

# The Eagle Express



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## Let's Talk!!!!

As we welcome in February, we are also looking forward to the second half of the school year. It's amazing that the year is more than half over. As I review the progress reports, I always notice a couple things that show a lot about being successful. I think this is a good time to share them and look forward to great things in the second semester.

The first is **attendance**. Most students who do extremely well have great attendance. They are here almost every day and they are here on time. Both of these things are important to learning. We certainly understand that students do sometimes get sick and there is the need for some absences, but there is a lot learned every moment we are here.

The second is **participation**. Students who are performing well in the classroom are actively engaged. I can see it in my visits to classrooms. I very much recommend that all parents encourage active participation in class.

The third is **perseverance**. The ability and willingness to take on a challenge and stick with it is so important. We want to encourage all of our students to do their best, even when things are challenging - this is how they will accomplish great things! Our most successful students continue to work hard when things are challenging. We hope you will encourage and inspire this at home as we do the same at A.W. James Elementary School.

**Barbara C. Akon**  
Principal



## Mission

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

Happy Valentine's  
Day



## 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.





The faculty and staff of A.W. James would like to welcome on our journey Cadedra Shelton and Erinne Scott. We're so happy that you have decided to join our team!



**Cadedra Shelton**  
1st Grade Assistant



**Erinne Scott**  
Speech Therapist

Principal, Barbara C. Akon, takes a moment to share with students in 2nd - 5th grade the results of the 2nd 9-weeks benchmark assessment. She commends them for all of their hard work, dedication and commitment to academic achievement. She encourages them to keep striving to grow. She also reminds them of the target goal of 442 for the upcoming MAAP assessment. Congratulations A.W. James students and staff! You're definitely on your way to achieving that much deserved A!



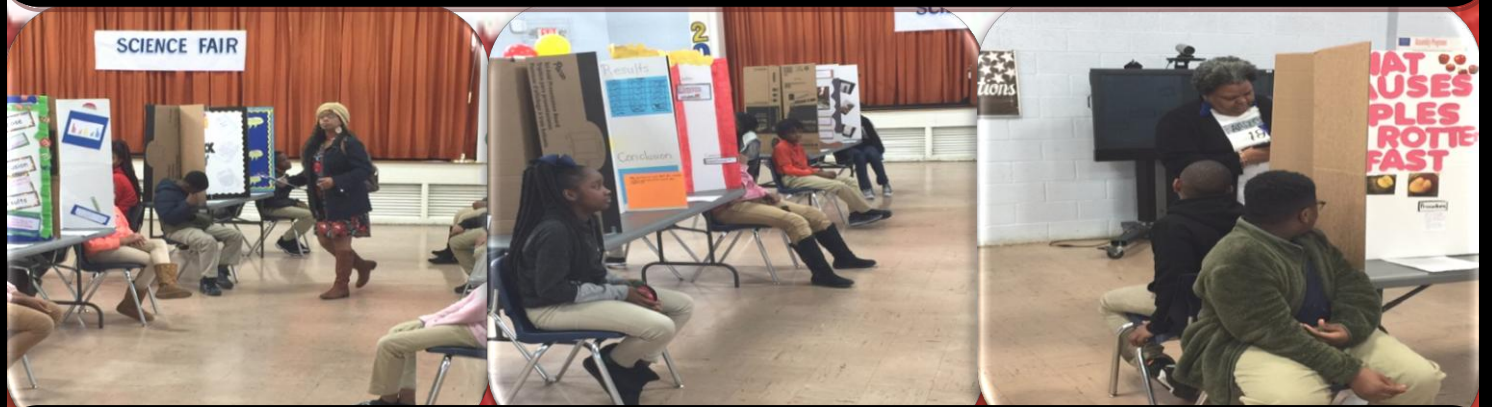
Superintendent Davis stopped by while 3rd -5th grade students and teachers were celebrating their achievement for the most growth on the 2nd 9-weeks benchmark. Mrs. Davis surprised teachers, Barbara Thigpen-Barber, Tramainia Hooper-Cooper, Lisa Davis, Kimberly Bolin and Shirkethia Walker with her famous "Killing It" award. Thank you Mrs. Davis for motivating our teachers to keep pushing on!







We take this time to send a special shout out to all of the students who participated in our Spelling Bee Competition. Congratulations to our winners: Chester Burton 1st place, Demarion Smith 2nd place, and Qwazavia Lewis 3rd place. We wish you the best of luck as you compete in the District Level Bee, which will be held on February 15th. Good Luck to each of you!



The 5th graders at A.W. James participated in their first ever Science Fair. The Science Fair provided the opportunity for students to apply the scientific method to conduct independent research. We want to say congratulations to our winners: 1st place Demarcus Williams, 2nd place Adrianna Pointer, 3rd place Nariah Primer, and honorable mention Ethan Collier. Good luck to those who will be competing at DSU.



Thanks to all of our students who participated in our celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This day has been set aside to celebrate the life and achievements of one of the most influential American civil rights leaders. Your performances were out of this world. You represented him well. Keep up the good work!



## Word of the month

### Respect

**Integrity** is a way of treating or thinking about something or someone.



# congratulations!

## Parent of the Month

Congratulations to our parent of the month **Mr. James Green!** Thanks for all you do to support the faculty and students of A.W. James Elementary!



## LOVE YOUR HEART

Get active  
Eat well  
Control cholesterol  
Manage blood pressure  
Reduce blood sugar  
Lose weight  
Quit smoking



AMERICAN HEART MONTH



**Wear Red  
Feb. 1st**



**Feb. 4th-8th**



**Feb. 11th**



**Feb. 14th**

# DATES TO REMEMBER



**Feb. 18th**



**Program  
3rd & 4th grade  
Feb. 22nd**

**3rd 9-weeks**



Benchmark  
Assessments  
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**Mar. 4th-8th**



**Mar. 11th-15th**



**Mar. 17th**



**Mar. 21st**