

The Eagle Express



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Let's Talk!!!!

Welcome to November. It is a wonderful time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. I am certainly thankful for the many blessings in my life, including working with the amazing children, parents, teachers, and staff at A.W. James Elementary School.

We have displayed our 2016 class who promoted to the 6th grade in May. Check it out, it is in the hallway in the main entrance. We look forward to seeing the Class of 2016 displayed.

During the month of October, we celebrated our Bus Drivers for the job they do each day in delivering our children to us in a safe manner. We have done our nine-weeks testing and our data is not where we want it to be but we are making great strides. Our students dressed up as goblins, superheroes, princesses and scary people for Halloween. Our Kindergartners and 1st graders also went to the Pumpkin Patch in Hernando. We have had a busy month of October.

As we look ahead to the month of November, there are many exciting activities happening at A.W. James Elementary. Some of these activities include a canned food drive to give to needy families in the community. We are asking everyone to please support us in this effort. Also, in November we will have our first Fall Fest on November 11th and 12th. Thirdly, we will have the Pre-K, Kindergartners and First grade students sponsor our Thanksgiving Program on November 18th at 9:00 a.m. We can't wait to see it! And as a treat, Thanksgiving Dinner with families will be on the 16th.

Please continue to support our school as we move forward to becoming a "Successful" school.

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.**

Happy Thanksgiving



Mission

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

BAM!

4th & 5th Grade Data Night



Pre-K, 1st, & 2nd graders stating the 5 Bs



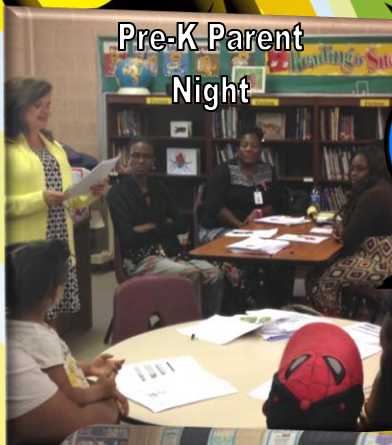
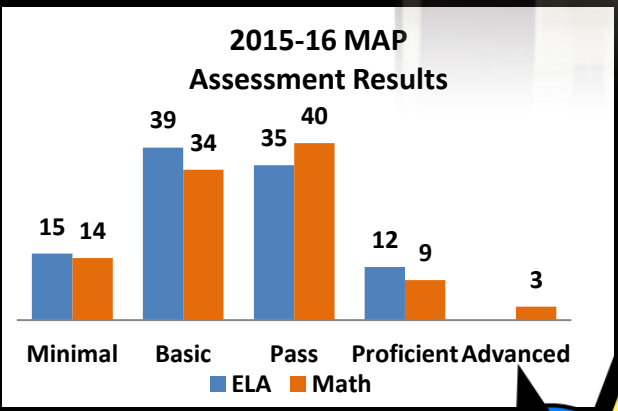
4th & 5th graders stating the school's mission



During 4th & 5th grade data night, Principal Barbara C. Akon gave an overview of the MAP assessment to all parents in attendance. She explained what it meant to score on the rating scale of 1-5. Each parent received a copy of their student's report from the end of the year assessment. Ms. Akon explained to the parents that we were still under embargo and would not know our school level until October 20th.

4th and 5th grade teachers were given the opportunity to share with parents their BOY diagnostic scores for both ELA and Math. They also shared with parents their concerns, expectations and what they plan to do to help move students in the right direction. Behavior Specialist, Cora Cunningham spoke on behavior and surprised the parents with a performance from their children.

Pre-K, 1st and 2nd graders showed off their knowledge of the 5 Bs and 4th & 5th graders exploded with the school's mission statement. SIG Coordinator, Catasha Brown brought the parents up to date on School Improvement matters and provided the name of the consulting firms that would be working with the school to help increase student achievement.



Pre-K Parent Night

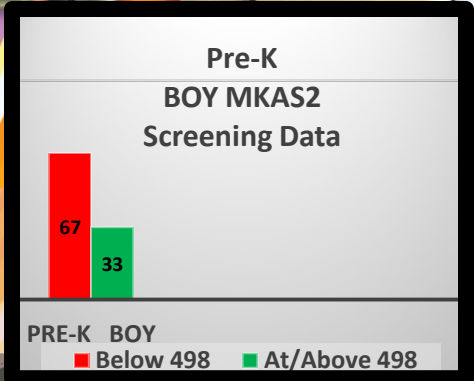


Pre-K Parent Night



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Pre-K Director of Early Learning Collaborative, Leigh Ann Reynolds, gave Pre-K parents an overview of the Owl Curriculum for the Pre-K program. She also shared expectations, issued handbooks, and gave parents some activities they could do at home with their children.



PRE-K BOY
■ Below 498 ■ At/Above 498



POW!

The beautiful ladies of A.W. James take time to pose for pictures before participating in the Drew Hunter Middle Homecoming Coronation. Featured in the top left corner are 2nd Alternate - Andrea Watkins, 1st Alternate - Kimorrie Burchfield, and Miss A.W. James - Takyra Robinson. In the upper right corner are Miss Pre-K Antanayah Glenn, Miss Kindergarten - Natalee Webb, and Miss 2nd Grade - Dericka Pointer. To the left are Miss 3rd Grade Kamiyah Burchfield and Miss 4th Grade Cimaron Burchfield. To the right, Mr. A. W. James - Tydarius Applewhite patiently awaits with a smile, his opportunity to be crown by principal, Barbara C. Akon.



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Super Students were rewarded for their performance on the 2015-2016 MAP Assessment. Students who scored a 4 or 5 on just ELA or Math wore blue capes. Those who scored a 4 or 5 on both tests wore red capes. The students received trophies, certificates, a bag of goodies, and a red t-shirt that they can wear whenever they choose.



The Elite 16



SUPER POWERS

1st 9-weeks Award's Day

Students in Grades Pre-K -2nd & 3rd - 5th got the opportunity to display their super powers at Award's Day. Those who made all As wore a red super cape.

Students received a certificate for making the superintendent's list, making the principal's list, and making the honor roll. Students made the honor roll if they made As, Bs, and 1C. They also made the honor roll if they made all Bs, or all Bs and 1C.



Sheriff James Haywood of the Sunflower County Sheriff's Department spoke with the students of A.W. James Elementary about the importance of staying drug free. Haywood was invited to the school by Counselor Anwar Carter. Students and Staff members showed their support of staying drug free by wearing red.



Mrs. Okojie's class conducted an investigation with pumpkins to see they would float or sink. They also used cubes as a non standard tool to determine the height of a large pumpkin.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Progress Reports
Nov. 11th



i-Ready
Diagnostic & Instruction

Fall Festival
Nov. 11th - 12th

Thanksgiving Program
Nov. 18th

Nov. 7th - Dec. 9th

Midterm Exams
Nov. 14th - 18th



Nov. 16th
Thanksgiving Dinner