

# The Eagle Express



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## Let's Talk!!!!

It's Fall ya'll! And the fall season is in full swing even though it doesn't feel like Fall. Our school year has gotten off to a GREAT start! September certainly did fly quickly by! Your children and their teachers have been very busy setting the stage for a rich year of learning. By now, building and classroom procedures are well-ingrained, and students are deep into the literacy, math, science, and social studies content they will learn this year.

We are now in our 2nd Nine Weeks studies. Our children have completed the first benchmark testing and we are getting our data set so that we may send the report cards home and celebrate the achievement of our students as we develop strategies to assure that ALL students are learning.

It is our goal that we continue to develop meaningful relationships with you and your child in order to help them thrive academically and socially. We need our parents to participate in the meetings that are held so that you may have a great understanding of what is going on in our school.

As your principal, I am committed to educating children. Your child is important to us. You are important to us. As parents, guardians and family, you are your child's first and greatest teacher. Together as a loving school community—family and school—working as a mutually trusted and respected team, we exemplify our belief and philosophy that “it takes an entire village to raise and educate a child!” Together as a school family let us enjoy and relish every moment of this school year with our students. We look forward to a prosperous year!

Barbara C. Akon  
Principal



## Mission

To provide a clean, safe, and orderly environment that is conducive to student achievement and growth.



OCTOBER  
**Breast  
CANCER**  
AWARENESS  
MONTH

If you are in an abusive relationship, remember:

- 1.) You are not alone.
- 2.) It is NOT your fault.
- 3.) Help is available.



OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

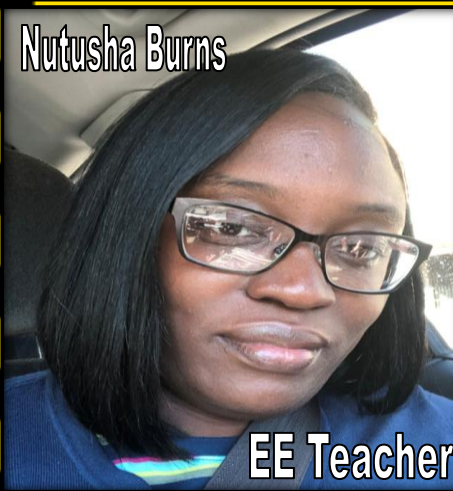
## Vision

We envision our school as an environment where students are empowered to GROW to their fullest potential, academically and personally while becoming self-sufficient.



**The faculty and staff of AW James would like to say welcome to our new construction crew members. We are certainly happy that you decided to make AW James your home away from home.**

Nutusha Burns



EE Teacher

Jaireus McClain



2nd Grade Assistant

Marellis Hines



Custodial Services

Grandparents day was a huge success! We want to give a big shout out to all of our grandparents for your continued support and encouragement to the students of AW James. We thank you for all that you are doing, all that you have done and all you're going to do. We are anxiously awaiting your return throughout the year. We also look forward to your sharing with us on next year. Thank you so much!



**The faculty and staff at AW James and Drew Hunter Middle joined forces to receive information about iReady updates. Teachers were able to offer their expertise in regards to how they use i-Ready in the classroom. i-Ready allows teachers to meet your child exactly where they are and provides data to increase your child's learning gains. Thank you Alice Shirey for working with our teachers.**





**Superintendent Davis and her curriculum team conducted a benchmark briefing with with faculty and staff members of both AW James and Drew Hunter Middle. The briefing gave all stakeholders a new way to look at making ourselves accountable for reaching 9-weeks goals and ensuring success for all students. Let's put forth our best effort to make sure our schools and district remain SUCCESSFUL! We can do it! I know we can!**



**Sylvester Washington, director of the district's technology department, in conjunction with Josephine Dunigan, instructional technology specialist and web master, presented a technology training on Cyber Security and Smartboard usage. The training included all personnel creating, logging into and working in their Smartexchange account. Thank you Mr. Washington and Ms. Dunigan for stopping by to train our staff.**



**Representative Beth Waldo of Horizon Sales spoke with the students of AW James about beginning popcorn sales for the school. The top seller will receive \$50. If the top seller sell 75 or more items, they will receive \$100. Students will receive 1 draw from the money bag for every 15 items sold. We encourage our students to sell, sell, sell. Good luck to each of you! Who will be the to seller?**





Word of the month

## Responsible

Responsible is a having an obligation to do something.



The AW James faculty and staff gave well wishes to their secretary, Mrs. Diane Parker. Mrs. Parker will be joining the MVSU Social Work Department as their Administrative Assistant. **Congratulations Mrs. Parker! We will truly miss you.**



Sept. 30th-Oct.4th

**BENCHMARK**  
Testing

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Red Ribbon Week**  
Oct. 23rd-31st



**Bullying Workshop**  
Oct. 15th

