

August/September 2020

“Equitable Education for Every Student”

Principal's Message

Greetings Parents,

We are in the process of preparing for virtual learning and we are ready to academically support our students. As you know, our first day of school is set for September 8, 2020 and we will begin having class using the Zoom platform. We are aware that some of our students do not have technology, so we will have learning packets for them until we receive technology. Be advised that there is a \$25 fee for insurance in order to receive the district's computer. There is also a \$25 fee for Wi-Fi fee usage. If you have technology, please make sure your child logs into Clever to access Canvas so they can connect with their teachers. On Friday September 4, 2020, Robert L. Merritt passed out books for students, schedules, and teacher contact information. We understand this is new and there will be challenges as we all undergo this change in education. With that being said we are asking for your full support for the betterment of our students. As always, thank you for choosing Robert L. Merritt Jr. High School!

Librarian's Corner, Dr. Jessica James

Parents please go to our school library's webpage. Here you will discover what books we have in the library. You will also be able to locate helpful links to assist your child/children. Please click on the tabs.



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2020 - 2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back to school! There have been many changes while you have been away. We have a new way of teaching along with some new faculty and staff members. Meet the new additions to the staff at Robert L. Merritt Junior High. Lisa Bolden is bringing in new ideas in the ELA 9th grade Dept. Erica Coates and John Wise is firmly and enthusiastically working with 8th & 9th graders to educate them in the area of History. Paula Diguero is drumming up some 7th grade Math and Sybil Kavanagh is calculating Algebra I. Yolanda Sproles is bringing creativity and new energy to the Biology I classes. Georzetta McDaniel, Janesyia Brooks, and Benita Potts are committed to EE Department. Jaki Powell has eagerly joined the sanitation team.

Along with the original faculty and staff these newcomers make up a highly qualified group of professionals who provide valuable teaching and learning opportunities in a safe and positive environment that is beneficial to the growth and development of the students at Robert L. Merritt Junior High.



**One School...One
Team...One Goal!**

Student Achievement

Upcoming Events

MAKE IT A GREAT YEAR!!!!!!



Time brings changes, let's embrace them and have a successful school year...

As we approach the new school year, let's continue to practice safety and social distancing. We are entering a new norm which can be challenging to all of us. However, we will work together to ensure the success of all parties involved. 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

Geraldine Ray, Parent Liaison

A sneak peek in to the new norm and some new additions to the team...



Let's make it a GREAT year!!

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

From the desk of the Assistant Principal

Welcome back parents and students to a new and different educational school year. We look forward to working with you to ensure educational experiences are of great quality and engagement. This year will require us (parents, students, leaders, and community members) to work professionally together to ensure we meet all ACADEMIC expectations. This year we will encounter many challenges, but I am sure that we can come together to create solutions. If you need any assistance please do not hesitate to call the school or email your instructor, Mr. Turner, or me. mjiles@sunflower.k12.ms.us


Counselor's Corner, Latoshia Lewis




Virtual Classroom Expectations

zoom

BE ON TIME.
Wake up early.
Get Dressed.
Log on a few Minutes *before* class.




BE IN A QUIET PLACE.
Check your surroundings For noise.




BE PREPARED.
Computer is charged.
Camera is on.
Use headphones you have them.

*Submit assignments on time.**


PRESENTATION
Wear appropriate clothes
Sit up straight.
Be in view of the camera.




MUTE YOURSELF.
Mute yourself when your teacher or another student is talking.




PARTICIPATION
Be focused.
Be attentive.
Be an active participant..



CHAT RESPONSIBLY
Raise your hand to speak.
Type your question in the chat box.



COMMUNICATION
Speak clearly.
Look up when speaking.



Stay on Topic (Avoid side conversations)

BE RESPECTFUL
R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

Be kind.

Be considerate.

