

Robert L. Merritt Junior High School

THE MERRITT GAZETTE

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Principal's Message

Greetings parents!

Thank you for attending our 2nd 9weeks Awards Program. We rewarded more than 150 students during this Awards program for their academic performance during this grading period. We have about 2 weeks left before we begin to administer our 3rd 9 weeks benchmark assessments. Please make sure that your child is prepared for school daily so that he or she can be more successful on this assessment. We fully intend to increase our students' performance on benchmark 3 and get on track to becoming a B rated school. Again, we thank you for making Merritt a place where your child can learn!

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. Remember, we have different ways you can be involved in your child education. Such as, Active Parents, Remind, PTO meetings, school events. In addition, you may volunteer. You may reach me through e-mail at gray@sunflower.k12.ms.us. My hours are: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 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

- 1/30- Financial Literacy Workshop @ 5:00 p. m.
- 2/11-Honors Program @ 10:00 a. m.
- 2/12- 9th Grade Meeting @ 5:00 p. m.
- 2/13-Pre-Valentine’s Dance @ 5:00 p. m.-9:00 p.m.
- 2/18- Baseball Game (Home) Belzoni 4:00 p. m.
- 2/19- Baseball Game (Home) Ray Brooks 4:00 p. m.
- 2/17th-21st –Bi-weekly Assessment Week
- 2/22- Learning Walk @ 11:00 p. m.
- 2/22- Baseball Game (Away) Ray Brooks 11:00 p. m
- 2/25- Baseball Game (Home) Canton 4:00 p. m.
- 2/28- Black History Program @ 9:00 a. m.
- 2/28- Baseball Game (Home) Leland 4:00 p. m.
- 2/29- Baseball Game (Away) Simmons 11:00 p. m.
- 3/3- Baseball Game (Away) Belzoni (JV) 4:30 p. m.
- 3/6- Baseball Game (Home) Vicksburg 4:30 p. m.

Media Center

Parents please encourage your child/children to read. Are you aware that each school has a library webpage? Please follow the steps below to view Merritt's Library page. Students will be able to view the book titles in the library. The website will also let them know if the book is in the library or whether it has been checked .out.

Sunflower.k12.ms.us

- Click on schools.
- Robert L. Merritt Jr. High School
- Scroll down to the Library Link.
- While at school, click the Internal Link.
- If not at school, click the external Link.
- The external link works on cell phones, tablets, etc.

Counselor's Corner, -- Latoshia Lewis, Ed. S.



R. L. M. J. H. Coping Skills

- Take 5 slow, deep breaths, counting to 5 (repeat)
- Think of your favorite things
- Picture the people that you care about
- Remember the words to a song you love
- Distract yourself by doing something nice for others
- Remove yourself from the environment
- Take a walk
- Write a journal, write a poem, write a song
- Write down what's bothering you on a piece of paper, then ball it up and throw it away
- Distract yourself, Draw, color, or Doodle
- Ask to be excused for a moment
- Talk to your Counselor or someone that you trust

***Remember, that it is ok to feel angry, but it is not ok to be violent, disrespectful, or destroy things around you. ***

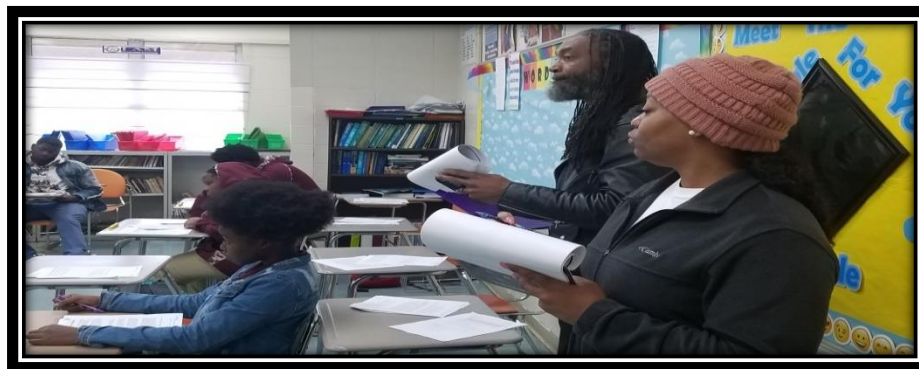


YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

- ◆ 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

Another spectacular learning walk at the Junior Ram's Den!



January Parent of the Month (Narleski Young)

“Every Day Counts!”

Mrs. Dorothy Hope, School Attendance Officer for:

East Sunflower Elementary

A.W. James Elementary

Ruleville Central Elementary

Drew Hunter Middle

Ruleville Central Middle

Thomas E. Edwards, Sr. High

Tel (662) 756-4357 /Fax (662) 756- 4902

Mrs. Ida Cannon, School Attendance Officer for:

Inverness Elementary

Lockard Elementary

Carver Elementary

Moorhead Central

Robert L. Merritt Junior High

Gentry High

Tel (662) 887-8107 | Fax (662) 887-7306

If you have any questions or concerns about attendance, please feel free to call or fax the Attendance Officer assigned to your child/children school.



Empowering Teachers, Engaging Communities, Educating Student