

# The Eagle Express



Aug./Sept. 2019

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## Let's Talk!!!!

With the start of the new school year, we are excited about the opportunities to enhance the learning of our students. I am truly thankful for your dedication to our school, and look forward to another great year.

It is hard to believe that we have already been in school for over 3 weeks! Our students have come in ready to learn and we have settled into the daily routines. Please remember that you play a vital role in your child's success at school. You can help by asking your child about his/her day, having a positive attitude about learning, and reading to or with your child every night. You would be amazed at what 20 minutes of reading with your child each night will do to his/her language development and reading skills. Thank you for all your support at home!

Thank you also for your efforts to get your children to school on time each day! If your student needs to eat breakfast at school, please make arrangements for him/her to arrive before 7:30. School starts at 7:30 and interventions begin at 7:35. Students who are late arrivals miss out on valuable learning.

We thank the car riders for working with us to get your children to the car safely. Things are going much, much better and we feel that children are safer as they are getting in the cars to go home. We want to remind you also that you should pick up your child from school no later than 3:35 p.m. We sometimes have meetings and our word day ends at 4:00. Leaving your child at school after 4:00 hinders us from being able to leave at a reasonable time.

We look forward to a great year with great students, great parents and great results!

Barbara C. Akon  
Principal



## Vision

We envision our school as an environment where students are empowered to GROW to their fullest potential, academically and personally while becoming self-sufficient.



## Mission

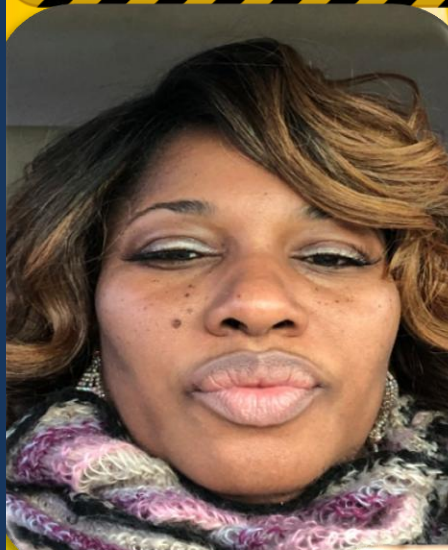
To provide a clean, safe, and orderly environment that is conducive to student achievement and growth.





# Welcome to our new construction crew members.

The faculty and staff of A.W. James would like to welcome the newest addition to our construction crew. We certainly want to thank you for choosing to join us as we rebuild our academic structure of our program. We are a team who are striving to achieve "Academic Success Under Construction." Welcome to the Team!



Lashonda  
McKenzie  
Cafeteria  
Manager  
Drew



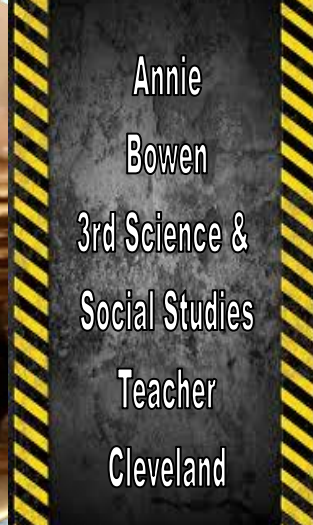
Elizabeth  
Hatch  
Kindergarten  
Teacher  
Greenwood



Shabreka  
Hawkins  
Pre-K  
Assistant  
Ruleville



Annie  
Bowen  
3rd Science &  
Social Studies  
Teacher  
Cleveland



Alicia  
Martinez  
5th Grade ELA  
Teacher  
Canton



Caressa  
Marshall  
K-5 EE  
Teacher  
Cleveland







Susan  
Rash  
Parent  
Liaison  
Cleveland



Charshayla  
Morgan  
2nd Grade  
Assistant  
Ruleville

**Faculty and staff members of A.W. James weathered the storm to let parents and students know how excited they were to welcome them back to school for the 2019-2020 school year. The group visited apartment complexes in Rome and Drew. They passed out important information and treat bags. The group was joined by board secretary, Melanie Blackmon. Thanks to all of our parents for welcoming us with open arms.**



**The faculty and staff of A.W. James was elated to be graced with the presence of speaker Joe McCall. Mr. McCall served as the motivational speaker during the opening of professional development for the return of staff members. He challenged the staff to know themselves as teachers. He also encouraged teachers to come up with a theme for the acronym T.H.I.S. We certainly appreciate Mr. McCall for his wonderful words of encouragement and look forward to his return on next year.**







Curriculum Specialist, Shamethria Beaman, took time out of her busy schedule to conduct a Close Reading PLC with teachers in grades K-5 at A.W. James Elementary. The PLC was given to help teachers effectively work with students during the implementation of our school wide writing intervention.



Kindergarten teacher, Elizabeth Hatch and her assistant Annie Banks, wasted no time getting their new kindergartners acclimated to working in centers. Students were actively involved in each station and received clear directions as to what they were expected to accomplish. Way to go team Hatch and Banks! Keep up the good work.



## Word of the month

### Respect

**Respect** is to demonstrate "high regard" for or special attention to something or someone.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**MKAS Testing**

**Sept. 4th - 6th**

**Progress Reports**

**Sept. 9th-13th**

**3rd Grade Parent Night**

**Sept. 17th**

**1st 9-weeks test**

**Sept. 30th - Oct. 4th**

**Fall Break**

**Oct. 7-8th (students)**

**Bullying Workshop**

**Oct. 15th**

**School Bus Safety**

**Oct. 21st.**

**Report Cards Issued**

**Oct. 21st - 25th**

**Red Ribbon Week**

**Oct. 23rd -31st**