



The Eagle Express



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Let's Talk!!!!

We have certainly had a fantastic school year so far. It's been incredibly busy, but the progress the students have made in just a few short weeks has been astounding! By now, everyone has settled in well to their new classrooms, their new routines and getting down to the business of learning. Our first benchmark test will show how much our students are growing. As you know our district's mission this year is to 'GROW all students'. We anticipate that our students will show lots of growth as we have been experiencing a wonderful learning experience for all our students.

October is always a fun month at school...we'll be diving into all things Fall as we gear up to the busy holiday season. October is a time of change and anticipation. We welcome the change in seasons even though we have not cooled off much. Halloween is also being celebrated, but not in a major way. Congratulations to our Royal Court - we will celebrate the coronation of our new Mr. and Miss AW James and classroom kings and queens.

October is also Red Ribbon month. The end of October (October 23-31) became formalized as Red Ribbon Week in 1988 by a proclamation of the United States Congress. It was inspired by the tragic death in 1985 of an undercover Drug Enforcement Administration Agent at the hands of Mexican drug traffickers. Red Ribbon Week activities are organized each October. The main purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to celebrate and promote positive choices and healthy, drug free lifestyles for young people and adults in the United States. We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week this year October 25-30. Details will be sent home.

In addition, October is National Fire Prevention month, a time when we should all be aware of ways to help learn fire safety and prevention. Annual observances like National Fire Prevention Week and National Fire Prevention Month are excellent opportunities to focus on fire hazards, but we should all practice fire safety every day at home, work, school, and play.

Thank you Parents and Guardians for allowing us the opportunity to educate your children.



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.





Welcome aboard to our newest staff member **Daphne Knighten-Williams**. Mrs. Williams joins our team as the ISD/ISS teacher. The faculty and staff take this time to say thanks for making our school your priority.



Math teacher, **Shirkethia Walker**, understands and supports the District's mission to GROW all students as she takes time to pose with our new sign.

STUDENT GROWTH SUPPORT

Congratulations

Parent of the Month

Congratulations to our parent of the month **Nikiria Robinson**, mother of Kindergartner **Ja'Riyah Townsend**. Thank you for your continued support in growing your child.



Yolanda Foster

Mrs. Foster is a hardworking first year Kindergarten teacher who strives to promote excellence and growth for all students.



THANK YOU
for the lives you touch
We appreciate you
SO MUCH
vior!

Kathryn Gammill

Student growth begins with teachers who are committed to providing an educational environment filled with opportunities for students to achieve success. Principal **Barbara C. Akon** knows that teachers who are appreciated work even harder to "Make it Happen". She takes time to recognize and show appreciation to **Kathryn Gammill** and **Yolanda Foster**, August & September teachers of the month.



Yolanda Foster





In conjunction with our theme, "On the Right Track to Success," we salute our Kindergarten Readiness Assessment and i-Ready Champions for their beginning of the year diagnostic Reading and Math results. We want you to know that we are so proud of you, and we encourage you to keep up the good work. We want ALL of our students know that you can do this! Who will our champions be after the middle of the year assessment?



Chayace Ross
Pre-K Readiness



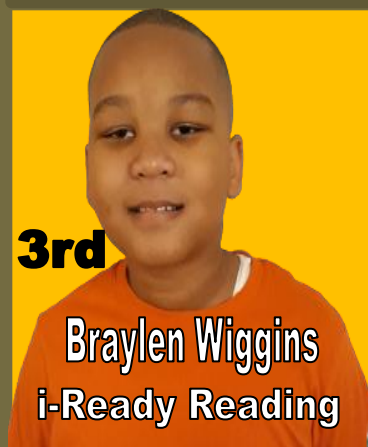
Jaida Jones
K Readiness
K i-Ready Reading



1st
Alfrenette Baggett
i-Ready Reading



2nd
Saniyah Covington
i-Ready Reading



3rd
Braylen Wiggins
i-Ready Reading



4th
Sacorri Brown
i-Ready Reading & Math



5th
Kieran Robinson
i-Ready Reading



Ar'Leaseya Jones
K i-Ready Math



1st
Mariauna Sharkey
i-Ready Math



2nd
Johnny Stephens
i-Ready Math



3rd
Alayna Rivera
i-Ready Math



5th
Jakyria Selvage
i-Ready Math

**Kindergarten
Readiness**



**i-Ready
Reading & Math**

Word of the month

Courage is strength in the face of pain or grief. It is the ability to do something that frightens you.

TRUE COURAGE IS BEING BRAVE ENOUGH TO TRY.



Promoting teamwork is the best way to achieve academic success and growth in our community. The best way to promote teamwork is to have a unified effort to accomplish your goal. Our third grade team as well as our PTO committee has made a vow to do just that. WE applaud your efforts and thank you for your commitment to doing what's best for the students at AW James.



Oct. 11th



Oct. 15th



Oct. 15th-18th

DATES TO REMEMBER



Oct. 18th



Oct. 18th-22nd



OCTOBER 23-31 IS RED RIBBON WEEK



Oct. 31st



Nov. 8th



OFFICES CLOSED, NO SCHOOL

Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 22nd-26th



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Nov. 25th