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The Eagle Express

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Let's Talk!!!!

It's Fall ya'll! And the fall season is in full swing and our school year has gotten off to a GREAT start! Even though it still feels like summer with the temperature, the mosquitoes and the frogs. 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.

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. A huge shout-out to our amazing PTA for coming out in a large number during our last meeting. All of our previous meetings have been successful this year also.

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 because it passes by so quickly - as if 'in the blink of an eye'!

Barbara C. Akon

Principal



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

Mission



October is...



until there is a cure... there is hope

Vision

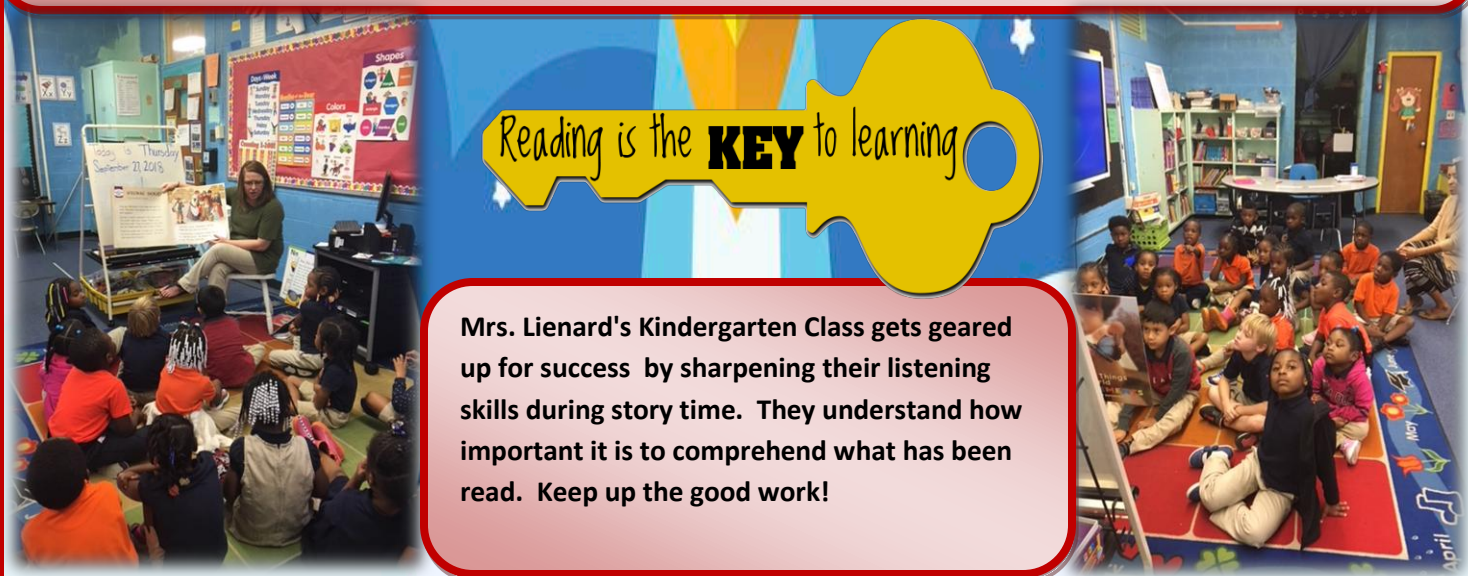
We envision our school as a "Successful" or (above rated) school. We hold ourselves accountable for implementing, with fidelity, teaching and learning processes that will enable all students to achieve academic growth.



A.W. James' Grandparents Day gave grandparents the opportunity to show love for their children's children, and help them become aware of the strength, information, and guidance that people of wisdom can offer. We certainly appreciate all of our grandparents and we take this opportunity to say thanks for all you do to support our strive towards success. You're the best!



The Drew Eagles PTO, which is composed of parents from both A.W. James and Drew Hunter Middle, came together during their monthly meeting to stress their theme of STRIVE FOR LESS THAN FIVE. This month's theme focused on attendance awareness. Speakers for the event were Counselors, Barbara Steele-Herring of A.W. James, Bora Benford of Drew Hunter Middle and Attendance Officer, Dorothy Hope. Also supporting the cause was our board secretary, Melanie Townsend. We certainly thank our PTO for supporting our schools and our children.



Reading is the **KEY** to learning

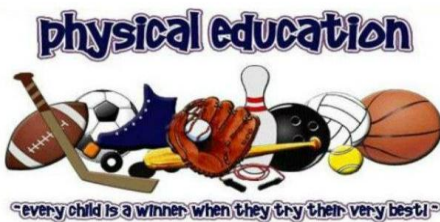
Mrs. Lienard's Kindergarten Class gets geared up for success by sharpening their listening skills during story time. They understand how important it is to comprehend what has been read. Keep up the good work!



**It's popcorn
time again!
Who will
be the big winner?**



Beth Waldo of Horizon sales stopped by to kick off A.W. James' Annual Popcorn Sales Fundraiser. She encouraged students to compete to become the top seller in order to receive monetary prizes as well as participate in a party. Students were geared up, excited ready to sell, sell, sell. Good Luck to everyone!



Participation in physical activities is crucial for the development of students to nurture their physical, social, and emotional health as well as intellectual side. Thanks to a recent professional development, students are beginning to experience new activities in Physical Education. Way to go Coach Williams!



Discovering new ideas is an integral part of learning science. Science experiments promote the development of scientific thinking in students. Ms. Perry's 4th grade students experience Science on a new level. They were very excited and eagerly engaged as they worked in groups on a one of their 1st science experiments. Great Job Ms. Perry on giving students the chance to engage multiple senses!



Always End the
Day With a
Positive Thought.
No Matter How Hard
Things Were,
Tomorrow's a Fresh
Opportunity to Make
it Better.
think positive

Negative
THINK
Positive

Word of the month

Optimistic

Optimistic is being
hopeful and
confident about the
future.

1 Year
=
365 Opportunities

October is



National Breast Cancer & Domestic Violence

AWARENESS MONTH

9-weeks



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Oct. 1st-5th



Oct. 2nd



Oct. 8th-9th



Oct. 12th

DATES TO REMEMBER



Oct. 18th



**OCTOBER 23-31
IS RED RIBBON WEEK**

MAAP



Oct. 29th - Nov. 1st



Nov. 8th



Nov. 8th

Thanksgiving Program



Nov. 15th



**Thanksgiving Break
No School**

Nov. 19th - 23rd