



JAMES MATTHEWS PTO NEWS



October 2020

CARDS Word of the Month: ATTITUDE

ATTITUDE





Attitude is the way you think or feel about someone or something. We encourage all students, parents, teachers, staff, family, and community members to emphasize having and displaying a positive “attitude” this month.

ATTITUDE IS A
LITTLE THING
THAT MAKES A
BIG DIFFERENCE
WINSTON CHURCHILL

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 1-31 National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month
- Oct 4-10 Fire Prevention Week
- Oct 7 Home Virtual Day
- Oct 8 Virtual PTO Meeting: 2020-2021 School Parent and Family Engagement Plan Discussion
- Oct 9 Compassion Essay Due
- Oct 16 Go Pink Day
- Oct 19 Bullying Essay Writing Prompt Assigned
- Oct 20 End of 1st Quarter
- Oct 23 Bullying Essay Due
- Oct 26-30 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 26 Spelling Bee Lists given to students
- Oct 30 Fall Celebration /School Celebration Exempt Day #2
- Nov 2 Attitude Essay Writing Prompt Assigned
- Nov 2-6 Fall Library Book Fair (Tentative)
- Nov 4 Home Virtual Day
- Nov 5 PTO Meeting: Family and Community Engagement Day
- Nov 6 Attitude Essay Writing Prompt due

Attendance Matters

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

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



Join us on October 8th at 5:30 via Zoom (link will be sent out prior to meeting) for our first PTO meeting. We will be discussing creating our Family and Engagement Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Membership is free. We encourage your participation and input to benefit our school and students.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3717350065?pwd=b2tiNVBTVUQ5bkh5eU1ENTdiUk1zZz09>

Meeting ID: 371 735 0065
Passcode: JMES

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.




FREE PIZZA!!!!!!

- Increase your Zone of Proximal Development by one point
 - Accelerated Reader incentives
 - Incentive for the class who earns the most pizzas
- For more information talk to your child's teacher.

Courtesy of James Matthews Elementary

Ticket redeemable for 1 *Vanilla Cupcake*
Unique Cakes by Margaret
214 Barraque Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas
870 - 592-0328



Ticket #: _____ Redeem by: _____

Students with birthdays each month will be recognized by Mrs. Nelson, JMES Counselor.
Girl Tickets – Pink
Boy Tickets – Blue
Virtual Students will receive tickets by mail.

Counselor's Corner

<https://www.dollarwayschools.org/o/elementary-school/page/counselor-s-corner-with-mrs-nelson>



Checkout Counselor Nelson's corner. This month the focus is **BULLYING**. Use the link above to learn all you can. Share with others what you learn.



Arkansas Department of Education - Monthly Student Safety Topic

http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/public/userfiles/Communications/My_Child_2018_19/2018-2019_My_Child_Topics_List.pdf

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 reading skills. If your student follows the recommended time 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 also 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 together.

National Substance Abuse Prevention Month:

How can I get involved in Red Ribbon Week activities?

Parent involvement is a key role to helping students succeed in school, and Red Ribbon Week is designed to educate our students with preventive activities and programs about being drug free. Ways that you can become involved are by being a part of our school activities and events. You can contact our parent facilitator, Ms. Carmickle for information.

Discuss the importance of not using drugs that are not prescribed by the doctor. It is very important not to use drugs that are not prescribed by your doctor. Using drugs that are someone else's can cause serious effects, such as becoming addicted, which could lead to substance use disorder.

How can I promote a drug-free lifestyle for my child(ren)/student(s)?

You can promote a drug-free lifestyle by having talks with your children/students about drugs and other substances that could harm them. Encourage them not to do any drugs and discuss the effects that drugs cause. As a preventive, keep all medication out of reach and stored away from children and students.

Join Principal Williams on REMIND!



Get information for **Matthews Elementary School** right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for **JMES**:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/379a68

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @379a68 to the number 81010.

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