

# The Eagle Express



November 2018

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## Let's Talk!!!!

November is one of my favorite months of the year. The temperature is finally where it is cold in the morning and beautiful during the day. The fall colors are in full swing. And the holidays that are focused on family, gratitude and caring are upon us. We have much to be grateful for at AWJ. We have a wonderful, caring staff from our custodian, our paraprofessionals, our office staff, to all of our teachers. I am grateful every day for the opportunity to work with all of them and I know your children are in good hands with them. We have supportive parents and community, to which we all say thank you for all that you do to make AWJ the highly rated school it is today. And finally, we have incredible students, who challenge themselves every day to learn and be engaged as well as challenging us to become better people. They are why we are here every day!

We ask that you continue to partner with us as we educate our children and help them to become the academic scholars that we know they can be. Happy Thanksgiving and remember there are two words in Thanksgiving. Let's give thanks for the things that we have and let's give to those who are less fortunate than we are. Just as November is a harvest month – let us continue to harvest good things for our children so that they may produce "good" for each of us.

Barbara C. Akon

Principal



## Mission

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



## 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.



Kindergarten Assistant



Yolanda Foster

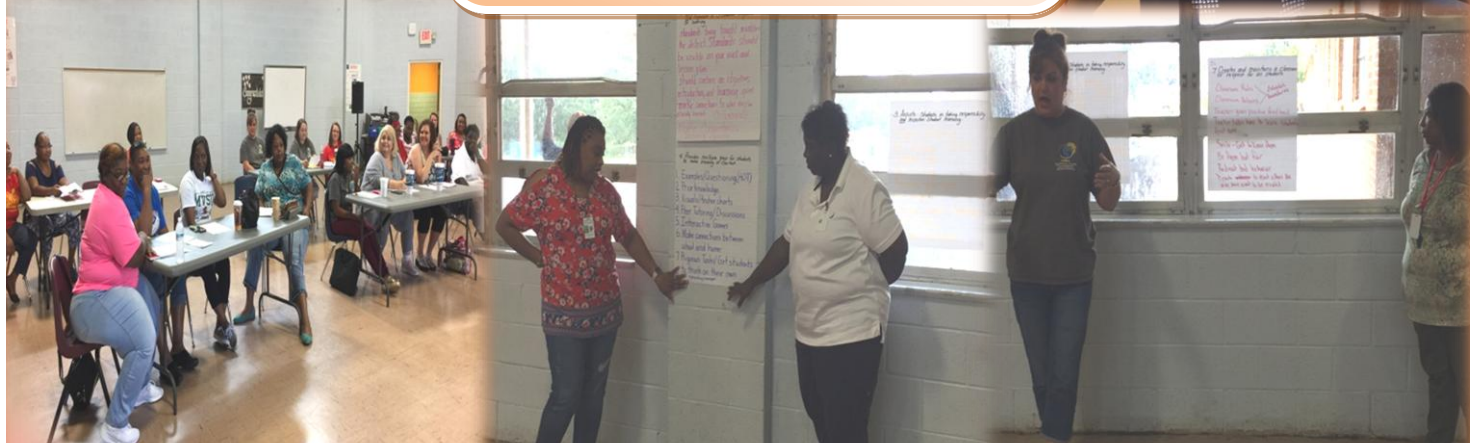
In School Detention



Bernice Boone

## Welcoming our new travelers!

The faculty and staff of A.W. James Elementary would like to welcome our new travelers and say thanks for joining our mission to continue to soar upwards towards success!



A.W. James' staff was given the opportunity to take part in professional development during the Fall Break session. Staff members were paired up and presented what they learned to their colleagues. Way to go team A.W. James for a job well done.



Tara Dortch of Curriculum associates provided professional development to teachers of both ELA and Math pertaining the i-Ready program. Teachers received insight into the importance of encouraging students to maintain a pass rate of 70% or higher on their lesson. They also received updates on what was new to the program, and the importance of providing interventions and using resources such as Tools for Instruction.



