

# The Eagle Express



April 2019

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April 2019

## Let's Talk!!!!

It seems cliché to say that this school year has absolutely flown by. However, it is now April and we only have two months left of the 2018-2019 school year. Even though only a short time is left, we have multiple opportunities for involvement and participation coming up in April and May.

Beginning Monday, April 15, all 3rd grade students will begin taking the MAAP test. This is the test that determines if your third grader will be allowed to move to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. MKAS testing for Pre-K and Kindergarten begins also. Then we have the state test for grades 3-5 in Math, Reading and Science (for 5<sup>th</sup> graders) beginning May 6. Please make sure your child is on time to school those days, has plenty of rest at night, and eats a healthy breakfast. All of our students and teachers have worked diligently to prepare for this test. We want our students to "show what they know" on those days. Please encourage your child to do his/her very best. Retention, class placement and our school grade depend upon the results. As you know we expect to be an "A" rated school.

We have upcoming field trips and end of the year programs. Our Pre-K classes will be transitioning as well as our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Both of these classes are gearing up for their promotional exercises coming up next month. We're also planning a fantastic May Day on May 20. These are just a few of the exciting things on tap for the remaining months of the year. Please come out and get involved with us. Learning does not end just because we finish our state tests. We will continue to involve your child in deep, rich learning experiences that will carry them into middle school and beyond. I hope to see you at some of our activities.

Barbara C. Akon  
Principal



**Mission**

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



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.

**Vision**





25 days of peace means fun and excitement for both students and staff at A.W. James Elementary. During our Peace Celebration, both teachers and students enjoyed moments of eating, dancing and having a blast! What a wonderful way to celebrate an evening of fun!



Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2nd - Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Ms. Lockett's kindergartners created hats to commemorate the celebration. Members of Magnolia Health took time out of their busy schedule to read to students in Pre-K - 2nd grade.



A.W. James students had the time of their life as they attended the Annual Spring Fling Dance. It was the best way to celebrate going home for Spring Break. Congratulations to our best dressed winners Jaleyah Peterson and Major Brand, who are both Pre-K students.







A celebration of good times was definitely in order as the staff and students of A.W. James brought home the golden glove once again. The champions were able to enjoy pizza at the expense of the other competitors. To top off the celebration, Superintendent Davis presented her famous "Killing It Award" to those who went above and beyond to achieve growth. Congratulations A.W. James! You deserve it!



**Congratulations**  
**Parent of the Year**  
**Mr. James Green**



The faculty and staff congratulates Mr. James Green as our **Parent of the Year**. Mr. Green has been working with the youth program since 2005. His goal is to change the way children think, teach them how to be respectful at all times, and let each of them know that they can be anything they want to be in life. He enjoys volunteering and keeping students motivated. We're so proud to have him as our

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## Word of the month

### Justice

**Justice** is a concept on ethics and law that means that people behave in a way that is fair, equal and balanced for everyone.

**JusTice**  
for**All**

## Example of Justice

The judge listens to each person's case, and treats them with equal fairness.

*"To form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility."*  
Preamble of U.S Constitution.



Our counselor cares about students, helps them when they are hurting, listens to their concerns and teaches them to solve problems. She also knows how to have a good time with them.



*Let The Good Times Roll*



**Apr. 3rd**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**



**Apr. 18th**

Kindergarten Readiness  
**MKAS2**  
Apr. 23rd-May 3rd



**May. 20th**

**BRAIN BOWL**

Gentry High School  
**Apr. 11th**  
**6:00 p.m.**

*good Friday*  
in the Village  
**Apr. 19th**



**Apr. 24th**

**K-4th**




**May. 22nd**

**3rd Grade**  
**MAAP**  
**Assessment**  
**Apr. 15th-26th**



*Easter Monday*  
**Apr. 22nd**

 **Questar®**  
**MAAP**  
**Assessment**  
**May. 1st-16th**



**May. 23rd**