



# The Eagle Express



December 2021

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## Let's Talk!!!!

Can you believe it? December 2021 is here, Christmas holidays are approaching, children are getting excited about the gifts that they are anticipating and everyone is looking forward to getting a break from the normal routine. But, before we get to the Christmas holidays, we have to complete our 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks assessments and other assessments. December is a very important month of the year. We need to make sure that our children are in attendance –every day – if at all possible. It is a short month but it is relevant, it is busy and so many things happen.

Our children are now involved with participating in programs, activities and realizing a sense of normalcy. Grades PK – 2<sup>nd</sup> will provide us with our Christmas Program. I am sure it will be quite entertaining. Giving to others is a perfect opportunity to show support to our school and get into the holiday spirit. It is also a great way to teach children what the true meaning of giving and receiving should be about.

As we prepare for the Christmas holiday, let's keep in mind how blessed we all have been as we are still alive and healthy. If it is your choice, please get the vaccination and also allow your child to receive it as we continue to fight Covid. This is one way that we can get back to normalcy so that we can rid ourselves of the masks.

Let's continue to teach our children that this season is more than about "getting all that we want" but, it is also about giving to those who may not receive. We wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing the growth that your child has made from 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks Benchmark to 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks Benchmark and from the beginning of the year to the middle of the year.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



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.

Happy Holidays



## Congratulations Parent of the Month

Congratulations to our parent of the month, Angela Wilson, mother of Kindergartner, Jaida Jones. Mrs. Wilson is an active and willing supporter of all school engagement activities.



## Teacher of the Month

**Lisa Whitley**

Ms. Whitley is an energetic PE teacher who works from the time of arrival to the time of departure. Students are always excited to take part in her daily activities.



Students in Ms. Lockett's Kindergarten class got the experience of a lifetime. They learned to become cooks at an early age. They learned how to make some delicious apple sauce.



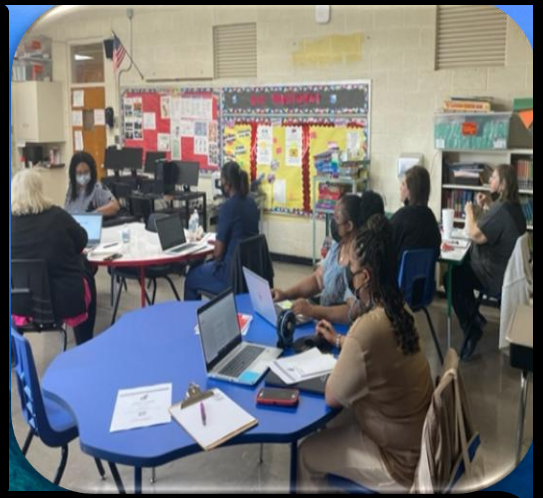
## HONORS AND AWARDS

Parents and students finally received a feeling of normalcy as they attended our 1st 9-weeks Awards Day Ceremony. Even though we are not out of the COVID alert, we were finally able to award students in person while keeping within the CDC guidelines.



Crystal Craven from Synergetics provided a Smart Notebook training for AW James' teachers. In the training, teachers were offered a variety of ways to enhance presenting interactive lessons.

*Smart Training*



*SO VERY THANKFUL*

The third through fifth grade students sent us home for the holidays with a first time ever Thanksgiving performance. The students had a grand ole time preparing for the program and an even better time showing off their talents for their peers. Hats off to each of you for a job well done. Your commitment to excellence does not go unnoticed!



*defying gravity*

Students in Kathern Barber's 5th grade science class were focused, on task, and working hard to get their masterpieces completed. Students worked in pairs to create a container that would defy gravity, once dropped from a high elevation. Go 5th graders. YOU ROCK!



# Word of the month

**Generosity** is the willingness to give, to share of one's time and/or resources, without an expectation that the gift or act will be returned.



## DOLLAR GENERAL

Hats off to our 5th graders, JaCorey Jackson, Bryon Hannon, Justin Sumner and Tristen Collier for their participation in the Dollar General 5th grade book report competition. The guys ruled in this competition and came out on top. We want to say congratulations to our winners, JaCorey Jackson and Bryon Hannon who both received a \$50 gift card. Awesome Job!



2nd 9-weeks

# ASSESSMENT

Dec. 13th-17th



Dec. 16th



Dec. 20th-31st

## DATES TO REMEMBER



Dec. 25th



Jan. 3rd



Jan. 10th-14th



Jan. 17th



Jan. 1st



Jan. 4th



Jan. 24th-28th