

The Eagle Express



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Let's Talk!!!!

Fall has arrived and with it comes the changing leaves and cooler temperatures. It's hard to believe that we are done with a quarter of the school year and are into the holiday season. To say our teachers and students are working hard is an understatement. We have gotten into a good groove with teaching and learning and our students are on target with their learning and their behavior. Our teachers have established fantastic routines with their students and the entire staff is working hard to assist one another when help is needed. You would be hard pressed to find a more supportive and cooperative school!

December will soon be here and then we will have completed a full semester of teaching and in person learning. This has definitely been an exciting school so far. We trust that each of you will give thanks for what you have and have an attitude of gratitude. With that attitude of gratitude, we trust that you will remember those who are less fortunate than you are and lend a helping hand.

Our hope, as we continue into our school year, is that we can find ways that make our children's lives more normal when it comes to school activities. I would love to see them take field trips and bring families back into the building – the hope is that we are headed in that direction! I am eagerly waiting for the time when I get to announce that those things can happen once again. As the weather is getting colder, please make sure you dress your child according to the weather. We still plan to go outside when the weather permits, and they often need a jacket or coat if the temperature is a bit cooler. If your child forgets a coat, we have a lost and found and you may contact your child's teacher, or the front office and we can assist in tracking it down. Also, please remember to keep your child(ren) at home if they aren't feeling well. Now that we are getting into the cold and flu season and are still trying to battle Covid, we need your help to ensure we keep our school as "sick-free" as possible! We do have a district nurse who can see your child as well as Delta Health Center is on campus. One of these nurses will be able to see your child if he gets sick. But, please don't send the child to school if he is sick.

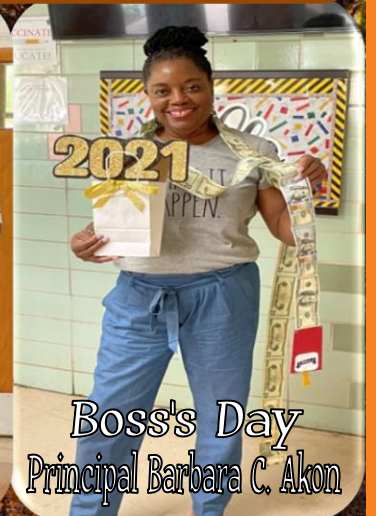
At this point in the year, your child's teacher should have reached out to you to discuss their performance and how they are doing with their schoolwork and behavior. Please know that we always have an open line of communication, and you can reach out to us at any time. It will soon be time for our children to take their 2nd Benchmark assessments and we are excited to see how much they have grown. It is vitally important to your child's education that both the school and parents have a good relationship which in turn, benefits all of our students greatly. Happy Thanksgiving!

Barbara C. Akon
Principal



Let's Celebrate!

Celebrations filled the air and oh what celebrations they were! We began by recognizing our custodians for their hard work, dedication and commitment to supporting our mission. We then moved on to let the Boss Lady know how much we love and appreciate the leadership and inspiration that she provides to our team. The celebrations continued by saying thanks to all of our bus drivers for the tremendous work they do every day.



Courtney Covington

James Phillips

Boss's Day
Principal Barbara C. Akon



Ella Thigpen

Michael Marlow

Nancy Chambers

Congratulations!

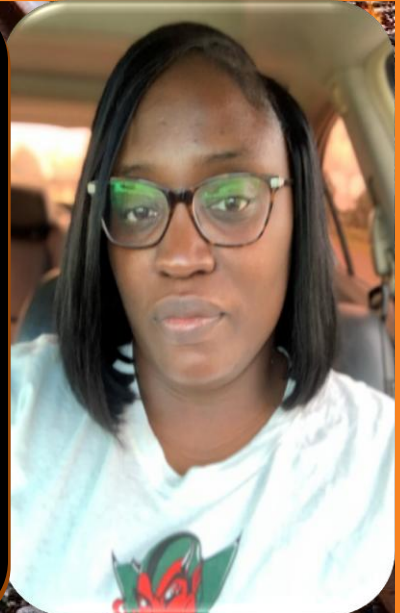
Parent of the Month

Congratulations to our parent of the month, Mikitta Calvin, mother of 5th grader, Jakyria Selvage. Your undying push for academic excellence has not gone unnoticed.



Teacher of the Month

Nutusha Burns
Ms. Burns is an outstanding E.E. teacher who believes and supports the idea that all students have the ability to learn and grow.





An Enchanted Evening in Paris showcased an array of beauty, elegance and grace as our royal court paraded the floor during our annual coronation ceremonies. Congratulations to Damarrian Burnett and Nevaeh Davis on your crowing as Mr. & Miss AW James. We know that you will represent AW James as strong, encouraging and hardworking leaders. Thanks to all of our parents for your support and making this event one of great success!



Mr. AW James



Miss AW James



Mr. & Miss 2nd Grade



Mr. & Miss 3rd Grade



Mr. & Miss 4th Grade



Mr. & Miss 5th Grade



Mr. & Miss Pre-K



Mr. Kindergarten



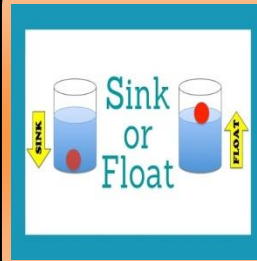
Miss Kindergarten



Mr. & Miss 1st Grade

Word of the month

Gratitude is a feeling of being thankful and appreciative. It is pausing to notice and appreciate the things we often take for granted.



After conducting an experiment to determine whether a pumpkin would sink or float, students in Mrs. Foster's Kindergarten class had a grand time counting the number of seeds inside the pumpkin once the insides were carved out. Students, Brayla Coleman and Natalie Daves, submitted self-decorated pumpkins to share with their class. They did a marvelous job!



Nov. 3rd



Nov. 9th



Nov. 11th

DATES TO REMEMBER



**Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov. 17th**



2nd 9-weeks
ASSESSMENT
Dec. 13th-17th



Dec. 20th-31st



**Thanksgiving Program
Nov. 18th**



Nov. 25th



Dec. 25th