

The Eagle Express



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Let's Talk!!!!

Fall is a wonderful time of year. A time to recognize the change of seasons, a time to bask in the warmth of the sun, but still able to enjoy a little chill in the air. Fall is a time to enjoy the colorful leaves, a time to get our homes, our families, and ourselves ready for the end of the year.

October is a busy, busy month for us. We will have our 1st Nine Weeks Benchmark test, teachers are having Professional Development and let's not forget the activities that we will have for the celebration of our historical "A-Rated" School from the 2022 MAAP testing. We are very proud of our students' performance and they and the teachers are to be commended. GREAT, GREAT JOB!!! Parents don't forget to support all of the efforts that were put forth by the students, teachers, staff and administrative team to reach this highly coveted goal. "We made it Happen"!!!

Speaking of academic excellence. Our students scored so very well on the MAAP test that we are an "A-Rated School", #16 in the state for elementary schools, and #1 in the Delta of Mississippi!!!! Now, that's something to celebrate. Congratulations AW James Elementary School students, parents, staff and the entire City of Drew!!!



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.

Parent Meeting

Parents proved that we are off to an Exceptional year as they came out in full support for the first meeting of the new school year. After receiving a warm welcome, their schedule for the day and directions for the event, parents journeyed off to play the role of their children. They transitioned from class to class to take part and experience some of the activities that students encounter on a daily basis. We certainly thank all of our parents for making this meeting a great success. You're the best!



AW James' Men of Excellence met with Parent Liaison, Susan Rash, and P.E. teacher, Lisa Whitley, to discuss games and activities for the upcoming fun day celebration. The planning of these activities are designed to highlight or commemorate the school's most recent achievement of Level A. It is a way to show students that we appreciate all their hard work and efforts in making our school a high performing school. The group also volunteered to spearhead games and bring food for the students to enjoy.



We want to give a big shout out to Sandra Brewer, Khadijah Mitchell, Bertha Washington and Diane Phillips for representing our parents at Delta State University. They attended the Regional Literacy Parent Meeting hosted by the Mississippi Department of Education.





Congratulations to Mr. AW James, Rodney Roebuck & Miss AW James, Madyson Winston and their royal court. They represented our school with pride, dignity, grace and honor. We are so proud of each of you. The royal court included Mr. & Miss Fifth Grade, Kelmarion Simmons and Angela Flores; Mr. & Miss Fourth Grade, Martin Aguilar and A'Riyah Ingram; Mr. & Miss Third Grade, Cameron Burchfield and Shawnie Spivey; Mr. & Miss Second Grade, Dailyn Romero and Kelisia Jones; Mr. & Miss First Grade, Tyler Young and Brayla Coleman; Mr. & Miss Kindergarten, Zaire Winters and Madison Washington; Mr. & Miss Pre-K, Malachi Brand and Jazmine Hampton.



Mr. AW

Miss AW



5th Grade

5th Grade

4th Grade

4th Grade



3rd Grade

2nd Grade

1st Grade

Kindergarten

Word of the month

Optimism is the hopefulness and confidence about the future or the successful outcome of something.

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OPTIMISM IS THE FAITH THAT LEADS TO ACHIEVEMENT



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Pre-K



Pre-K



4th Grade

1st 9-weeks

ASSESSMENT

Oct. 3rd-7th

**MAAP
Celebration**

Oct. 10th-13th

**Oct. 10th
Pizza Party**

**Oct. 11th
Parade & MAAP
Awards Program**

**Oct. 12th
Skating Rink**

**Oct. 13th
Fun Day**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fall Break
Oct. 14th

**SCHOOL
REPORT
CARD**
Oct. 24th-28th

**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**
Oct. 31st

**No School
Teacher Workday**
Oct. 17th

**Bi-weekly
Assessment
#2**
Oct. 24th-28th

**PROGRESS
REPORT**
Nov. 7th-11th

**Bi-weekly
Assessment
#3**
Nov. 14th-18th