

Robert L. Merritt Junior High School

THE MERRITT GAZETTE

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Principal's Message

Greetings parents,

On April 12, 2021, we opened schools to pre-selected students to receive traditional instructions. Our teachers are providing instructions to students who are in person and students who remained virtual. Students who chose in-person learning are required to bring their computers and must be dressed appropriately in order to stay at the school. We will start MAAP testing May 4, 2021 and end by May 14, 2021. Starting May 17, 2021, more students will have the option to take advantage of in-person learning. Please make sure students are completing all assignments given by the teachers. As we move closer to bringing this year to an end, we want all of our students to promote to the next grade! Thank you for choosing Robert L. Merritt Jr. High School!

IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS

- ◆ In a motel, shelter or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation
- ◆ In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station
- ◆ Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship (Please Contact your Parent Liaison)

The McKinney-Vento Act provides certain rights for Homeless students. For more information please visit our MDE website at: www.mde.k12.ms.us/OFP/titles

Upcoming Events at RLMJH has been postponed until further notice.

*From the desk of Dr. Mary C. Giles,
Assistant Principal*

Parents,

We thank you for your continued support as we have made changes to our class schedule, educational environment, and teaching platform. We look forward to doing well on our upcoming assessments despite challenges we have encountered. Please continue to encourage your child to do his or her best as we finish this school year stronger than we started it. It is our top priority that your child is safe and receives quality instruction daily. If your child is receiving in-person learning, please ensure his or her mask fits appropriately to cover both his or her nose and mouth. Thank you again for all of your support.

Parent Liaison, Geraldine Ray

Let's continue to practice safety and social distancing as we enter back in to the traditional setting of teaching and learning. Please continue to wear your mask and wash and sanitize your hands regularly. Remember, we have different ways you can be involved in your child's education. Such as: Active Parents, School Status, and Canvas. You may reach me through e-mail at gray@sunflower.k12.ms.us. My hours are: Monday from 7:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. Tuesday-Thursday 7:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M. and Friday 7:00 A.M. -3:30 P.M. However, I will adjust my schedule to accommodate you.

Attendance Officer Information

"Every Day Counts!"

Mrs. Ida Cannon, School Attendance Officer for:

East Sunflower Elementary
A.W. James Elementary
Ruleville Central Elementary
Drew Hunter Middle
Ruleville Central Middle
Thomas E. Edwards, Sr. High

Tel (662) 887-8107| Fax (662) 887-7306

Mrs. Ida Cannon, School Attendance Officer for:

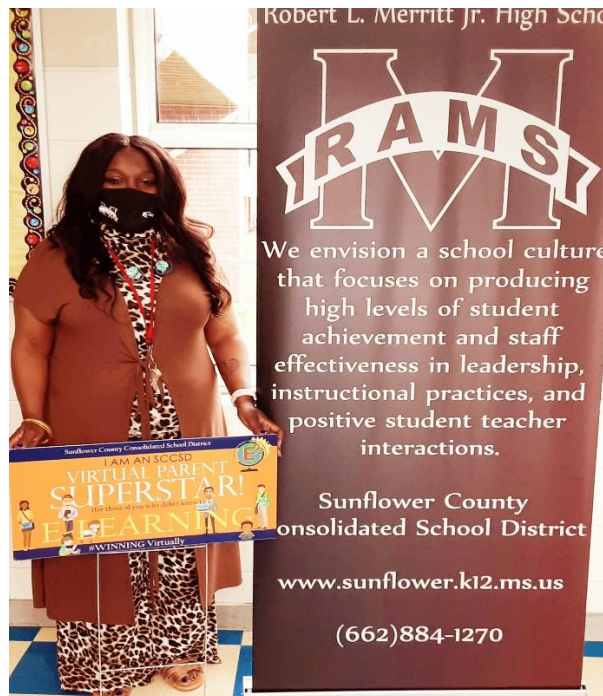
Inverness Elementary
Lockard Elementary
Carver Elementary
Moorhead Central
Robert L. Merritt Junior High
Gentry High

Tel (662) 887-8107| Fax (662) 887-7306

If you have any questions or concerns about attendance, please feel free to call or fax the Attendance Officer assigned to your child/children school.

