

## *Robert L. Merritt Junior High School*

### **THE MERRITT GAZETTE**

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**"Equitable Education for Every Student"**

### **Principal's Message**

We are ending the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of this school year and we are extremely excited about the growth of our students. Currently, we are reviewing and prepping this week to ensure that our students and our school as a whole will be successful on the Benchmark Assessments. The students will begin testing on Monday, March 6, 2023. Our students and teachers are working hard every day to be overachievers in the classroom. We will continue to provide solid instructions to students for the remainder of this year. Please continue to assist us in making sure that your child/children have the resources they need for school, be on their very best behavior, and strive to perform to their highest potential. Attendance plays a major role in educating our students, so please try to get students to school. With these things in mind, there is no doubt about whether or not we will be a successful school. As always, we thank you for your continued support and for making Robert L. Merritt your child's place of education.

### **Parent Center 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@sunflowerk12.org](mailto:gray@sunflowerk12.org). My hours are: Monday-Friday from 7:00 A. M.- 4:00 P. M. However, I will adjust my schedule to accommodate you. Let's make it a great remainder of the year.

### **Timothy Holmes, Assistant Principal's**

As we approach the spring season, we have done some great things at Merritt. Our school received the district growth award and our teachers and students are working diligently to maintain the B rating for the school. Within the past few weeks, our 9<sup>th</sup> graders were rewarded for their success on the benchmark assessments by receiving a trip to Jackson to watch a movie, bowl, and participate in other fun activities. Also, on last week, we had students visit the Capitol in Jackson. While all of these events were taking place, teaching and learning was still the main focus at Merritt. We have put systems in place to ensure that our students are successful on the upcoming Benchmark Assessments and the State Assessments. The teachers, students and staff at Merritt have set high standards and everyone is on board to continue being a part of a B rated school. We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Spring Break and upon return, we will hit the ground running to sustain the success here at Merritt.

### **In Honor of Black History**



## Parent of the Month (March)



**Lisa Boatwright -Harris**

## Attendance Officer's Information

### Every Day Counts!"

Pamelia Fields, School Attendance Officer for:

A.W. James Elementary  
Ruleville Central Elementary  
Drew Hunter Middle  
Ruleville Central Middle  
Thomas E. Edwards, Sr. High

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

Pamela Fields, School Attendance Officer for:

Lockard Elementary  
Carver Elementary  
Moorhead Central  
Robert L. Merritt Junior High  
Gentry High

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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.



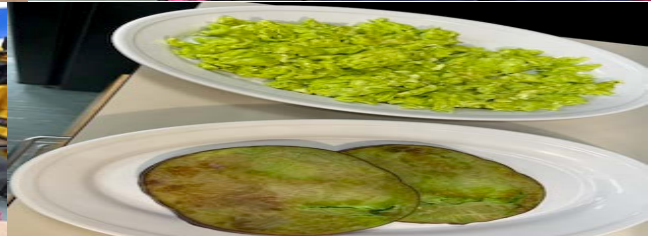
## Merritt's Black History Program



“  
Our lives begin  
to end the day  
we become silent  
about things that  
matter.”



## Miss McDaniel's class celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday!



Green Eggs and Ham...



# Prepping for 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 wks. Benchmark Assessment...

~Math~

