

# The Eagle Express



January 2019

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## Let's Talk!!!!

I want to take this time to welcome our parents, teachers and students back from the holiday break; relaxed and rejuvenated! Welcome to the New Year - 2019! There is an incredible excitement in the air as teachers, students and parents anticipate the second semester of this school year. As your principal, I am committed to continuing the tremendous mission and vision of our school. I am thrilled to be part of a dynamic staff of dedicated, talented, caring and committed educators and am excited to be working with our wonderful and brilliant students.



Our teaching and support staff is committed to providing caring and safe learning environments that educate the minds along with encouraging the hearts and spirits of our students. Communication between home and school is valued. Our monthly school newsletters are available via webpage and teacher created newsletters and school status communications including, e-mails, phone calls, notes, progress reports, grade level meetings, etc. are available so that parents may have the needed information to support their child in his/her current school experience. Parent -Teacher conferences will be held after report cards are picked up, focusing on the first semester of progress for the year. Again, have a happy and prosperous New Year! 2019 is our year!!!!

Together, as a school family, let us enjoy and relish every moment of the remainder 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

## Mission

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

HAPPY NEW  
2019  
YEAR

## 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.

# congratulations!

A.W. James' 2018 - 2019

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Angie Okojie



The faculty and staff of A.W. James Elementary School congratulates our 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Angie Okojie. Mrs. Okojie is currently in her eighth year of teaching. She is a 2nd grade teacher, but has experience teaching Kindergarten, 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th grade. Mrs. Okojie believes that a "child without education is like a bird without wings." Congratulations Mrs. Okojie!

Ms. Davis' 4th grade math students get ready for the 2nd 9-weeks assessments by using centers to review. They remind us that gearing up for a test does not have to be a difficult task. It is a serious matter that can be taken in stride and handled with ease when you have classmates who believe in each other and want to make success happen. Great job 4th graders for working together to achieve a common goal - SUCCESS! We're proud of you.



Students at A.W. James got to experience Ned's Mindset Mission for the 2nd year in a row. NED's Mindset Mission is a live, school-wide assembly performance that teaches the benefits of a growth mindset in a way students love and remember. The NED Show promotes positive behavior and academic achievement in elementary schools. It encourages students to use positive phrases to reinforce a growth mindset!





Members of Magnolia Health out of Jackson, MS dropped by A.W. James for a meet and greet before joining forces with the school to help teach students about health and hygiene. Magnolia Health exists to improve the health of its beneficiaries through focused, compassionate, and coordinated care. We thank you for coming and anxiously await the opportunity to work with you!

## A galaxy of sharing and caring



We want to take this time to say thanks to all staff members who took part in making Christmas a joyous one for the angels in our school family. A special thanks goes out to the representatives of Magnolia Health who helped to make this Christmas extra special for our students who lost their home in November. Thank you so much!



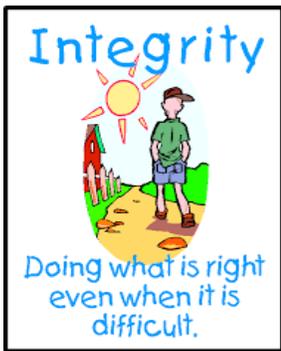
To take us into the Christmas holiday, the 1st and 2nd grade students of A.W. James put on a spectacular presentation of a Grinch's Christmas. Towards the end of the program, they were greeted by the one and only St. Nick himself! The students were overwhelmed with joy. What a wonderful way to close out their celebration!



Word of the month

# Integrity

Integrity is being truthful, sincere, trustworthy and honest.



Custodial Services  
David McPherson



Jimisha Washington  
Kindergarten Assistant



Cammie Rone  
3rd Grade Math



# HAPPY NEW 2019 YEAR

Jan. 1st

# DATES TO REMEMBER



Feb. 4th-8th



Jan. 7th-8th

School Level



Jan. 15th



Jan. 21st



Wear Red  
Feb. 1st



Jan. 9th



# Science Fair

Jan. 16th

Martin Luther King



Jan. 18th



Program  
3rd & 4th grade  
Feb. 22nd

i-Ready<sup>TM</sup>  
MOY Diagnostic  
Jan. 15th-31st