

# East Sunflower Elementary Newsletter

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**“Equitable Education for Every Student”**

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## Principal's Message

Welcome Back!! I am so excited to begin the new year with you at East Sunflower Elementary. We are entering a new calendar year; however, expectations are still high for all stakeholders. We encourage everyone to make teaching and learning a **PRIORITY** each day at East Sunflower. Not only do we promote the importance of a quality education, we expect our students to be respectful and well-disciplined. By revisiting our vision and mission, schoolwide goals, and positive behavior plan, we are anticipating a successful second half! As we strive to create proficient readers, writers, mathematicians, problem solvers, critical thinkers, and productive citizens in the **NEW YEAR**, remember that if better is possible, then good is not enough. Let's work together to make 2022 a **BETTER** year with new possibilities despite all uncertainties!! S. Washington

## Upcoming Events

- January 13- Report Card Distribution
- January 12-13- School Reading Fair
- January 17-Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- January 24-28 School Choice Week
- January 21- 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School Celebration



## Social & Emotional Health from Coach Liddell

The outbreak of COVID-19 may be stressful for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. The emotional impact of an emergency on a person can depend on the person's characteristics and experiences, the social and economic circumstances of the person and their community, and the availability of local resources. People can become more distressed if they see repeated images or hear repeated reports about the outbreak in the media. Children react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Parents can be more reassuring to others around them, especially children, if they are better prepared.

## JANUARY LIBRARIES

At ESE, all we do is win, win! ESE is proud to announce and recognize our outstanding students for their participation and hard work that has earned them blue, red, white and honorable mention ribbons and certificates in our ESE Spelling Bee and our ESE Reading Fair 2022. Also, the ESE Spelling Champion and the second-place top speller will advance to the SCCSD Spelling Bee on February 11, 2022, and the first-place winner from each division will compete in the SCCSD Reading Fair 2022 on February 4, 2022. Families and friends, thanks for your support and involvement and please continue to assist our students as they move to the next level. Every Panther is a Champion!

\*\*\*\*\*Winners\*\*\*\*\*

### ESE Spelling Bee winners

Ryleigh Griham, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Champion (1<sup>st</sup> Place)  
Deondre Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.

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### ESE Reading Fair 2022 winners are listed below:

#### Division - A Family/Literary Fiction (Kindergarten)

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Arstevion Wash; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Johnny Ward; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Zamarrion Flowers; Honorable Mention, Arbree Overton and Kaisley Taylor.

#### Division B - Family/Literary Fiction (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades)

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Lillian Washington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Channing Perkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Cameron Freeman, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.

#### Division C - Individual/Literary Fiction (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Annie Mae Richards; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Jace Bracey; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Ja'Muni Carter.

#### Division D - Individual/Literary Fiction (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Za'Niyah Daniels, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Destinee Lee, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Serenity Lee, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.

#### Division J - Group/Literary Fiction (3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

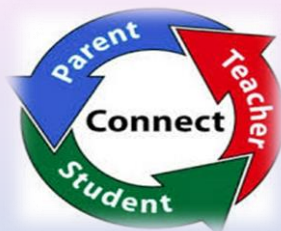
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Londynn Parker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and La'Zharria Dunlap, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Cur'Varion Collins, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Amonte Smith, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Paris Wright, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and Jaquarius Appleberry, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

### Readers are Winners!

Coming Soon-

**Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)** book distribution, January 31, 2022, during which students will choose a book they want to read. Our theme will be Black History/ Cultural Diversity. These books are provided by Dollar General. Our third **United States of Readers** book order for students should arrive in February. Students will receive two additional books of their choice to add to their personal home

## Message from the Social Worker: Tabatha Jones



It is so hard to believe that the first semester is over and 2022 is upon us! This school year is going by so quickly and Spring Break will be here before we know it. We are excited for a new year and the sense of excitement and renewal brought with it. Once again, we are so grateful for all the students, parents, and staff that bring joy to us on a daily basis. We truly hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing winter vacation!

Birthday wishes to everyone who is celebrating a birthday in the month of **January!!**





## From the Faculty and Staff of ESE

“Warmest congratulations to Ms. Megan Burton on the birth of her sweet baby boy!”



**Mrs. Doris Carter**



Doris Carter is honored and humbled to have been selected **Teacher of the Year** at East Sunflower Elementary School for the 2021 – 2022 school term. Mrs. Carter has had the privilege of teaching at E.S.E. school for all her 6 years of teaching in the public-school system. She graduated from Mississippi Valley State University with a Bachelor Degree in Education. She taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade her first year at E.S.E. and is currently teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade math.

This teacher of the year has grown to know and love the families in the Sunflower community. She is very committed to her students, parents, and school. Mrs. Carter is always looking for a way to better serve her students here at East Sunflower Elementary School.



### In the Spotlight



**Toyteesha Willis**  
**Teacher of the Month**



**Linda Brown**  
**Staff of the Month**



**Lafayette Rounds**  
**Parent of the Month**



**Kristin Carpenter**  
**Student of the month**



### ESE Panthers of the Month



“Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so much.”

-Helen Keller

## Counselor's Corner

**This month's focus on character is RESPONSIBILITY!** Responsibility is the state or fact of having a duty to deal with something or to be answerable for your actions or behavior. Ways we show this character trait is: When you agree to do something, do it. If you let people down, they'll stop believing you. Answer for your own actions. Take care of your own matters. Be trustworthy and don't put things off. ...

**Dr. Nearline Anderson**





# SANTA HELPERS GIVING BACK!!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!!

## Town of Sunflower Mayor & City Clerk's Office



## Sunflower Police Department



## Chapman's Grill of Sunflower



## Congratulations to ESE Employee and Parent of the Year!!



Employee of the Year

Mrs. Valencia Richard, Parent of the Year

## The McKinney-Vento Act

issues that usually occur with the affected children, 1) student attendance decreases and 2) financial hardship. CSD recognizes the importance of education for all children and has adopted the McKinney-Vento Act. This policy provides assistance for homeless students so that they can continue to be educated. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Social Worker, Tabatha Jones at 662-569-3137.

## East Sunflower Attendance Message

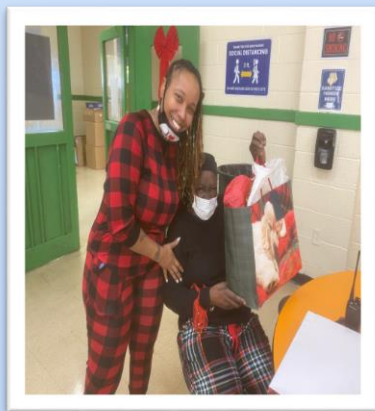
Attendance Matters! Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in elementary school so they learn right away that going to school on time and every day is important. If your child is unable to participate in their daily schedule, they are considered absent. Please remember when this occurs, the school needs to be notified immediately. To report an absence, please contact Ms. Mays @ 662-569-3137.





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**1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks Honors Program**

