

Robert L. Merritt Junior High School

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“Equitable Education for Every Student”

Principal’s Message

Greetings parents,

Unfortunately, school will remain closed for the remainder of the school year due to the threat of COVID-19. Please have students to complete the assignments posted on our school webpage so learning continues. Also, let’s follow the directions from medical professionals by making sure we are practicing social distancing, sanitizing, and cleanliness. Stay safe!
Christopher Turner, Principal

One School...One Team...One Goal!

Student Achievement IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS

- ◆ **In a motel, shelter or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation**
- ◆ **In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station**
- ◆ **Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship (Please Contact your Parent Liaison)**

The McKinney-Vento Act provides certain rights for Homeless students. For more information please visit our MDE website at:

www.mde.k12.ms.us/OFP/titlex

Upcoming Events at RLMJH has been postponed until further notice.

Parent Liaison, Geraldine Ray Coping Skills for Parents

Here are a few suggestions for parents to help children cope during the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. Talk to children in a way that is age appropriate about what the Coronavirus is and how it is affecting our community.
2. Allow children to express their thoughts, feelings, and reactions without judgement.
3. Offer comfort with gentle words or your presence.
4. Establish a routine and structure for continued learning and family time. Make all attempts to normalize their time.
5. Create opportunities for them to communicate with peers.
6. Practice self-care. Participate in activities that lessen worry and stress.
7. Monitor children’s exposure to social media, the news, and other outlets that consistently report on current conditions.
8. Create a safe environment for your children.
9. Continue to abide by guidelines set forth by local, state, and national leaders and health agencies.
10. Reassure children that with time situations will get better.

From the desk of Mary C. Giles, Assistant Principal

Students, we most certainly miss you and hope that you are staying safe and engaged in learning. Parents, we thank you for continuously supporting the school's vision during these difficult times. If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me via email mcarter@sunflower.k12.ms.us.

Growth for ALL Students!!!



As we went our separate ways on March 6, 2020, none of us had any idea what was ahead of us. Please follow the laws and suggestions to stay safe so that we meet again...

Dear RLMJH Student Body,

I hope that you are doing well, and you are happy, healthy, and safe! I want you to know that you are missed! From the early morning bustle in the hallway, to your interactions with your teachers and peers, to the crowded hallways between class periods, to your sense of humor and your brilliant minds! If you ever doubted for one moment if whether or not you are thought of? You are. If you doubted if whether or not your presence was missed? It is. If you ever doubted if whether or not you still matter to your teachers, administration, and your Counselor? You do! If you ever doubted if whether or not we are proud of you? WE ARE!

I know that these are times of uncertainty and confusion for most people and I want you to know that if you need to talk or if you need to be reassured that everything will be ok, please do not hesitate to reach out. My email address is llewis@sunflower.k12.ms.us. I look forward to hearing from you!

Until we see each other again, be safe!

Mrs. Lewis 😊



This picture speaks volume...