

Robert L. Merritt Junior High School

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"Equitable Education for Every Student"

Principal's Message

I want to thank you for allowing us the opportunity to teach your child/children for the 2021-2022 school year. Our goal is growth for all students and we have worked to create a culture where teachers are teaching and students are learning on a consistent basis. May is the month for State Assessments and I want you to know that our students have been prepared and they are ready to face this task. I encourage you to have some conversation with your child/children about their assessments to see how they felt about it. We are getting closer to our last days of school and our 9th grade students are getting ready for their promotional ceremony and 7th and 8th grade students are getting ready for their awards program. Again, I thank you for choosing Robert L. Merritt as your child's place of education. Have a great summer!

Parent Center Corner

Greetings to our wonderful parents of RLMJH. Although school will end for the 2021-2022 school year, learning does not have to stop. During the summer make every event a learning experience. Such as, family game night. Choose games and subjects your child may be taking the upcoming school year.

"With us plus you, there's nothing our students can't do!"

Assistant's Principal's Message

Thank you, students, for demonstrating excellence during the weeks of testing. We asked that you get prepared to enter school in August ready to learn. This year has been very different with many challenges, but through it all, many of you are still excelling. Continue to be safe, follow guidelines, and come to school prepared. 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. Looking forward to the 2022-2023 school year. Help us be successful! Have a great summer.

Families living in the following Situations:

- In a motel, shelter or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation**
- In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station**
- Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship (Please Contact your Parent Liaison)**

The McKinney-Vento Act provides certain rights for Homeless students. For more information please visit our MDE website at:

www.mde.k12.ms.us/OFP/titlex

Counselor's Corner, Latoshia Lewis

May 2, 2022

Robert L. Merritt Jr. High School Named National Beta School of Distinction

Indianola, MS. May, 2, 2022 – Sunflower County Consolidated School District is proud to announce that Robert L. Merritt Jr. High School is a 2021-2022 *National Beta School of Distinction*. The school earned this recognition by increasing their club's membership by at least 10% from last year.

National Beta School of Distinction is an honor for Beta clubs striving towards academic achievement, exemplary character, demonstrated leadership and service to others. With an ongoing quest to instill these qualities in more students, the *National Beta School of Distinction* Award is designed to award those schools that show an increase in membership from the previous school year. This year, only 2,250 Beta Clubs across the country received this award.

In a congratulatory letter to the school, Bobby Hart, CEO said “This national award speaks highly of your commitment to academic excellence and illustrates your dedication to preparing students for their future.”

Award recipients will receive a *National Beta School of Distinction* banner to proudly display as a symbol of their accomplishment.

“We are extremely proud of our students! They have proven to be able to maintain and supersede our expectations, through any obstacle they may face. Their perseverance gives us as educators the extra push that we need in order to help our students reach their goals.” –RLMJH Beta Club Sponsor

About National Beta

With more than 500,000 active members and 9,000 chapters nationally and internationally, National Beta has become the nation's largest independent, non-profit, educational youth organization. National Beta recognizes outstanding achievement, promotes character and social responsibility, encourages service involvement to school and community, and fosters leadership skills. National Junior Beta includes grades 4-8 and National Senior Beta includes grades 9-12. The National Beta program offers over \$300,000 annually to its Senior Beta Members. Visit betaclub.org for more information.



9th Grade Prom Friday May 13, 2022 from 7:00 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. Gabby's Event

Dr. James, Library Media Specialist

What book are you Reading now? Has your ELA Teacher given you guidance on how to utilize the MackinVIA app that is located within your Clever? If not, please go to the MackinVIA app and search for books that you are interested in. You can check out the book with no problems and check the book back in with no complications. If there is a book that you are looking for and it is not found in the MackinVIA app, please let the Librarian at your school know. **HAPPY READING**



9th Grade Promotion Ceremony Tuesday, May 17, 2022 6:00 p. m. at Merritt