

# JAMES MATTHEWS PTO NEWS



December 2020

## CARDS Word of the Month: RESPECT

### RESPECT

**Respect** is caring enough to consider how words and actions impact others.



### Upcoming Events

December 1	Virtual Book Fair Begins (Ends December 14 <sup>th</sup> )
December 2	Home Virtual Day
December 7	Respect Essay Writing Prompt given to students
December 7-18	Middle of Year Assessments
December 11	Respect Essay Writing Prompt due to teachers
December 16	Picture Day
December 17	Grade Level Spelling Bees
December 22	End of 2nd Quarter/Class Christmas Parties/School Celebration Exempt Day #4
Dec 23 - Jan 1	Winter Break
January 4	Students return/1st Day of Second Semester/3rd Quarter Begins
January 4-15	STAR Middle of Year Assessments
January 6	Home Virtual Day

### Remind Notifications – 2020-2021

Join us on Remind for updates and notifications! You can use the link below!

<https://www.remind.com/join/jmes2>



Join us on December 10th for our monthly PTO meeting. Principal Williams will be discussing Title I which provides financial assistance to states and school districts to meet the needs of academically at-risk students.

#### **Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86153445678?pwd=ZHlZR3BvbnBiWUZ6YmZlQlFOYmQ4UT09>

Meeting ID: 861 5344 5678





Passcode: PTO



Students with birthdays each month will receive a birthday coupon to redeem at Ms. Margaret's Cupcakes. Girl tickets will be pink, and boy tickets will be blue. Virtual students will have their tickets mailed to them.

## Happy Birthday!

# Attendance Matters

Ineffective	Progressing	Effective	Highly Effective
 <b>You are absent!</b>			
<p>Not Attending Zoom Meetings</p> <p>No Work Completed and submitted for the week.</p>	<p>Attends Zoom Meetings and are counted present.</p> <p>Completes no work and grades suffer.</p>	<p>Not attending Zoom to get Explicit Instruction.</p> <p>Completing All assignments. Your grade may not be what you desire due to you not receiving explicit instruction.</p>	<p>Attending Zoom to get Explicit Instruction.</p> <p>Completing Assignments with a better chance of obtaining mastery because you participated in the explicit instruction provided via Zoom.</p>

**We need you FULLY present, whether you are Face to Face or Virtual!**

## Student Meals



- James Matthews sends meals home every Friday with ALL face-to-face students.
- Dollarway School District provides meals for our virtual students. You must sign-up by 6pm on Thursday for the following week. You can register at the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2RX1TheTdD1yBeGDR5c--JH5D-UTA9s2V9PN49IJPUCwRA/viewform>
- TOPPS GRAB & GO MEALS: TOPPS is serving Grab and Go after-school meals at the TOPPS Center located at 1000 Townsend Drive. Children may come by and pick up a meal Monday-Thursday from 1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. In order for Parents to pick up the meal they must fill out a short application and have proof of their children (birth certificate, school records, or social security info). Questions, call 870-850-6011.

## Picture Day

School pictures will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Virtual Students please look out for more information to come.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks Awards Slide Show

View the 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks' awards slide show: <https://drive.google.com/file/...>



## Traffic Procedures

The team of JMES wants to thank each of you for all you do! It is imperative that we ALL abide by the rules designed to support a smooth flow of traffic for our school. Drop off begins at 7:30 am. When you enter the campus, you are to go around the loop for your student to have their temperature taken before exiting the vehicle. After your child's temperature is taken and is below 100 degrees, you are to drive to the awning where someone will let your child out of the vehicle. If you have a Pre-K student, you go around the loop as well, where your temperature will be taken along with your child's. After having your temperature taken, you will follow the progression of traffic to the doors near the Pre-K playground, park, and sign-your student in.

The cones that are set up are for safety. You are not to go around them. We cannot and will not manage 2-3 lane traffic. This is required to make sure we have a safe and orderly environment at all times. We need everyone's participation in this matter. This is what is best for our students.

## MY CHILD/MY STUDENT

### *What reading assistance resources are available to help my child/student?*

In the Edgenuity platform, your child will have an individualized prescription that will assist them in their deficit reading skills. If your student follows the recommended time and lessons in their path, they will develop better reading skills.

### *How can I promote a culture of reading at home?*

Reading with your child for twenty minutes a day will help increase your child's reading skills. Reading with your child can be done in a variety of ways. You can read to your child, your child can read to you while you are cooking or driving, or you can read together.

### **Child Safety:**

*What toys or video games are age appropriate for my child?*

The majority of toys and games come with age appropriateness suggestions on them. These suggestions let you know the ages that the games are appropriate for.

