

# The Eagle Express



December 2016

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## Let's Talk!!!!

December is here! Cooler temperatures... disappearing daylight. The upcoming weeks can become quite overwhelming as families prepare for family gatherings, special travels and perhaps some, shopping outings in preparation for special traditions. As much as we'd all like to feel that we are organized and well-prepared for the upcoming weeks, each family deals with the stress of the holidays in different ways. Oftentimes, children fall victim to later bedtimes, hectic trips to the store for that last item, and sometimes experience first-hand the financial stress that plagues many families during this time of the year. Routines often fall to the wayside along with daily reading practices, consistent homework support, and even family meals. At times families need to make a concerted effort to see that the rush and stresses of the holiday season do not seep into their child's daily routine and need for consistency.

Each grade level is being asked to contribute different household items to help make the holidays more enjoyable for some of our less fortunate. Thank you for helping our students learn about giving to others during this holiday time. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Your contributions to the Drew Food Pantry for the month of November are greatly appreciated. Please continue to let your children know that there are blessings in giving to others.

We trust that you will have a Happy Holiday season and that you will always remember those who are less fortunate than you are. Although you may be struggling, there is someone who is struggling even more than you are.

Thank you for a SUPER first semester. We look forward to the unfolding of our second semester and trust that you will remain a SUPERHERO for your child(ren). Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, etc. Feliz Navidad!, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! We look forward to seeing you and having more teaching and learning in 2017.

Barbara C. Akon,  
Principal



### The 5 s

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

Merry  
Christmas



### Mission

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



Students in Ms. King's Pre-K class display their superpowers during an observation by Pre-K Collaborative Director, Leigh Ann Reynolds. The students show their outstanding abilities while working on the skills for LRI Phonemic Awareness.



4th Grade Math teacher, Lisa Davis, show off her ability to be involved with all groups during the 3rd - 5th grade learning walk. Participants of the walk included Principal Barbara C. Akon, Principal Tony Young, Principal Tommy Molden, Principal Sawanda Washington, and members of A.W. James school leadership team.

Kindergarten Assistant, Taniyalynn Pointer shows that she has powers that extend beyond the Kindergarten classroom. Above she shows off her power of being a super team member by helping in the school cafeteria.

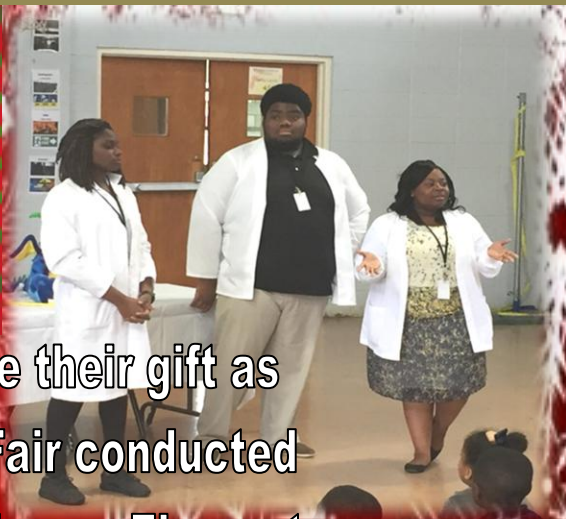


Students from Ms. Lockett's Kindergarten class show off how they keep up with their eagle bucks to make purchases from the PBIS store.



# SUPER XMAS

Students from Mississippi Delta share their gift as health professionals during a Health Fair conducted with students in 4th & 5th grade at A. W. James Elementary.

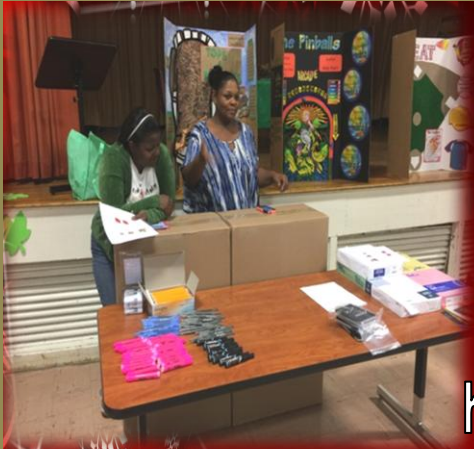


The Health Fair was organized by Counselor Anwar Carter and intern Barbara Steele.



Below A.W. James students received a visit from members of the MS Department of Rehab Helmet program. They provided a free helmet to students in Pre-K - 5th grade. The helmets were given as a safety measure and part of their Use your B.R.A.I.N Program.





Parent liaison, Glendia Mason,

hosts Family Reading Night in

conjunction with Story Board Night. Parents and students read and presented stories as well as received information and materials for the upcoming Reading Fair.



To the left, parents attend the Thanksgiving dinner hosted by A.W. James' Cafeteria Staff. We certainly appreciate all of our parents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend. To the right, Pre-K - 1st grade does an outstanding job as they participate in the annual Thanksgiving program.



Pre-K

Okojie's Kindergarteners



Lockett's Kindergarteners



1st Grade

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



STAR™ Assessments



Dec. 5th - 16th

2nd 9-weeks test  
Dec. 12th - 20th



Dec. 20th

**CHRISTMAS PARTY!**  
Dec. 21st

Merry Christmas  
Dismissal 1:00 Dec. 21st