

Robert L. Merritt Junior High School

THE MERRITT GAZETTE

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"Equitable Education for Every Student"

Principal's Message

Greetings Parents!

Greetings and welcome back. I am elated to begin the second semester with all of you at Robert L. Merritt Junior High School. We are striving to build upon the great start that we have had. We are proud of all of our supporters and stakeholders for helping us along the way. At Robert L. Merritt Junior High School, we promote excellence and the importance of all of our students receiving a quality education that will help them during their next level of education. During this New Year, we must stay committed to our vision that all students can and will learn. With that in mind, let's work together to excel in 2023 to make our goal of being a successful school. If you have any questions or concerns about anything regarding Merritt, please don't hesitate to give us a call. As always, thank you for choosing Robert L. Merritt Jr. High School.

Parent Liaison Corner, Geraldine Ray

Let's continue to practice safety and social distancing as we enter a new year. Please continue to wear your mask and wash and sanitize your hands regularly. Remember, we have different ways you can be involved in your child's education. Such as: Active Parents, School Status, and Canvas. You may reach me through e-mail at gray@sunflower.k12.ms.us. My hours are: Monday- Friday from 7:00 a. m. -3:30 p. m. However, I will adjust my schedule to accommodate you.

Assistant Principal's Message

We have started the new year off on the right foot. Our students performed well on their assessments and we retained the growth award here at Merritt. The teachers are doing an excellent job with our students by minimizing referrals and keeping students in the classrooms. As we approach the 3rd Nine Weeks, we are getting the teachers and students to buy in to our philosophy which simply states, "Do Your Job." We are trending in the right direction here at Merritt and at the end of the year, we hope to reach our goal of being a successful school.

Media Center Corner, Dr. Jessica James

Spelling Bee Contestants (7th Graders)



Anthony Gentry 1st-Charite Walker 2nd- Kayci Burnett
3rd- Maurice Purnell 4th- Jaylen Coleman 5th- Shermaine
Body 6th

Spelling Bee (9th Graders)



Zakariya Hall 1st-Karla Moncada 2nd-Jamilia Clayton 3rd-
Ja'Kenzy Jones 4th-Kahlyn Moore 5th

Merritt's Teacher of the Year



Courtney James (Algebra Teacher)

Merritt's Parent of the Year



Curly Purnell (Myi'Jade, Maurice, and Jahyem)

Academic Coaches' Corner, Julia Harrington

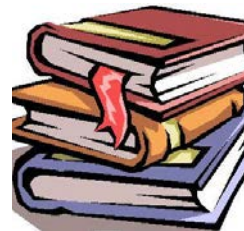
“All Things Academic”

As we enter the 2nd month of 2023, we have officially closed out the 1st semester and looking forward to what the second semester has in store. We are focusing our energies on preparing students for biweekly assessments and ultimately the 3rd nine weeks benchmarks. Teaching and learning takes place every day and teachers are committed to educating students to the fullest.

We ask parents to support our efforts in educating our students by ensuring that they are present daily, actively participating in class, and purposefully completing all reinforced assignments.

Black History Fact...

Did You Know? Black History Month began as “Negro History Week,” which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African-American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Fredrick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. “The past is behind, learn from it. The future is ahead, prepare for it. The present is here, make a difference.” –Thomas S. Monson



“Every Day Counts!”

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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. (662) 417-5395

