

The Eagle Express



April 2017

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Let's Talk!!!!

This time of year brings about the administration of the *Mississippi Department of Education test for Third Grade*. Our third graders are administered the *Mississippi Assessment Program tests in English Language Arts and Mathematics*. The *MAP English Language Arts Assessment* will be administered on Wednesday, April 19th and Thursday, April 20th. The *Mathematics Assessment* will be administered in May.

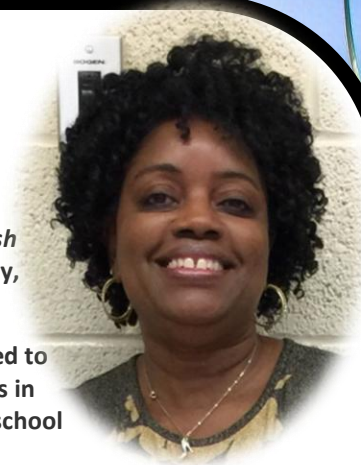
Both assessments align with the Common Core Learning Standards and are administered to help us understand how children are progressing in their learning. This data also assists in making curriculum decisions at both the district and school level as well as setting our school rating. Our rating is presently a D.

Here are some suggestions to help your child do well on the MAP test:

- Encourage your child to try his/her best!
- Help your child get a good night's sleep and have a good breakfast in the morning.
- Help your child with time management.
- Remind your child to read carefully.
- Remind your child to check his/her work.

Students in grades 4 and 5 will also be tested. Those tests will be administered on May 2nd-8th, 2017. Fifth graders will take Science on May 9th and May 10th. Pre-K and K will be tested with MKAS on April 25th-27th. That's a lot of testing, but it is necessary.

We have had a great year of instruction and we await to see how well our children will do on the assessment. Thanks parents for sending them to school so that we may teach them. Teaching and learning are our Super Powers!!!!



Barbara C. Akon,
Principal

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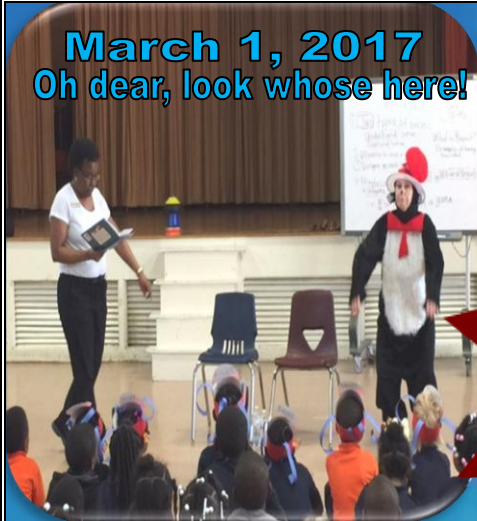
1. Be on time.
2. Be polite.
3. Be prepared.
4. Be productive.
5. Be on your Best, Best behavior.



Mission

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

March 1, 2017
Oh dear, look whose here!



KAPOW!



The Cat in the Hat visited Pre-K - 2nd grades.

Read Across America Week

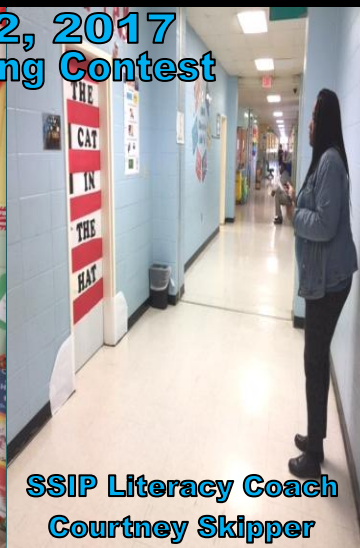
March 2, 2017
Door Judging Contest



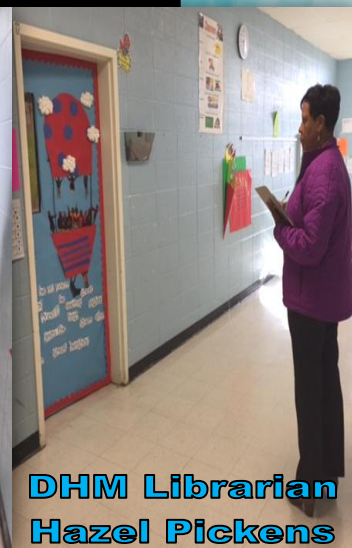
Board Secretary
Melanie Townsend



District Test Coordinator
Li'Thesia Kent



SSIP Literacy Coach
Courtney Skipper



DHM Librarian
Hazel Pickens

The faculty and staff of A.W. James Elementary take this opportunity to thank our judges for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in our activities for the week. We would also like to congratulate our winners: 1st place 3rd Grade - Kathern Barber & Latonya Woodard; 2nd Place Pre-K - Carla Townsend & Courtney Johnson; 3rd Place The Counselor's Staff - Barbara Steele and Anwar Carter. We would also like to thank all of our teachers who participated in the door contest. Everyone did a marvelous job! You are all winners!



