

## Robert L. Merritt Junior High School

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#### “Equitable Education for Every Student”

#### Principal’s Message

Greetings parents!

I'm very pleased to announce that we are making academic gains at Robert L. Merritt Jr. High School. Our student body showed major growth on their 2nd 9 weeks benchmark assessment! Thank you for continuing to encourage your child to study and be prepared for class. We will be hosting our 2nd Award's Program on January 31st. Please come on out and show your support for your child/children. Our students have started a broadcast for our school that will keep you updated on how well we are performing and upcoming events. We will be issuing reports cards on Jan. 22! I am asking that every parent come out and meet with the teacher to receive your child's report card. As always, thank you for choosing Robert L. Merritt Jr. High!

#### One School...One Team...One Goal! Student Achievement

##### Parent Center Corner, Geraldine Ray

.Come on out and visit our Parent Center at RLMJH. The Parent Center is now located in Room #102 By visiting the center you will receive parenting literature and learning tools for you and your child. Our goals are to make a difference in the lives of children and provide support to parents. I am still looking forward to seeing you at workshops. We will have our Parent Walk on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 from 10:00-11:00 A.M. Remember, we have different ways you can be involved in your child education. Such as, Active Parents, Remind, PTO/PTA meetings, school events. In addition, you may volunteer. You may reach me through e-mail at [gray@sunflower.k12.ms.us](mailto:gray@sunflower.k12.ms.us). My hours are: Tuesday, Thursday, and alternate Friday's from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. I will adjust my schedule as needed.

“With us plus you, there’s nothing our students can’t do”!

#### Upcoming Events at RLMJH

1/07-School Resumed  
1/17- School Board Meeting @ 6:00 P. M.  
1/21- NO SCHOOL (MLK)  
1/22- Data Night/Report Card/PTO 5:00-6:30 P. M.  
1/31- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks Honors Program @ 9:00 A. M.  
1/29- Learning Walk @10:00 A. M.  
1/31-Financial Literacy Part 2  
2/27/18-Softball Game JZ George (Away) 5

### Media Center

*The schoolwide Spelling Bee  
will be on Tuesday, January  
29, 2019*

#### 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](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/OFP/titlex)

## Counselor's Corner

### Character Ed: January – Conflict Resolution

#### Strategies for Conflict Resolution

- When angry, separate yourself from the situation and take time to cool out.
- Attack the problem, not the person. Start with a compliment.
- Communicate your feelings assertively, NOT aggressively. Express them without blaming.
- Focus on the issue, NOT your position about the issue.
- Accept and respect that individual opinions may differ, don't try to force compliance, work to develop common agreement.
- Do not review the situation as a competition, where one has to win and one has to lose. Work toward a solution where both parties can have some of their needs met.
  - Focus on areas of common interest and agreement, instead of areas of disagreement and opposition.
  - NEVER jump to conclusions or make assumptions about what another is feeling or thinking.
  - Listen without interrupting; ask for feedback if needed to assure a clear understanding of the issue.
  - Remember, when only one person's needs are satisfied in a conflict, it is NOT resolved and will continue.
  - Forget the past and stay in the present.
  - Build 'power with' NOT 'power over' others

-- Latoshia Lewis, M. Ed.

## Academic Coach's Corner

This month's academic skills for students are to cite textual evidence, determine meaning of words and phrases, solve integers, solve expressions and equations, and comprehend key concepts relating to earth and space science, and physical science. RLM reached its 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks academic goal of achieving a 374-C rating. Please continue to encourage your child/children to do their best each day. We will begin our Bi-weekly assessments on February 1, 2019 and again on February 15, 2019. Remember, our end of the year goal is **355!**

Thank you for all your support,



Shout out to Shannon Brown and Troy Dixon of Allstate Insurance for donating a camcorder to Coach Copper-White and the girls basketball team!



**In the Spotlight**



**Student of the Month \*December)**

**Amiyah Cobb and Eugene Pearson (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**



**Student of the Month(December)**

**Nakiya Carter (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)**



**-T errineica Mc=agee (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

**December Parent of the Month (Charles Modley)**

**RLMJH Rams of the Month**



**Basketball Champions for 2018-2019**

Empowering Teachers, Engaging Communities, Educating Student

