 – 2019 school term. She attended Mississippi Valley State University, where she received a Bachelors in Early Childhood and a Masters in Criminal Justice. When she was a child, she played teacher using dolls as students and a chalkboard that she received as a Christmas gift. She was blessed with the opportunity to turn her childhood dream into a career that has spanned for seventeen years. She is completing her eighteenth year as a teacher in the Sunflower County Consolidated School District, and she still loves going to school every day. She loves to pass on her passion for reading to her students and to spend time getting to know them and develop a relationship with them. The best part of teaching for her is when she see that “ah-ha” look on her students’ faces or see their proud expression when they are successful and eager to learn more. She has been blessed over the years to meet up with her former students who have told her that she had a positive impact on their lives. That is a priceless gift that she truly cherishes.

Her teaching philosophy is simple. Teaching young minds is a task that cannot be taken lightly. According to Logan, it is full of challenges, frustrations, and responsibilities. However, it is a task that is also full of excitement, wonder, and joy. She strongly believes that all children are capable of learning, if they have the proper motivation and direction from their teachers. She feels that it is her duty to see that all of her students are being motivated; this is only fair to the students. They deserve her time and full attention in regards to their education.

The McKinney-Vento Act

When a family becomes homeless, there are two issues that usually occur with the affected children, 1) student attendance decreases and 2) financial situations destroy students’ interest in school. The SCCSD recognizes the importance of education for all children and has adopted the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act that addresses the needs of homeless children.

This policy provides assistance for homeless students so that they can continue to be educated despite the challenges they face. If you know families with children who are homeless, please contact the **Homeless Liaison at ESE, Geraldine Ray** at (662) 569-3137. Your call could be of great assistance to a family in need.

PTO NEWS

2018 – 2019 Officers

- President: Yumeika Stovall-Harris
- Vice President: Desiree Norwood
- Secretary: Amanda Winfrey-Ellis
- Assistant Secretary: Michele Nicholson
- Treasurer: Louise Christmas



Join the Parent-Teacher Organization today!
 Make a difference in the lives of children.
 One voice for every child!

Christmas Program 2018