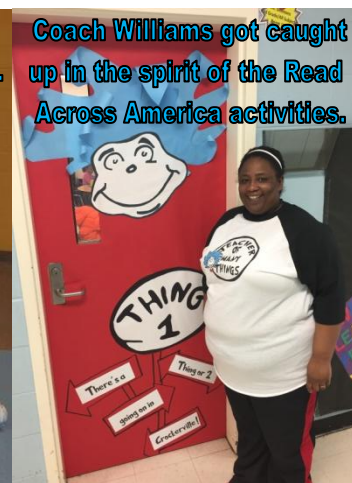
Community member
Dr. Lena Waldrup
reads to a
Pre-K class.



Student, Dylan Rone, gets ready to take a bit of his biscuit that he has filled with green eggs and ham.



Even Kathern Barber decided to give them a try.



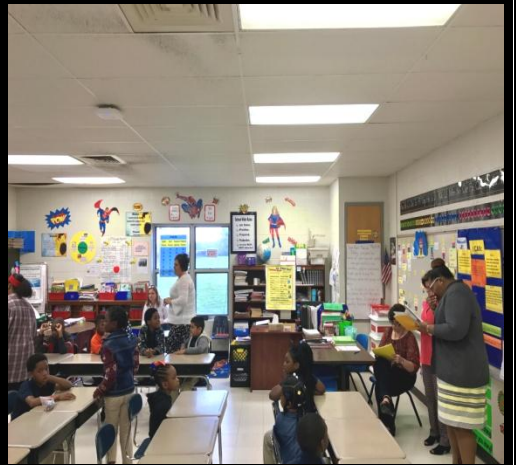
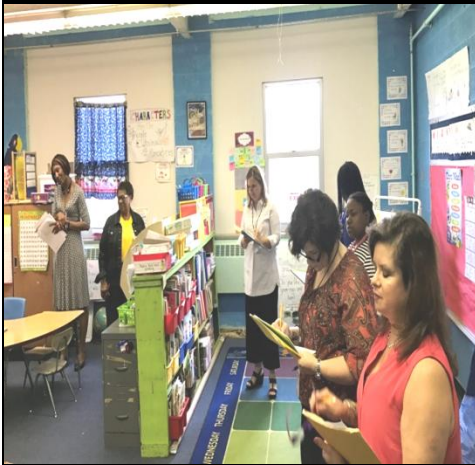
Coach Williams got caught up in the spirit of the Read Across America activities.

March 3, 2017

KA-BLAM!

4th grade student, Kiara Clark led parents and teachers in stating the school's mission and vision

during the 3rd nine weeks report card and data night meeting. She also had the parents to state the five bees and give the three expectations.



Students in grades K-3 experienced their second learning walk this year. Participants included Principal Barbara C. Akon, Curriculum Director, Jorgell Jones, Curriculum Specialist, Shametria Beamon, Federal Programs, Director Frankie Blackmon, Pre-K Collaborative Director Leigh Ann Reynolds, Regional Literacy Coach Gidget, Mansell, SSIIP Literacy Coach, Courtney Skipper, NBCT Implementation Specialist, Leslie Coleman and Daycare Provider, Mrs. White.



Representatives from Delta State University traveled on the Mobile Music Lab to use I Movie to teach our 5th grade students video production skills. The Delta Music Institute provided the opportunity for the students to receive music therapy. The students had a wonderful time as they rotated through each of these sessions. We certainly thank the representatives from I Movie and Delta Music for taking time out to come work with our students.



KABOOM

Every morning while everyone else waits until their first class begins, the 5th graders take advantage of the time by getting in their i-Ready minutes. Way to go 5th grade!



May I Have Your Attention Please!

Representatives from MDE will be on April 7, 2017 to conduct our SIG evaluation.

Parents don't forget to login in to Indistar to receive up to date information on what we are implementing at the school level in regards to our School Improvement Grant.

<http://www.indistar.org>

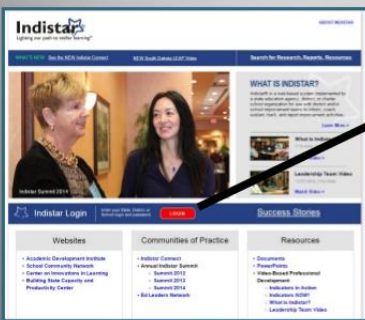
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Logging In

When a district or state registers a school, the school login and password information is sent to the **school principal** and the **process manager** via email. The password may also be given out at a training held by the district or state. With this information, the principal or process manager may log in to Indistar® through the state's website, if the state has posted a link there or through the "Indistar Login" <http://www.indistar.org/>. Both of these login access areas will lead to the same login screen. The screen shots below show the access area on the Indistar webpage as well as the login screen.



SIG Evaluation



April 7th

Happy Good FRIDAY



April 14th



April 17th

Easter Monday

3rd Grade MAP



April 17th - 21st

Formative Assessments



April 17th - 21st

MKAS2



April 25th - 28th

Have a safe and enjoyable Easter Holiday. Come back rejuvenated and ready to finish the year with a bang!