

The Eagle Express



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Let's Talk!!!!

March is a conflicted month. It arrives like a lion and goes out like a lamb (or vice versa). March is also a lucky month if you trap a leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day. Isn't it ironic that the pencil with an attached eraser was first patented in March, 1858? And when many students are celebrating the growth reflected in their report card, others view the arrival of grades with apprehension and anxiety.

Your child's report card will be arriving home soon. Hopefully, the grades will highlight positive growth, both academically and socially. The report will give you a reason to voice your pride in your child's work. However, the grades also serve as a reminder that there is still work to be done, challenges to tackle and goals to be set - for every student. While receiving your child's grades, it may cause disappointment, bewilderment or assign blame, such emotions make it difficult to create support "next steps."

March is not a time to start a battle. It is a time to calmly talk about concerns, seek root causes, put heads together, and set a course of action that let students know that it is never too late to grow and succeed.

Here are a few suggestions that will make the grade reporting a productive time of the year:

Find ways to celebrate your child's efforts. Choose one or two key areas for improvement and calmly set a course of action. Goals should be realistic and achievable. Write them down and refer to them periodically with your child.

Consult with your child's teacher about the grades. If necessary, arrange a teacher/parent meeting. Be sure to support each other. This is a team effort.

Remember, grades belong to students, not parents. This a time to teach personal responsibility, natural consequences, and the value of hard work, good study skills and social skills.

Stay positive, and don't forget - March is indeed a conflicted month. Neither warm nor cold. Sleeping and stretching awake. Mad and merry. It commands that we March forward - stay optimistic because spring is coming!

Barbara C. Akon
Principal



Mission

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

St. Patrick'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.



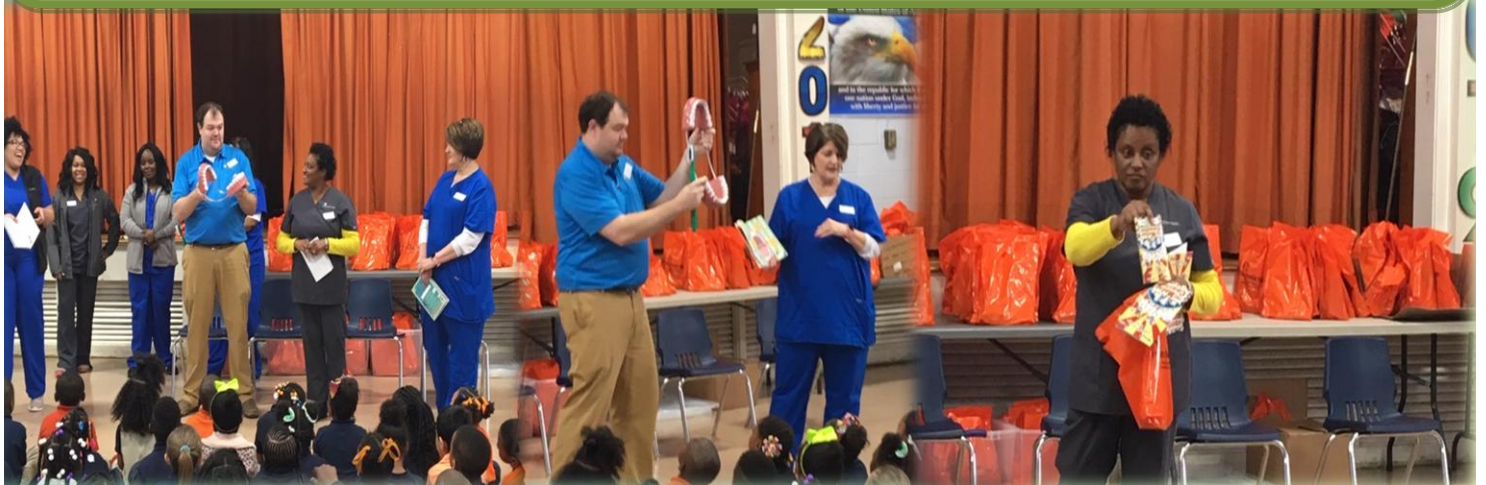
The faculty, staff and students of A.W. James Elementary took time to show appreciation to our one in a million Counselor, Barbara Steele-Herring. We want you to know that we are blessed to have you as a vital members of our team!



