

Robert L. Merritt Junior High School

THE MERRITT GAZETTE

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"Equitable Education for Every Student"

Principal's Message

Greetings Parents!

We hope that everyone enjoyed Spring Break and stayed safe in the process. We are in the 4th quarter of this school year and 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 and on time. With these things in mind, there is no doubt about whether or not we will be a successful school. Remember, our goal is to educate all of our students. As always, we thank you for your continued support for your children and Robert L. Merritt Jr. High School!

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' 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 7:00 A.M.- 3:30 P.M. However, I will adjust my schedule to accommodate you.

Timothy Holmes, Assistant Principal

We have accomplished many challenges this school year, but I want to challenge students to attend school daily and master daily assignments. Our expectations include excelling academically and improving emotionally and socially. If you are facing any hardships that may be causing you to not be successful in attending school or completing assignments, please contact an administrator or the counselor. Educating students as well as keeping students safe are key concerns of ours. Thank you, parents, for helping us accomplish so many goals. We need your continued support in ensuring your children are attending classes, completing assignments, and engaged in learning. **Help us be successful!**

Media Center, Dr. Jessica James



Spelling Bee Winner, State Level

8th Place (Tyler Young)

As the Library Media Specialist at RLMJHS, I am proud to announce that I have been selected to receive a Richard Peck Scholarship for registration to the virtual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival from April 6-8. Librarians, teachers, parents, and other adults interested in promoting children's literature will be participating in workshops and panel discussions led by publishers and editors of children's books.

The festival mission is "to recognize excellence in the field of children's literature and to provide librarians, teachers, researchers, and community members the opportunity to learn about and appreciate children's literature through presentations, workshops, and personal interactions with people of significance in the field".

Some of the topics being discussed this year: Uses of social Media, Summer Library Programs, Having Diverse Library. **Dr. Jessica James, Library Media Specialist**

Counselor's Corner, Latoshia Lewis

COURAGE

Courage is standing up and doing something we think is right, even if it is hard to do. Courage can be seen in many different situations.

Attendance Officer's Information

"Every Day Counts!"

Antoinette Thornton, School Attendance Officer for:
East Sunflower Elementary
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

Antoinette Thornton, School Attendance Officer for:
Inverness Elementary
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.



The McKinney-Vento Act

When a family becomes homeless, there are two issues that usually occur with the affected children, 1) student attendance decreases and 2. financial situations destroy students' interest in school. The SCCSD recognizes the importance of education for all children and has adopted the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act that addresses the needs of homeless children. This policy aids with homeless students so that they can continue to be educated despite the challenges they face. If you know of families with children who are homeless, please contact the Homeless Liaison at RLMJH, Geraldine Ray at (662) 884-1270 ext. 317. Your call could be of great assistance to a family in need. For more information visit Website: <http://www.serve.org/nche> or E-mail homeless@serve.org

Recognizing Autism at Merritt