*Where can I find a list of toys that I need to be aware of before purchasing?*

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls>

<https://uspirg.org/feature/usp/trouble-toyland>

<https://www.safekids.org/product-recalls>



### FREE PIZZA!!!!

- Increase your ZPD by one point
- Accelerated Reader incentives
- Class incentive for the class who earns the most pizzas

# JMES Virtual Activity Classes

[www.dollarwayschools.org](http://www.dollarwayschools.org)

Select your school from the drop down menu: James Matthews Elementary  
Select menu, look for Teacher Pages, Click on Special Activities.

## You will find:

Music, Computer, Art, PE: To be released soon! & Library Virtual Classrooms. **You must click on the virtual classroom you want to enter, click where indicated and then click present to open the classroom.** You can enjoy the resources outside of school hours and in other grade levels.

Check out the Library virtual classroom! You will find a book of the week with Lessons, ARBookfind, AR testing, Dictionary, many books on the book shelf (changed biweekly), and weekly lessons.

This month we are featuring our Music Class. Take a look and see all of the wonderful things students are learning.



[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/11eGOC\\_tsKiffT1D5XqJ4EXCqTIHM9q-83DcK4KmHtCc/present?slide=id.p](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/11eGOC_tsKiffT1D5XqJ4EXCqTIHM9q-83DcK4KmHtCc/present?slide=id.p)

## Virtual Book Fair

Click here to download the Book Fair flyer.

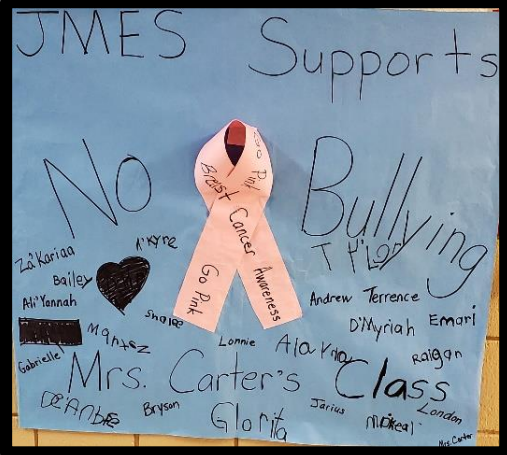
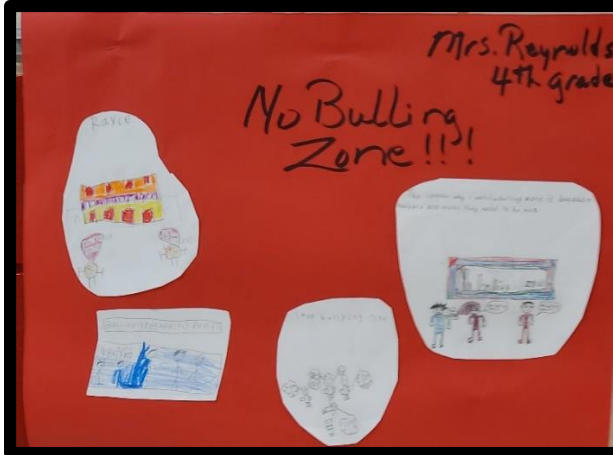
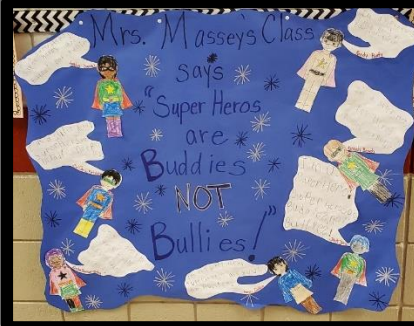
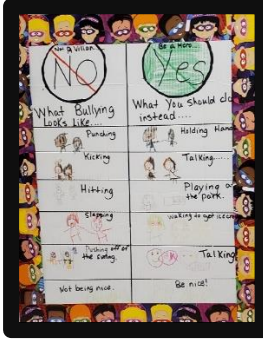
**It's Book Fair Time!**  
James Matthews Elementary  
is having a Virtual Book Fair  
<https://bit.ly/JMESDecemberBookFair>  
**December 1-14, 2020**  
CLICK HERE TO  
**GET STARTED TODAY!**

Important  
Please purchase any Christmas gifts by December 8 for on-time Christmas delivery!

Unbox the Joy of Reading!

# PBIS Bullying Posters

James Matthews Elementary celebrated "Say No to Bullying" with a poster contest.



JMES  's You!