We salute all of our students who were recognized during our **2nd 9-weeks Awards Day Program**. Congratulations for your hard work and dedication towards academic achievement and growth! Keep the fire for success burning as you embark upon tackling more accomplishments during the 3rd 9-weeks.

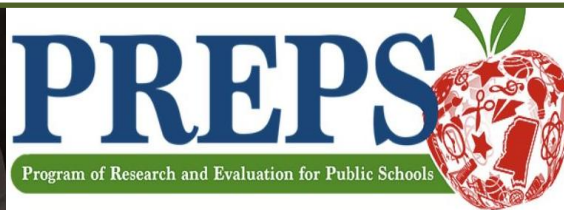


Members from our partnership through Magnolia Health spoke to students about the importance of hygiene. They expressed how good personal hygiene is vital for both health and social reasons. After the assembly, the group made sure that each student received a care pack. Thank you Magnolia Health for your care and interest in the well being of our students.

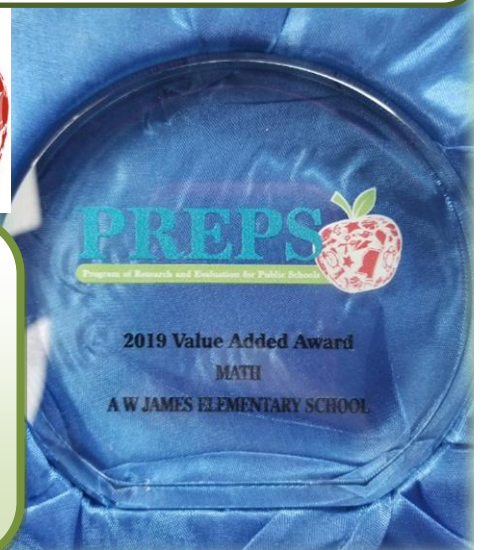




Hats off to our third and fourth grade staff and students for a job well done in helping us celebrate **Black History Month**. Their performance and appreciation of African American accomplishments should help us all become better stewards of the privileges we have gained. **Great Job!**



Congratulations to Principal Barbara C. Akon and the A.W. James staff, faculty and student body as well as Principal Errick Lakes and the Ruleville High School family for adding value to the lives of the students you serve! Keep up the good work!



Teachers in grades Kindergarten through fifth received professional development from i-Ready educational consultant Larae Parrish. Through this workshop, teachers were able to gather information on struggling students based on the latest diagnostic growth analysis report.

Word of the month

Grit

Grit is maintaining determination and motivation, passion and commitment over long periods, despite experiences of failure or adversity.

"Stay the Course"

I think I can.
I think I can.
I think I can.
I KNEW I COULD.



- The Little Engine That Could

Congratulations to our 2018-2019 District Spelling Bee Winner Chester Burton! We are so proud of you and we wish you the best of luck at the State Championship! →



District Spelling Bee Champion

2018-2019



3rd 9-weeks



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Mar. 4th-8th



Mar. 11th-15th



Mar. 17th

DATES TO REMEMBER



Mar. 21st



Apr. 3rd

BRAIN BOWL

Gentry High School
Apr. 11th
6:00 p.m.

3rd Grade
MAAP
Assessment
Apr. 16th-26th



Apr. 18th

good friday
Apr. 19th



Easter Monday
Apr. 22nd

Kindergarten Readiness
MKAS2
Apr. 23rd-May 3rd

Happy Administrative Professional's Day!
Apr. 24th