

# The Eagle Express



March 2017

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## Let's Talk!!!!

With the second semester well under way, we want to thank everyone for your continued support of our students, teachers, and school as we collectively strive to provide optimal opportunities for learning each and every day. In addition, we want to also welcome our new families to A.W. James and trust that you will find yourselves as part of an outstanding and supportive learning community.

As we "March" into the spring season, many times teachers (and principals) are asked by parents, "What can I do at home to help my child be successful at school?" My answer is quite simple, "Read with your child every day." Before, during, and after the reading, praise your child, direct a discussion about the story, ask questions, visualize the story, offer information, share personal reactions, and relate the story to life experiences. Most of all enjoy the story together and let your child see that reading is fun. Cherish this special time together!

We are just a few weeks away from the fourth nine weeks, state testing and district testing. Teachers are re-teaching, regrouping, trying new strategies and re-thinking as we move forward. We are continuing to ask parents to be involved in the school life of your children. Make sure that students practice every night what they have been taught at school – this is called homework. Have your child to tell you how he/she comes up with the answers that they get to the problems that they have to work. This will be very helpful.

In closing, we want to thank our families for your diligence in having your students at school on-time and well-prepared for learning each day. I trust that we are all over the flu and other illnesses and ailments that kept us away from school last month. Additionally, please continue to be mindful that our students' academic day continues until dismissal (3:00) each afternoon and it is very important that students are not dismissed early unless an unavoidable appointment or emergency is involved as valuable instruction from the teacher can be missed in addition to required assignments. As always, thank you for supporting the wonderful teaching and learning taking place here at A.W. James!

Barbara C. Akon,  
Principal

## Mission

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

## The 5's

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

HAPPY  
St. Patrick's  
DAY





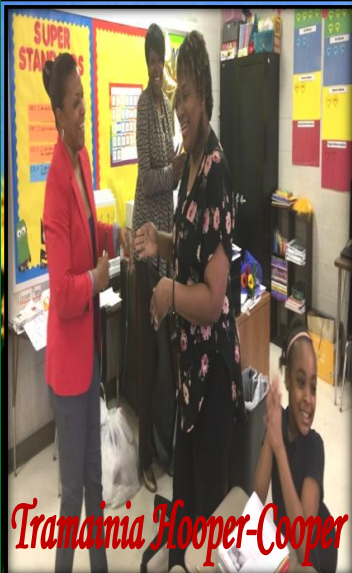


## 2016-2017 District Administrator of the Year



The February 14th board meeting brought about some exciting news for A.W. James Elementary School. We received the official announcement that Tramainia Hooper-Cooper was the **District Teacher of the Year**. She will be traveling to Jackson, MS to represent our district on the state level. We were also elated to discover that our principal, Ms. Barbara C. Akon was recognized as **District Administrator of the**

## 2016-2017 District Teacher of the Year



*Tramainia Hooper-Cooper*



**Year.** We are so excited that your undying efforts and your continuous commitment to serve the students of A.W. James were acknowledged. Your dedication to lead our students to the zone of success is commended. We are so proud of you both! **Congratulations!**





