

The Eagle Express



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Let's Talk!!!!

It is difficult to believe that we are halfway through the school year. Hopefully, spring is right around the corner and we will be able to open our windows and breathe some fresh, *warm* air. With the second semester well under way, we want to thank everyone for your continued support of our students, teachers, and school as we strive to provide optimal opportunities for learning each and every day. In addition, we want to also welcome our new families to AWJ and trust that you will find yourselves to part of an outstanding and supportive learning community.



We are at a point in the year where many academic events are taking place and decisions are beginning to be made regarding the upcoming school year. I strongly recommend that parents be in constant contact with teachers. Although we are scheduling data meetings, grade level meetings, etc., you should call the school and schedule meetings with your child's teacher if there are any concerns regarding your child's academic level. We ask that you keep in mind the STAR test that your child must pass in order to move to the next grade. I encourage you to let your child read to you 30 minutes each day after school. We have a lot of activities and goal settings happening this month, but with your support, I am sure that we will meet those goals. Please continue to support us in our efforts to educate your children. Happy heart month and Happy Valentine's Day!!!

Barbara C. Akon,
Principal

Happy
Valentines Day



The 5 s

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

We don't know how
STRONG WE
ARE
until being strong
is the **CHOICE**
WE HAVE.
Heart Disease Awareness

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

Mission



Employees of the North Sunflower Medical Center of Ruleville conduct health screenings with students at A.W. James Elementary.



BAM!

Students and parents anxiously awaited the announcement of the names of those who would be receiving recognition during the 2nd 9-weeks Award's Day Presentation. Principal, Barbara C. Akon thanked the parents for sending their students to school each day. She shared with the parents the trophies A.W. James received as a result of attendance.



SPELLING BEE



We would like to thank **Dr. Earlcine Carter**, **Board Secretary Melanie Townsend**, and **Principal Tony Young** for serving as judges during our **School Level Spelling Bee Contest**. We would also like to thank **Rev. Adoris Turner** for serving as the announcer for this great occasion. Most of all, we would like to thank each student for their participation in such a great event. Each of you did a fantastic job!. **Congratulations to our winners! 1st place Chester Burton, 2nd place Ty'darrius Applewhite and 3rd place Kiara Clark.**

February is Heart Health Month

February is a time when AAMC and our partners in the Heart Health Foundation are teaming up to raise awareness about heart health. Follow the link below for a calendar of events.

Things you should know.

#1 health problem in the U.S. is cardiovascular disease.


2 out of **5** 


Americans die of heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure, and other heart issues.

34  seconds someone has a heart attack.

Things you can do.

 **Appropriate Aspirin Use**
Ask your doctor if aspirin will reduce your risk for heart attacks.

 **Blood Pressure Control**
Monitor your blood pressure and work with your doctor to make lifestyle changes.

 **Cholesterol Management**
Know your numbers and work with your doctor to make lifestyle changes.

 **Smoking Cessation**
It's never too late to quit.



Congratulations

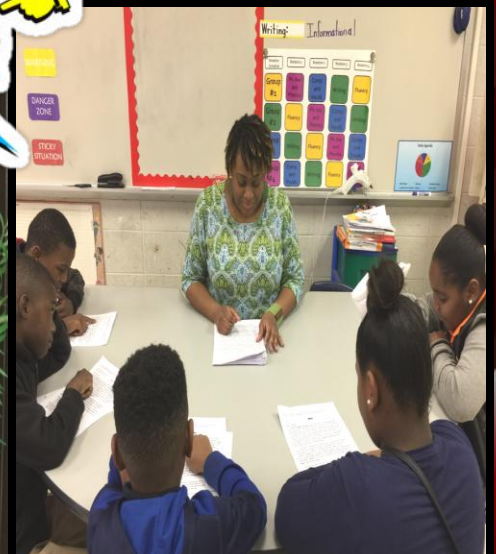
A.W. James'

Teacher

of the Year
2016-2017

Tramainia Hooper-Cooper

Your hard work, dedication, and devotion has paid off. We are so proud of you!





District SPELLING BEE Champion



The principal, faculty, staff, and student body of A.W. James wish to say **CONGRATULATIONS** to our District Spelling Bee Champion, **Chester Burton**. The champ returned back to school and received cheers from each hall to show how proud we are of him. Even members of the **SWIFT team** joyfully participated in the celebration. We also want to send a shout out to **Ty'darius Applewhite** who was an A.W. James representative for the Spelling Bee. We are proud of both of you.



Peace Day Celebration



As a part of the 75 days of Peace Celebration, students were asked to show their school spirit by wearing crazy socks. The participants were able to show off their dance talents and received free popcorn and drinks as part of the incentive. Congratulations to those who had the opportunity to attend. Let's strive for more days of **PEACE!**



Groundhog Day

Feb. 2nd

**MARK
YOUR CALENDAR!**



Happy Valentine's Day

Feb. 14th



**HAPPY
PRESIDENTS
DAY!**

Feb. 20th



Formative Assessments

Feb. 6th - 10th



**SCHOOL
BOARD
MEETING**

Feb. 14th



Feb. 15th



Black History Program

Feb. 28th

**Presented by the
4th & 5th grade
staff & students**