



May 2022

# The Eagle Express

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## Let's Talk!!!!

Oh WOW, we are down to the last 25 days of school and I am sure our students are excited for summer break that is on the horizon! We have a TON of events coming up these last 4 weeks including State testing (MAAP), Pre-K Promotion, 5th Grade Promotion, Pre-K and 5th Grade transitioning, fun activities, 4th nine weeks exams, Awards Day and much more. Please encourage your children to maintain their focus this last month and talk with them about some strategies to end the academic year with a strong finish.

This has been a GREAT year! Our children have grown tremendously! We have promoted growth throughout the year and GROW, they have. Thank you parents for a great year of educating your children. This month they will show what they know. We will finish STRONG!!!

Have a Safe and Pleasant Summer!!! We look forward to seeing your children in August.



Barbara C. Akon  
Principal

## Mission

To provide a clean, safe, and orderly environment that is conducive to student achievement and growth.

## Vision

We envision our school as a "Successful" or (above rated) school. We hold ourselves accountable for implementing, with fidelity teaching and learning processes that will enable all students to achieve academic growth.







The 5th grade teachers at AW James treated their students to a Spring Carnival to celebrate their outstanding growth on the 3rd 9-weeks benchmark assessment. Students were able to enjoy a variety of games, food, prizes and so much more. Thank you Mrs. Kathern Barber, Mrs. Alicia Martinez and Ms. Shirkethia Walker for going above and beyond for our 5th graders. The students had a blast!



*Congratulations*

*Parent of the Month*

**Shonette Baggett**  
Mrs. Baggett is a genuine supporter of a high quality education for her daughter, Alfrenette Baggett. She also works just as hard to ensure that teachers feel loved and supported in their educational endeavors.



**TEACHER OF THE MONTH**

**Tammy Crocker**  
Mrs. Crocker serves as our 3rd grade math teacher. She not only demonstrates all qualities of a top rated educator, she gives her all by pushing students to a level of attainable achievement resulting in their outstanding performance.



During Science, students in Mrs. Hatch's 1st grade class were very curious to find out if the objects they selected would sink or float.





# 3rd Grade ROCKS

In an effort to help relieve the stress of testing, 5th Grade Sponsor, Mrs. Kathern Barber spearheaded creating letters and cards to let the 3rd graders know that we believe in them and their power to blow the state test out of this world. Thank you team 5th grade!



Mrs. Hatch's class took advantage of the "Just Coolin" day designed for students to take a break from testing and enjoy being kids. This was a much needed day that was celebrated by the entire school.



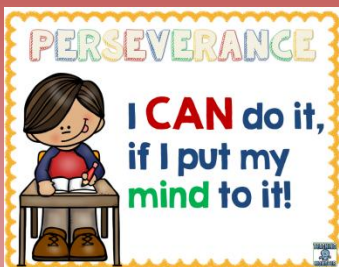
Our 3rd nine weeks Award's Day celebration was the biggest ever. Students were awarded for their growth on the 3rd nine week's benchmark assessment, i-Ready diagnostic growth and achievement, perfect attendance as well as superintendent's, principal's and honor roll status. Teachers were also recognized for their outstanding growth and academic achievement for their students' success. Overall, our entire school exhibited a #WINNING attitude and made it happen.





# Word of the month

Perseverance is the continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failures, or opposition.



Eggs, eggs, eggs are everywhere. The third grade teachers came together to create a fun activity that the students could enjoy following the 3rd Grade ELA State Assessment. In conjunction with the P.E. teacher, they decided to set up an Easter Egg Hunt during the students' activity time. The students had plenty of hidden locations to conduct their searches. From under cones, beneath tables, inside crates, on top of boxes and along the window sills, students had a blast racing against their fellow classmates to find the eggs.



## DATES TO REMEMBER



3rd-5th Grade  
**MAAP**  
May 2nd-11th

Happy *Mother's*  
Day  
**May 8th**



3rd Grade MAAP Retest  
**May 11th**



5th Grade  
**Transition**  
May 18th



**Pre-K**  
**Transition**  
May 18th



Class of   
**2022**  
**Pre-K**  
**Graduation**  
May 25th

5th Grade Promotion



**May 26th**



Students' last day  
**May 26th**

Year End Excursion



**May 31st- June 1st**