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"Equitable Education for Every Student"

Principal's Message

Greetings Parents,

Thank you for embracing this virtual platform, which is a new way of delivering instructions to our students. Please encourage your child or children to log in every class so they have their best chance to be successful. Teachers upload activities in Canvas that are aligned with what they are teaching. With that being said, it's extremely important that students are online completing all activities assigned to them. The assignments have deadlines that students must meet in order to receive credit for completing them. We are moving forward with our bi-weekly assessments starting the week of October 12-16. We use these assessments to identify our students' strength and where we need to focus more attention. Remember, our goal is "Growth for All Students" and we are doing our best to make that goal attainable. Thank you for choosing Robert L. Merritt Jr. High School.

Parent Center Corner, Geraldine Ray

The year has kicked off with a great start. Let's continue to practice safety and social distancing. We are still issuing books. Please stop by and pick up your child books. My days at RLMJH are Monday through Friday from 7:30 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. You can reach me at gray@sunflower.k12.ms.us or (662) 884-1270

Upcoming Events at RLMJH



Merritt's Virtual Learning Schedule

7:40-7:55 Office hours
1st period: 8:00-8:50
2nd period: 8:55-9:45
3rd Period: 9:50-10:40
4th Period: 10:45-11:35
5th period: 1:00-1:50
6th Period: 1:55-2:45
7th Period 2:50-3:40
Office Hours 3:45-4:00

McKinney Vento Act

Is an Act that provides urgently needed assistance to protect and improve the lives and safety of the homeless, with special emphasis on elderly persons, handicapped persons, and families with children. If you know of any who are displaced, please inform the parent liaison.

*Merritt's Superheroes presented by Supt.
Davis for the month of September*



Omar Catchings, Algebra I 8th Grade



Erica Coates, History 8th Grade



Lyinka Williams, ELA 8th Grade

Librarian's Corner, Dr. Jessica James

*PARENTS YOU ARE LINKED TO YOUR
CHILD'S CANVAS ACCOUNT....*

**Canvas Parent
Training**

Presented by
Sunflower County Consolidated
School Librarians



*Please watch this video that is located on Facebook
and the school's district website, so that you can
stay informed on the assignments and keep up with
your child's progress.*

*Please contact the librarian at your child's school
if there are any questions.*

From the Desk of the AP, Mary C. Giles

Students, we are so proud of your performance in your virtual classrooms. We asked that you continue to motivate yourself as we will do the same to continue to encounter success in this different and new way of learning, interacting, and performing. We asked that you keep your cameras on in class to experience quality interactions and teacher-student relationships. This is also a way for teachers to determine if you need individual assistance by nonverbal language. If you should need any assistance during this time, do not hesitate to contact us. Success is influenced by your actions, so let's aim for success.

**One School...One Team...One Goal
Student Achievement!**

Bully Prevention



What is Bullying?

- Unwanted aggressive behavior.
- Observed or perceived power imbalance.
- Repetition or high likelihood of repetition of bullying behaviors.

Things that occur that is not considered Bullying:

- This definition helps determine whether an incident is bullying or other type of aggressive behavior, such as one-time physical fights, online arguments, or incidents between children or adults, otherwise known as a Conflict.
- Some bullying actions can fall into criminal categories, such as harassment, hazing, or assault.
- An argument between friends.
- Teasing a person, and getting teased back.
- Aggravating or provoking a person, and receiving backlash as a result.

Common things to tell your child, if he/she is being bullied:

- Do not ignore it. Say Something.
- Tell a person that you trust.
- Parents, Teachers, Counselors, Coaches, School Admin.
- Protect yourself. (Non-violently) Stand up for yourself.

For more information visit: www.stopbullying.gov

Counselor's Corner, Latoshia Lewis