



# The Eagle Express



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## Let's Talk!!!!

May is here and it is such a busy month! Parents, we really thank you for the opportunity to educate your children this year. We have had such an exciting and eventful year. We are now embarking upon testing, promotions, programs, planning for next year, etc. We ask that you continue to support the school and your children by sending your child to school prepared to work every day, even though it is May. We trust that we will see you at all the activities that we have planned for this busy end of the month.

We are also asking that during the months of June and July that you read to your child and allow them to read to you, visit the library often and keep their brains activated by planning activities that will cause them to have to think. Be safe and we will see you in August. Have a safe summer!!!!

Barbara C. Akon  
Principal



## Mission

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

Happy  
Mother's  
Day

## Vision

We envision our school as a "Successful" or (above rated) school. We hold ourselves accountable for implementing, with fidelity, teaching and learning processes that will enable all students to achieve academic growth





# COUNTDOWN to KINDERGARTEN!

Students from the surrounding Head Start program were given the opportunity to experience a day in Kindergarten. This collaboration gave the Head Start students a chance to participate in the daily educational activities that they will encounter when they enroll in Kindergarten next school year!



## 3rd Grade Parent Night

Parents of 3rd grade students were invited out to receive information about the upcoming State Assessment that 3rd grade students are required to score a level 2 in order to be considered for promotion to 4th grade. Parents were also informed about teacher expectations, student behavior, attendance, and other factors that contribute to student achievement.



# Celebrate SUCCESS

A.W. James' students participated in the celebration of academic achievement during the 3rd nine weeks Award's Day Celebration. Students also received recognition for their placement in the District's Reading Fair.



Students in grades 3-5 competed in the District's 1st ever Elementary Brain Bowl. It was a very tense and challenging competition. Our students performed very well and we couldn't be more proud of them. We thank everyone who had a part in preparing our students for this great event and we look forward to bring home the win next year.







The A.W. James' faculty and staff took a moment to show appreciation to their secretary, Diane Parker for all she does to help the school run effectively and efficiently. Thank you Mrs. Parker. You're the best!



Dr. Candace Carter-Stevens, Principal Investigator, of the NASA STEM EPDC at Mississippi Valley State University brought NASA into the Physical Education classes at A.W. James Elementary. The students had a blast.

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**May 7th - 18th**

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

*Mother's*  
DAY  
**May 13th**

*May Day*  
**May 23rd**

*Awards Day*  
**May 25th**

  
**Teacher  
Appreciation  
Week**  
**May 7th - 11th**

**Pre-K Graduation**  
*Preschool*  
**May 22nd**

**May 25th**  
**5th Grade**  
Promotion Ceremony