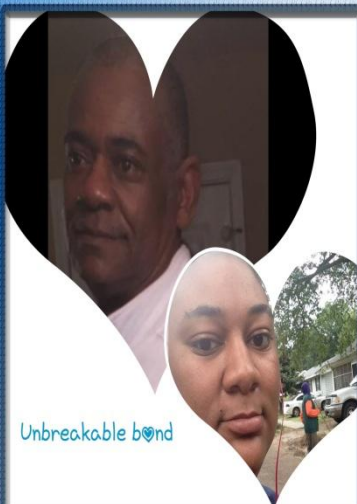
*In loving memory of*

*Anthony "Ray" Barber*

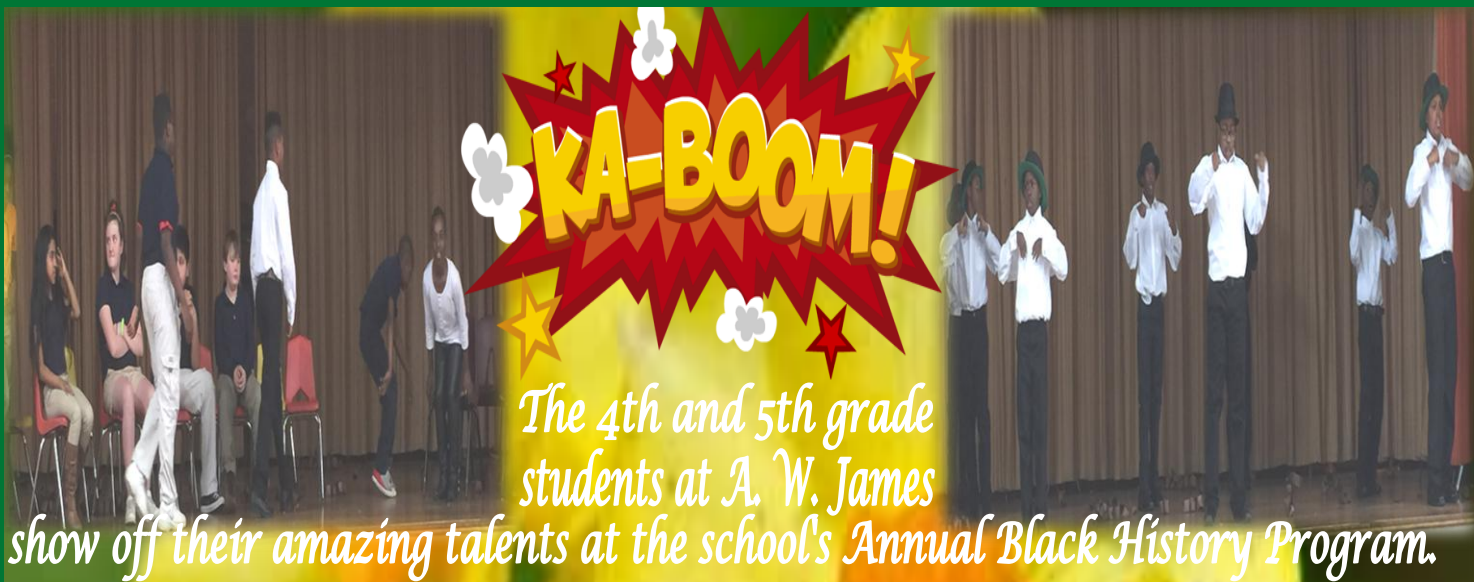
*Your life was a blessing,  
Your memory, a treasure...  
You are loved beyond words,  
And missed beyond measure.*



*From the faculty and  
staff of A.W. James  
Elementary School*



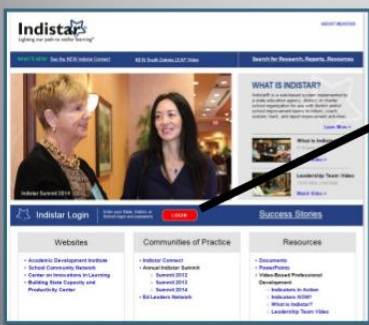




The 4th and 5th grade students at A. W. James show off their amazing talents at the school's Annual Black History Program.

### 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.



Parents can 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>

Login: GUESTs7887

Password: GUESTs7887



A. W. James' counseling intern, Barbara Steele, join other counseling interns from Delta State, to promote National School Counseling Week.



Spring Benchmark Assessment  
March. 2nd - 10th

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



Report Cards Issued  
**March 23rd**



**March 13th-17th**



Daylight Saving Time Begins  
**March 12th**



**March 17th**

Spring Learning Walk

Kindergarten - 3rd grade  
**March 29th**