

The Eagle Express



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Let's Talk!!!!

This school year is rapidly moving forward – “faster than a speeding bullet”. We are already on the cusp of the second nine weeks. Our teachers have worked untiringly to support our students during the first semester. Because we have changed the rigor of our instruction in the classroom and are better preparing students for the upcoming state examination, some of our students’ grades may not be as parents expect them to be. Parents may be accustomed to having their child make all A marks, but they may have earned a B because of the rigor of instruction. Please know that this is an effort to assure that when children are being assessed for the State MAP exam, they will be ready and equipped with the knowledge and skills to score proficient and/or advanced on the test.

We met with 4th and 5th grade parents recently and discussed the MAP test results. Please know that the rating scale is 1 – 5. Even though your child may have scored a 3, which is passing, the only recognized score is the **4 (Proficient)** and the **5 (Advanced)**. If you have further questions regarding this MAP test and any of your child’s data, please contact the school.

I am excited about this year and the progress that we are making towards meeting our vision; that is, to become a “**Successful**” (or above) rated school. A successful school will carry a rating of “C”. Of course, we strive to become an “Exemplary” school, but we have to take it one step at a time.

Please see our calendar and make plans to participate in all the activities that we have upcoming.

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.



SUPERHEROES UNLIMITED



A.W. James' grandparents displayed their superhero powers as they showed their support on grandparent's day. After the program, grandparents were allowed to visit the classrooms.



The parents of A.W. James show off their superhero powers as they attend the first PTO meeting of the year. The meeting was sponsored by parent liaison Glendia Mason.



A.W. James held an election to nominate Mr. & Miss A.W. James 2016-17. Candidates were asked to give a speech to an audience of 3rd - 5th grade students and teachers. The candidates for Miss A.W. James were Kimorrie Burchfield, Ariel Nelson, Alexis Parker, Takyra Robinson, Tymeriah Rainey, Michel Vanderford, and Andrea Watkins. Ty'darrius Applewhite was the only candidate who stepped up to the plate for the title of Mr. A.W. James.

*And the Winner is...
Congratulations*

Mr. A.W. James **Miss A.W. James**
Ty'darrius Applewhite **Takyra Robinson**





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4th & 5th grade students were invited by city officials to join in the activities commemorating the heroes who lost their lives on 9/11/01.



We would like to thank the Mayor and everyone who took part in getting our students involved!

INFORMACIÓN PARA LOS PADRES

SI SU FAMILIA VIVE EN CUALQUIERA DE LAS SITUACIONES SIGUIENTES:

En un albergue

En un motel o un sitio para acampar debido a la falta de una alternativa adecuada

En un parque, un edificio abandonado, o una estación de trenes o de autobuses

Compartiendo la vivienda de otras personas debido a la pérdida de su casa o a una dificultad económica

Sus hijos de edad escolar pueden calificar para recibir ciertos derechos y protecciones bajo la ley Federal McKinney-Vento.

Sus hijos elegibles tienen derecho a:

- Recibir una educación pública gratuita y apropiada.
- Inscribirse en la escuela inmediatamente, aunque falten documentos normalmente requeridos para la inscripción.
- Inscribirse y asistir a clases mientras que la escuela obtiene los documentos necesarios.
- Inscribirse en la escuela local, o continuar asistiendo a la escuela de origen (la escuela a la cual su hijo asistió cuando tenía una residencia permanente, o la última escuela a la cual asistió ininterrumpidamente, si eso es su preferencia) y es factible.
- Si el distrito escolar cree que la escuela elegida por usted no es la mejor para sus hijos, el distrito tiene que darle a usted una explicación escrita de su posición e informarle de su derecho de apelar su decisión.
- Recibir transporte a la escuela de origen, si usted lo pide.
- Recibir servicios educacionales comparables a los que están provistos para otros estudiantes, según las necesidades de sus hijos.

Si usted cree que sus hijos pueden ser elegibles, contacte al oficial para la educación de los niños y jóvenes al hogar de su distrito escolar para averiguar los servicios y apoyos que pueden estar disponibles. También puede hacer un correo electrónico para sus hijos de edad preescolar.

Oficial para la educación de los niños y jóvenes en el hogar: Coordinador estatal:

Si usted necesita ayuda adicional con las necesidades educacionales de sus hijos, contacte al Centro Nacional de Educación para los Niños y Jóvenes sin Hogar: 1-800-368-2143 • homeless@serve.org • www.serve.org/nche

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH

IF YOU LIVE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter

In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation

In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station

Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

You may qualify for certain rights and protections under the Federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Eligible students have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school, or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is their preference and is feasible.
- If the school district believes that the school selected is not in their best interest, then the district must provide the student with a written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the students' needs.

If you believe you may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available.

Local Liaison: State Coordinator:

If you need further assistance with your educational needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education: 1-800-368-2143 • homeless@serve.org • www.serve.org/nche

Homeless Workshop

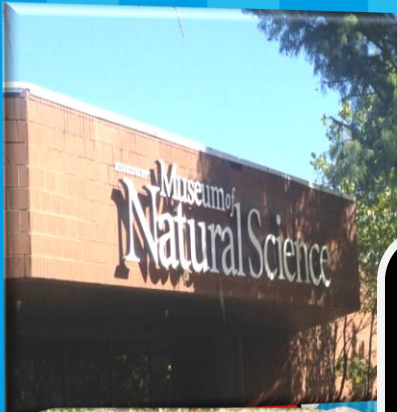
Parent liaison, Glendia Mason, conducted a workshop on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, which provides assistance to students that are classified by the district as homeless. These are individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

The workshop was conducted with all staff members of A.W. James Elementary School.



Pre-K through 5th grade classes kicked off Carrying the torch for AR by creating signs to encourage students to read. After creating the signs, the classes participated in a parade to begin a year of success in Accelerated Reading. Great Job!





The 5th grade students of A.W. James took a trip to the Museum of Natural Science in Jackson, MS. They were given the opportunity to be inspired by the natural world show cased in the Museum's permanent and special exhibits.



Parent liaison, Glendia Mason, hosted an Abuse Workshop at A.W. James. Her speakers included Drew's Chief of Police, Mr. Terry Tyler, Mrs. Gloria Hayes, from Sunflower County Sheriff's Department, and A.W. James' Counselor, Anwar Carter who spoke on different types of abuse. PTO President and Vice President, Sandra Brewer and Veronica Burchfield helped Mrs. Mason to open the workshop with Parent Ice Breakers.

Oct. 31st
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

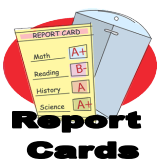
Community Conversation
Oct. 27th



→ **October 10-11, 2016**



→ **October 11, 2016**



→ **October 13, 2016**
5:00 p.m.



→ **October 13, 2016**
A.W. James & DHMS Coronation



→ **October 17-21, 2016**



→ **October 19, 2016**
RCHS Coronation



→ **October 20, 2016**
Awards Day & Data Night all grades



→ **October 26, 2016**