



# The Eagle Express



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## Let's Talk!!!!

It seems cliché to say that this school year has absolutely flown by. However, it is now April and we only have two months left of the 2021-2022 school year. Even though only a short time is left, we have multiple opportunities for involvement and participation coming up in April and May.

Beginning Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> all 3rd grade students will begin taking the MAAP test. This is the test that determines if your third grader will be allowed to move to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. MKAS testing for Pre-K and Kindergarten begins also. Then we have the state test for grades 3-5 in Math, Reading and Science (for 5<sup>th</sup> graders) beginning May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please make sure your child is on time to school those days, has plenty of rest at night, and eats a healthy breakfast. All of our students and teachers have worked diligently to prepare for this test. We want our students to "show what they know" on those days. Please encourage your child to do his/her very best. Retention, class placement and our school grade depend upon the results. As you know we expect to be an "A" rated school.

We have upcoming end of the year programs. Our Pre-K classes will be transitioning as well as our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Both of these classes are gearing up for their promotional exercises coming up next month. We're also planning other activities during this month and May so that our children can relieve testing stress before they actually have to test. These are just a few of the exciting things on tap for the remaining months of the year. Please get involved with us as much as possible. Learning does not end just because we finish our state tests. We will continue to involve your child in deep, rich learning experiences that will carry them into middle school and beyond. I hope to see you at some of our activities.



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.



**Congratulations**  
**Parent of the Month**

**Latasha Thigpen**  
Ms. Latasha Thigpen is a member of the Drew Parent Teacher Organization. She is the proud mother of first grader Mariyah Davis. She believes in providing support, encouraging and motivating students to achieve success.



**Teacher of the Month**

**Lisa Davis**  
Ms. Lisa Davis is a 4th grade math teacher who takes pride in educating her students. She has risen to the occasion and strives to make sure that her students receive top quality instruction that will enhance their academic achievement.



Students in Ms. King's Pre-K class made green eggs and ham as part of their celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. The students also learned that foods that are grown in a garden and on a farm can be made into something else. They were afforded the opportunity to make pickles out of cucumbers. Keep up the great work. Your experiences and encounters will enable you to be great leaders!



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Students at AW James know the importance of attending school. Each week that absences are in the single digits, students are awarded a popcorn party as an incentive.





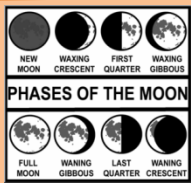
Ms. Gammill and Ms. Hendon's second graders had a great time creating dioramas that represented various types of weather. Designing hands-on projects take time and practice. Hands on projects allow the students' minds to grow and learn based on the experiences and environment they are exposed to. Students presented their dioramas of Wild Weather as a culminating activity on their study of weather. We want our second graders to know they did a tremendous job. We're so proud of each and every one of you!



Gammill's students



Hendon's students

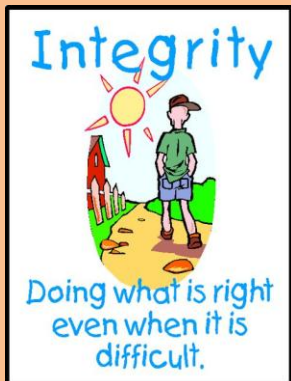


Hands on projects were floating through the air as students in various classes took part in showing off their talents. Check out Mrs. Crocker's third graders' Phases of the Moon projects.

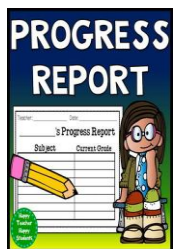


# Word of the month

Integrity is the act of behaving honorably, even when no one is watching.



When teachers use activities to make learning engaging and fun, students are more willing to participate and take risks. Having fun while learning also helps students retain information better because the process is enjoyable and memorable. In an effort to help relieve the stress of testing, events have been planned to remind students that coming to school can be fun and entertaining. The events began with Wild and Wacky Wednesday. Students had a blast dressing up to show just how wild and wacky they could be.



**Apr. 11th-15th**



**3rd Grade MAAP**  
**Apr. 12th-14th**



## DATES TO REMEMBER



*Easter Monday*  
**Apr. 18th**



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



**Pre-K KRA**  
**Apr. 19th-21st**

