

The Eagle Express



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Let's Talk!!!!

March Madness???? Yes it is!!!

Spring has sprung here at AWJ. We are excited to welcome in the changing season and the typical buzz and chatter of spring as it hits our hallways and classrooms. Each spring seems to bring with it the anticipation of longer days with more daylight and better weather for our students. It is a great transition time for our students who are now starting to display want, need, and desire to move into the next grade level. This is most especially true for our 5th graders! As with all of our students, we know our time together this year is starting to dwindle so it is imperative that we find our focus to end the year strong!

This month is the beginning of another testing cycle. Third nine weeks benchmark testing is upon us and before we know it Kindergarten Readiness Testing (EOY) and MAAP testing season will be here. We encourage our students to perform at their highest level regardless of what assessment they are taking. Assessments let us know what our children know and the areas we need to work with them to help them GROW.

Throughout the Pandemic, we have followed and implemented mandates. I recognize the fact we all have sacrificed for the past two years. Empty campuses, distance learning, vaccinations, hybrid learning and testing actions have touched all of us. The safety of students, families and staff continue to be a high priority. After spring break we will have scheduled parent/teacher conferences to further discuss your child's progress. Thanks for understanding that we are trying to keep everyone safe as we provide pertinent information.

As always, I want to thank you for your partnership in helping us prepare students for a larger stage of life. We thank you for your support of our teachers and staff. We are utilizing all our resources to become a Successful School. I look forward to a fantastic March!



Barbara C. Akon
Principal

Mission

To provide a clean, safe, and orderly environment that is conducive to student achievement and growth.

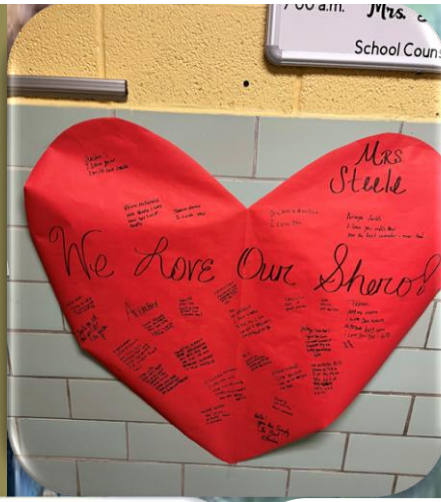
Vision

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.





The faculty and staff of AW James paused to take a moment to celebrate and appreciate our "Jack of All Trades," Barbara Steele-Herring. Mrs. Herring works tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of students, staff and families. We want you to know that your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. Thanks for all you do each and every day.



Congratulations

Parent of the Month

Latonya Woodard

Mrs. Woodard is the mother of 3rd grader, Faith Woodard. She serves as an assistant teacher on our staff. She is also a caring, supportive and generous educator dedicated to the success of all children. She is certainly a gem.

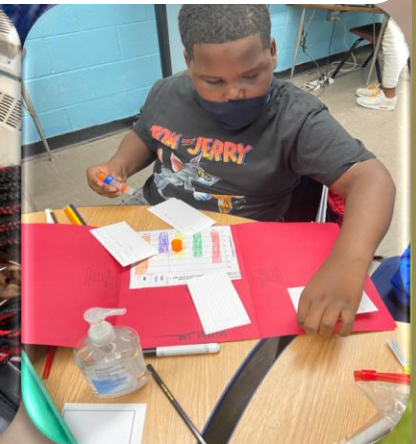
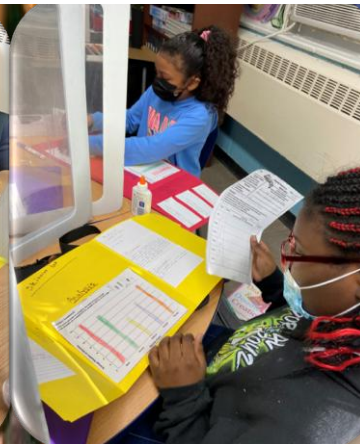
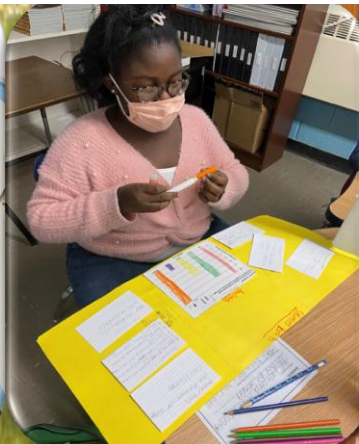
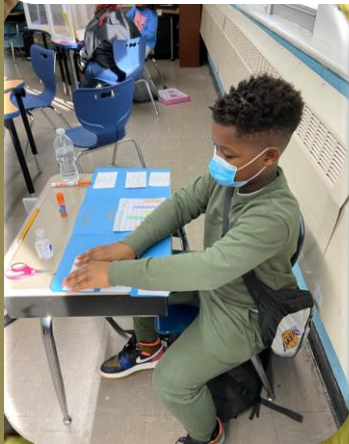


Elizabeth Hatch

Mrs. Hatch is a 1st grade teacher who has served as a part of our team for three years. She has a heart dedicated to educating all students and ensuring they have the necessary tools that will lead them to achieve success.



Students in Kathern Barber's 5th Grade Science class prepare for the upcoming Science Fair by creating their own miniature models of the display boards. Hands on learning is not new to this class. They really enjoy and reap the benefits of using it to learn.





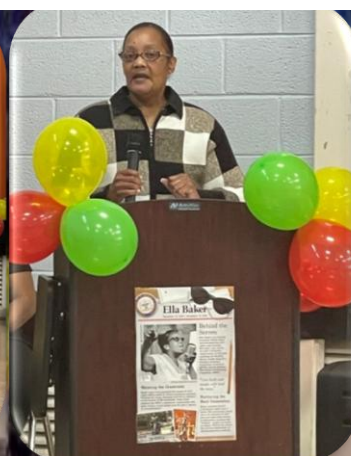
While studying a unit on Earth and Sky, students in Ms. King's Pre-K class were granted the opportunity to sit around a campfire in their dramatic play and block areas. Students pretended to roast marshmallows and made and enjoyed S'mores during snack time.



Shout out to our 3rd grade teachers and parents for a remarkable night filled with important information, sample student lessons, interactive games, door prizes and food. Thank you parents. This night would not have been amazing without your engagement.



The 4th and 5th grade students, in conjunction with their teachers, closed out the month of February with a celebration of black culture. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our participants and guests. You put on a spectacular performance!



Word of the month

Respect is to demonstrate "high regard" for something or someone.

You can't force someone to respect you. But you can refuse to be disrespected.



Students were recently rewarded for their participation, dedication, and hard work in making sure that our popcorn fundraiser was a success. Students who sold 15 or more items attended a pizza celebration. Those who sold 30 or more items had the opportunity to select a superhero stuffed with cash. Our 2nd place seller received \$50. Our top seller received \$100. We want to thank all of our students for their contribution to making our fundraiser one of outstanding success!



Top Seller



Kedrick Davis
Pre-K

2nd Place Seller



Cameron Burchfield
2nd Grade



DATES TO REMEMBER



Apr. 15th

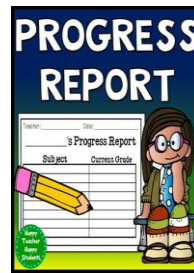


No School
Teacher Workday

Mar. 21st



Apr. 4th-8th



Apr. 11th-15th



Easter Monday

Apr. 18th



Mar. 28th-Apr. 1st



KRA
Apr. 5th-8th



3rd Grade
MAAP
Apr. 12th-14th



Apr. 19th-21st