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Parent of the Month (March)

Perfect Attendance Students

Kaci Bush (7th)



Stanley Currie (7th)



Ja'kayla Brownlow (8th)



Verquavion Cattlidge (8th)



Tyron Brandon (9th)

Shundreka Coleman (9th)



Summer Enrichment Opportunities in Mississippi

Grade Level	Program	Application Deadline	College/ University
6th-8th Grade	Junior Robotics Camp	April 16, 2021	Mississippi State University
6th - 8th Grade	Creative Writing Workshop	May 15, 2021	University of Mississippi
6th - 8th Grade	Talent Search Program	The TS Office is open from 8:00-5:00, Monday through	Mississippi Valley State University

		Friday. The Office phone number is (662) 254-3475. The fax number is (662) 254-3873. Call to speak w/office personnel	
5th-12th Grade	Engineering in a Box	April 16, 2021	Mississippi State University
7th - 8th Grade	Pre-College Outreach-Virtual (engineering, STEM, Robotics, Creative Writing, Anime/Manga Drawing)	Applications being accepted beginning March 1, 2021	University of MS /Ole Miss https://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/html
7th - 8th Grade	Pre-College Summer Camps (fee required)	Various camps May 31st - July 11th. Must contact departments directly for application deadlines.	Mississippi State University http://ce.extension.msstate.edu/node/383
7th-12th	Shaggy's Angler Camp \$495	No application deadline posted but is held JUNE 1–5 JUNE 15–19 JULY 6–10	University of Southern Mississippi 228.818.8095 gcrl.usm.edu/mec

7th-11th	Summer Program for Academically Talented Youth (Duke University Talent Identification Program)	No application deadline posted but is held July 7-26th	https://www.usm.edu/education-human-sciences/gifted-studies/summer-program-academically-talented-youth.php
Middle School	Additional enrichment programs are awaiting guidance from university administration	Summer 2021	Mississippi State University
Middle School 7-8	STEM Changers Ms. Amber Lampkins, Director, 662.254.3433	Summer 2021	Mississippi Valley S.U. Math & Science Dept. 662.254.9041
Middle School Upcoming 9th Grade & 10th grade	Upward Bound Program	6/14/21-Tentative Deadline	Mississippi Valley S. U. Lamar Swint, Director lamar.swint@mvsu.edu
9th; 8th - 12th Grade	Pre-College Summer Camps (fee required)	Various camps May 31st - July 11th. Must contact departments directly for application deadlines.	Mississippi State University http://ce.extension.msstate.edu/node/383
9th-12th	Ocean and Technology Camp located in Ocean	No application deadline posted but is held July 20-24	University of Southern Mississippi 228.818.8095 gcrl.usm.edu/mec

	Springs \$595		
7th-12th	Shaggy's Angler Camp \$495	No application deadline posted but is held JUNE 1–5 JUNE 15–19 JULY 6–10	University of Southern Mississippi 228.818.8095 gcrl.usm.edu/mec
9th - 12th	Journalism in the Age of Social Media	May 15, 2021	University of Mississippi/Ole Miss
9th grade (must be leaving 8 th)	UNITE Program	May 1, 2021	Jackson State University http://www.usaeop.com/program/unite/ https://www.jsums.edu/unite (must apply at both links)

Counselor's Corner, Latoshia Lewis



What book are you Reading now? Has your ELA Teacher given you guidance on how to utilize the MackinVIA app that is located within your Clever? If not, please go to the MackinVIA app and search for books that you are interested in. You can check out the book with no problems and check the book back in with no complications. If there is a book that you are looking for and it is not found in the MackinVIA app, please let the Librarian at your school know.

HAPPY READING

Dr. Jessica James, Library Media Specialist