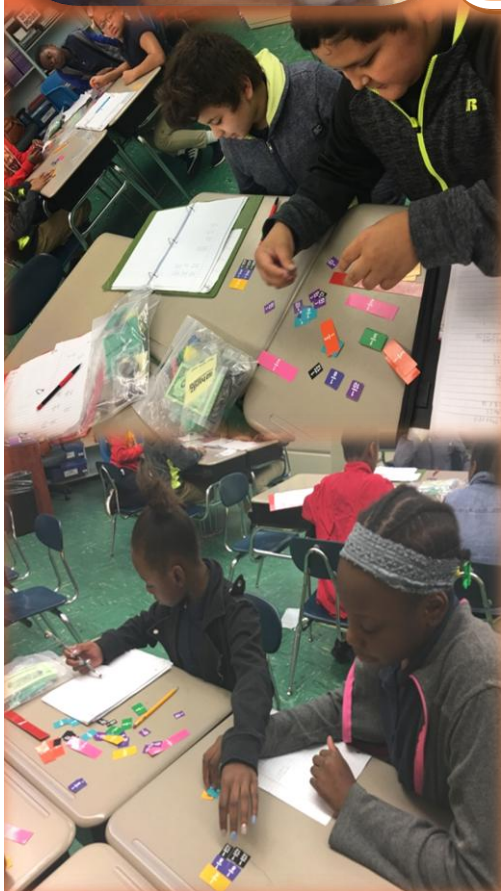


## A.W. JAMES ELEMENTARY WELCOMES *The Kellogg Foundation*

The A.W. James faculty and staff welcomed the idea of The Kellogg Foundation using their facility to host their October board meeting. Members of the foundation were given the opportunity to visit the Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms.



A.W. James' students had the opportunity to show what they learned during Fire Safety Week. They practiced the steps to take in the event of an actual fire. Great job students!



Who said learning couldn't be enjoyable, playful and fun? At A.W. James, we work hard to make learning meaningful and engaging. To the left, students in Ms. Lisa Davis' 4th grade math class work in pairs to find equivalent fractions. While students to the right get to enjoy recreational Friday with Coach Williams during their time in P.E.

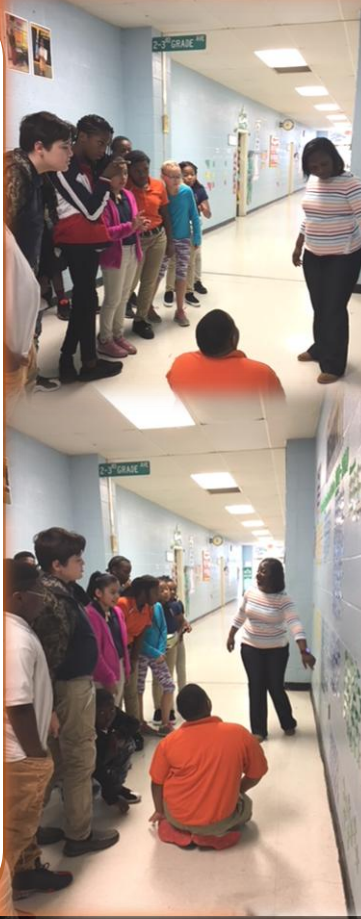




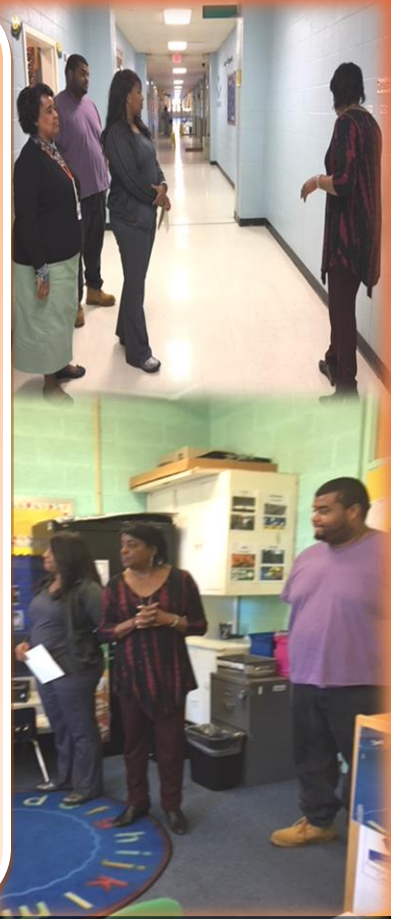
## Word of the month

## Social Intelligence

Social intelligence is the capacity to know oneself and to know others.



On the left our 5th grade math teacher, Shirkethia Walker, uses the benchmark data wall to help students keep track of their own data. The data wall reminds students of where they are at the beginning of the year and where they need to be by the end. On the right, parents participate in a learning walk sponsored monthly by our parent liaison, Sally Lucas.

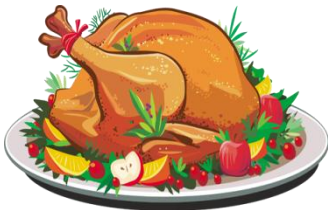


## MAAP



**Nov. 5th - 9th**

## Thanksgiving Dinner



**Nov. 7th**

**progress reports**  
**Nov. 8th**

## DATES TO REMEMBER



**Nov. 8th**

## Thanksgiving Program



**Nov. 15th**



Thanksgiving Break  
No School

**Nov. 19th - 23rd**

## 9-weeks



Benchmark  
Assessments  
**Dec. 13th-20th**



**Dec. 19th**



**Dec. 24th - Jan. 8th**



**Dec. 25th**