# East Sunflower Elementary Newsletter

November 2018

"Equitable Education for Every Student"

# Principal's Message

I encourage everyone to make teaching and learning a **PRIORITY** each day at East Sunflower. Not only do we promote the importance of a quality education, we expect our students to be contributing members of our society. By giving, sharing, helping, and sacrificing, our students can make a difference and change the world. Let's teach our children that it is better to **GIVE** than it is to receive and to **GIVE** thanks for their many blessings. In closing, I say to the school's community, **thanks for giving** to East Sunflower Elementary!!

#### **Upcoming Events at ESE**

- ♦ 11/2-1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks/MAAP Honors Program 1:15 P.M.
- ♦ 11/14-Thanksgiving Lunch 11:05 A. M. 12:15 P. M.
- ♦ 11/15-Reading Fair 9:00 A. M.
- ♦ 11/15- Pre-K Meeting/Parent Academy 4:00 P. M.
- ◆ 11/15- School Board Meeting 6:00 P. M.
- ♦ 11/16- Reading Fair 9:00 A. M.
- ♦ 11/16-School dismiss for Thanksgiving Break @ 3:15 P. M.
- ♦ 11/18 23 THANKSGIVING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
- ♦ 11/26-Parent Walk @ 9:00 A. M.
- ♦ 11/26-Dad's Role in Education 12:30 1:30 P.M.
- ♦ 11/29- Farmtastic Fieldtrip @ 9:00 A. M.
- 11/30 Student of the Month & November Birthday Celebration 2:30 P.M.

#### Counselor's Corner

#### **Homecoming Humanitarian Project**

As a homecoming service project, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first graders along with their parents collected and donated cases of water and toiletries to ESE. Items collected will be given to residents at the nursing home in Ruleville during the holiday season. Dimitri Jack (Mr. Pre-K), Lillian Washington (Miss Pre-K), Ja'Muni Carter (Mr. Kindergarten), Czaria Smith (Miss Kindergarten), Ser'marion Clayton (Mr. 1st Grade), and Rosemarie Pena (Miss 1st Grade) contributed the most items during this care project. These top donors were featured in the ESE's coronation and Ruleville Central High School's homecoming parade. Thanks for giving to ESE!

#### **Character Word for November**

Grat-i-tude: (Noun) a feeling of appreciation or thanks.

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1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks



Academic Recognition

### Superintendent's List (Students with all A's)

Kaitlyn Price Kylie Lewis
Jacques Nicholson Trinity Hannah
Jakolbe Winfrey Anthony Lee

## Principal's List (Students with all A's and B's

Jaquarius Appleberry Jeremiah Burnett April Davis Ser'marion Clayton Winter Battle La'monica Beck Andria Carter Lazharia Dunlap Jamiilah Holmes Ryleigh Griham Myrick Lemon Mikaylah Harris Adavion Hanna Gabriel Hartness Jalyn Taylor Serenity Lee Marcus Patterson Alexandria Freeman Latavion Minton Tommie Porter Amariah Porter Rosilyn Richard Brandon Powe Ta'liyah Smith Jaterrion Sharp Jonathan Taylor Tyler Stovall Tacara Ward Rylie Tiggs Carlito Williams Sha'Miyah Wash Jaiden Winfrey Mckenzie Williams Marysol Zuniga

Kelton Young

## Honor Roll (Students with all A's, B's and 1 C)

Khloe Alvarez Kylan Appleberry Karleigh Carpenter Cur'Varion Collins Zaniyah Daniels Corey Edwards Cylan Edwards Madison Evanger Jackson Flower Tacorri Griham ErrianaHawkins Kentavious Hawkins Amber Horne Kyren Knighten Destinee Lee Tristen Lee Zaylon Lee **Braylon Reed** Bryce Reed Ra'quon Sampson Amonte Smith Marshae Smithe Michael Terry Jacqueline Zuniga

ESE's Vision: "Striving to create proficient readers, writers, mathematicians, problem solvers and productive citizens who will graduate college, career, and community ready."



**Happy Birthday** to everyone celebrating a birthday during the month of **November**.



#### A WORD FROM THE PARENT LIAISON





Mrs. Geraldine Ray

Come and visit our Parent Center at East Sunflower Elementary. Parenting literature and learning tools are available for you and your child. If your child(ren) have a chronic illness, please get a statement from their doctor and submit it to the school. If your child(ren) have asthma, please stop by the school and get an asthma action plan to be filled out by your child physician. Also, please try to schedule all appointments after school. Upon your child's return to school, please submit excuses for all absences.

As a reminder, if there are workshops not being held that you are interested in, please don't hesitate to let me know. I am available on Monday and Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. I will adjust my schedule upon request. I also may be reached via email at <a href="mailto:gray@sunflower.k12.ms.us">gray@sunflower.k12.ms.us</a>. Thanks for all that you do! ESE plus you, there's nothing our students can't do.........

#### HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

When a family becomes homeless, there are two issues that usually occur with the affected children, 1) student attendance decreases and 2) financial situations destroy students' interest in school. The SCCSD recognizes the importance of education for all children and has adopted the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act that addresses the needs of homeless children.

This policy provides assistance for homeless students so that they can continue to be educated despite the challenges they face. If you know families with children who are homeless, please contact the Homeless Liaison at ESE, Geraldine Ray at (662) 569-3137. Your call could be of great assistance to a family in need.





## In the Spotlight





Nancy Adams
Science Teacher
Teacher of the Month



Christye James
Computer Lab Facilitator
Staff of the Month



Kaitlyn Price
5<sup>th</sup> Grader
Student of the Month



Tiesha Lee School Supporter Parent of the Month



## **ESE Panthers of the Month**



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
-Helen Keller

Empowering Staff, Engaging the Community, & Educating Students





## 1st Nine Weeks Honors Program













# WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY













## TEACHING AND LEARNING IS THE MAIN FOCUS AT EAST SUNFLOWER ELEMENTARY











PARENT ACADEMY IS MOVING FORWARD AT EAST SUNFLOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The Barksdale Reading Institute, in collaboration with East Sunflower Elementary, is pleased to invite you to join us for our 2018-19 Parent Academy.

**When:** The Academy is a series of 6 workshops at East Sunflower Elementary:

5:00pm - 6:30pm
Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>
Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>
Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>
Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>
Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>
Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

**WAo:** Parents/guardians of preschool children who will be entering Kindergarten at East Sunflower Elementary School in the fall of 2019.

**What:** A series of **interactive workshops** that will help parents/guardians prepare their child(ren) to successfully start Kindergarten.

# Details:

- Help prepare your children for kindergarten!
- Free materials
- Childcare and snacks
- Chance to win a door prize
- Each person that participates in all six sessions of the Parent Academy will be eligible to receive a graduation gift in March.

Cost: Free

**Questions:** mwhitsitt@sunflower.k12.ms.us, tloga:@sunflower.k12.ms.us or call (662) 569-3137 during normal school hours.