

The Eagle Express



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Let's Talk!!!!

December is here! Cooler temperatures... disappearing daylight. The upcoming weeks can become quite overwhelming as families prepare for family gatherings, special travels and perhaps some shopping outings in preparation for special traditions. As much as we'd all like to feel that we are organized and well-prepared for the upcoming weeks, each family deals with the stress of the holidays in different ways. Oftentimes, children fall victim to later bedtimes, hectic trips to the store for that last item and sometimes experience first-hand the financial stress that plagues many families during this time of the year. Routines often fall by the wayside along with daily reading practices, consistent homework support, and even family meals. At times families need to make a concerted effort to see that the rush and stresses of the holiday season do not seep into their child's daily routine.

That being said, we are in the last few days of school for this semester and 2nd Nine Weeks Benchmark Testing is approaching. We ask that you continue to stress to your child the importance of being on task each and every day. Fifth graders have science projects that are due in January, Middle of the Year (MOY) assessments are upcoming, new beginnings in January are upcoming and we won't have a lot of time to get focused and stay focused on growing our students. Students should have holiday packets to complete so that they won't get out of practice over the break.

I trust that you will have a happy holiday season, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Feliz Navidad, etc. and that you are blessed with all of your heart's desires and that you are safe, warm and comforted by your loved ones. Merry Christmas, READ, enjoy and have a prosperous New Year!!!

Barbara C. Akon
Principal



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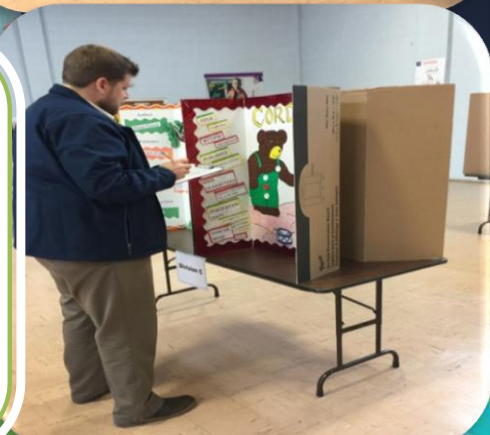


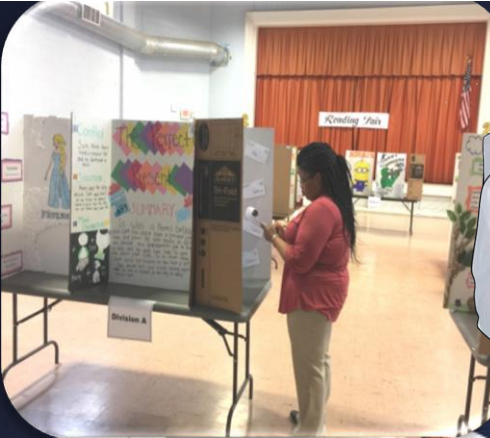


Vision

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.



Reading Fair



The faculty and staff of A.W. James would like to thank the members of the curriculum team along with Drew Hunter Middle's librarian for taking time out of their busy schedule to judge our school level Reading Fair. You're appreciated!

Red and blue capes lined the hallways of A.W. James as well as the gymnasium during the 1st 9-weeks Awards Day Celebration. We certainly want to congratulate all of our honor students for their much deserved success and hope they continue on this positive journey during the 2nd 9-weeks.

1st 9-weeks Award's Day



EXPLORING AND CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF GREAT MUSIC



Students in 4th and 5th grade were given the opportunity of a lifetime! They traveled to Delta State University to visit the Grammy Museum. While at the Grammy Museum, they were able to explore the past, present and future of music. They engaged in multimedia presentations and interactive exhibits which introduced them to Mississippi songwriters, producers, and musicians.



After leaving the Grammy Museum, the 4th and 5th graders lined the streets of Drew to join in on the Celebration Parade. We certainly want to thank all of our participants for coming out on such a cold and breezy day. We send a special thanks to RCHS and Gentry's band for their outstanding performances. Congratulations A.W. James for maintaining your "B" status! Keep up the good work!



Word of the month

Diligence

Diligence is careful and persistent work or effort.

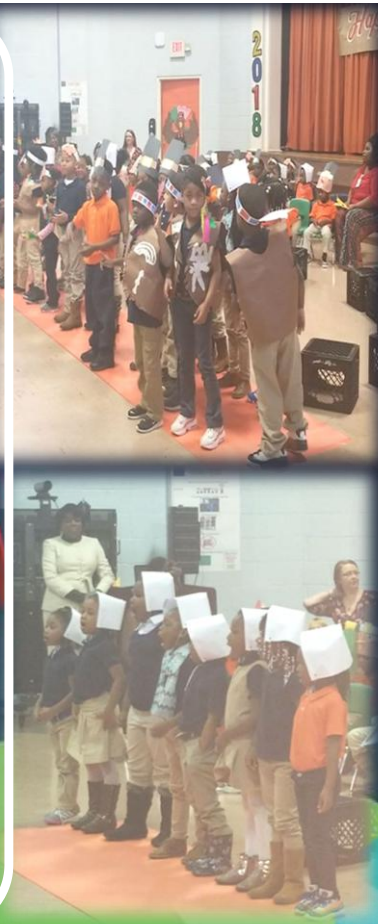


I can BEE DILIGENT

by working hard and putting in a great effort to do something.



During our 3rd Grade Parent Night on the left, parents were given the opportunity to answer questions through EADMS based on the end of the year MAAP Assessment. On the right, Pre-K and Kindergarten students show off their talents during our Annual Thanksgiving Program. Congratulations on a job well done!



Dec. 11th

Christmas Parade



Dec. 12th

DATES TO REMEMBER



Dec. 19th



Jan. 1st



Jan. 9th



Dec. 24th - Jan. 8th



Jan. 7th-8th



Jan. 21st

9-weeks

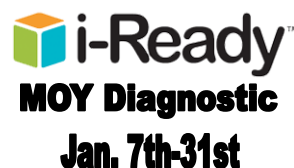


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Dec. 13th-20th



Dec. 25th



Jan. 7th-31st

Martin Luther King



**Day Program
Jan. 18th**