

# PRIDE TIME

Perseverant Resiliency: Yes We Can!



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## From the Principal's Desk

Most people are aware that standardized testing plays a very important role in education today. At James Singleton Charter School, the teachers and students have been working hard to give each student the best chance possible on these tests.

In addition to the learning that would normally go on in the classroom, students are also given the opportunity to practice Constructed Response answers daily through the Writing Across the Curriculum Initiative. ELA, S and SS classes are utilizing the RACE method while Math classes are using Read, Draw, Write. Constructed Response is worth approximately 50% of LEAP 2025 scores.

What can a parent do to help your child? There are several things:

- Ask your child what their Growth to Mastery Score is and what they are doing

in school to specifically help your child grow.

- Make sure your child has a routine with regular bedtime and wake-up time. Sitting down to review with you what he or she has learned that day should be part of the routine, as well as a routine for completing homework at night.
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep. This is important year-round, not just at test time.
- Make sure your child is eating well, and avoid sugary and caffeinated foods.
- Make sure your child gets what she or he needs to stay healthy and focused –follow any instructions a doctor may have given

- If you have access to a computer and internet, your child can show you the practice test on the LDOE website and practice to prepare for the test.

Together, we can help our children ROAR!!

~Erika Mann, Principal



### Special Points of Interest

- 3/9-13 A3 Interval Assessment
- 3/17 A3 Test Fest (Pelican Basketball Player Camp)
- 3/30-5/7 LEAP 2025 Testing
- 5/8 Test Fest (Saints/Pelicans Players)
- 4/9-13 Spring Break

## Students ROARING LOUD!

The James Singleton Charter School Marching Band and Units performed in 5 parades this Mardi Gras Season. Many of the area high school Band Directors have reached out to inquire about our children. The musicianship, crisp sound and discipline was evidenced throughout the entire parade season. Jaylynn A. was invited to warm up and walk with Booker T. Washington's Band for a parade.

She also attends NOCCA and represents everything a ROARING LION stands for.

for information to come out soon.

The band took 2nd place honors in the Oshun Parade.

A Spring Concert in conjunction with Booker T. Washington High School is currently in planning, look



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# Family Time Matters

Please remember that students must receive a passing grade in the final quarter to pass a class for the year. Even if a pupil has an A in the first three quarters, and F in the fourth quarter means that the subject is failed for the year.

Research indicates that children from the ages of 11– 18 spend SIX hours on an electronic device a day. That is more time then students spend at school working or with families at home.

One year old babies work iPads and use technology.

Let us take a little time to spend with our children that is uninter-upted and talk to them.

Some students are still wearing non-uniform articles of clothing to school. Students wearing hooded jackets or sweatshirts are required to remove them and leave them in the mornings. Students wearing non-uniform shoes (any other color than white or black) will serve a PE detention that day.

Students are forbidden from having cell phones on and out during school time. If the cell phone is violated the phone will be taken and returned to apparent or guardian. Multiple offenses may lead to suspensions and/or referrals to appropriate agencies.



# After School Programming

Afterschool transportation and programming will end on March 12, 2020.

## Homework Help

- [www.homeworkla.org](http://www.homeworkla.org)
- <http://lilibcon.state.lib.la.us/schools.php>
- [more.starfall.com](http://more.starfall.com)
- [www.louisianabelieves.com](http://www.louisianabelieves.com)
- [www.lhanacademy.org](http://www.lhanacademy.org)

## Congrats Corner

- Mr. Stewart and Coach Hurley on a FANTASTIC Parade Season
- Mr. Gonzalez for always decorating our halls



## Students ROARING LOUD!

The 81 red folder students-ASK your child about it!!

Letters of the alphabet and sounds of the letters!!

Pre-K and Kindergarten Students who recognize the



## Communication

The school will send out robo-text messages often to keep families informed with important information. Please ensure the school has a working number at all times.

The school office is open daily from 7:30am until 3:30pm. The phone number is (504) 568-3466.

Email is another way to communicate with teachers and staff. All staff email is the first initial and last name of the staff member @dryadesymca.com

**Students who are absent must return with a note from a parent or doctor to be excused. Five or more unexcused absences will result in a court referral as mandated by federal law.**

## Things that Make you go HMMMM

Did you know that :

Sharks have the greatest immune system of any living animal (including human beings)

There is **one** Alphabet and 26 Letters

Martin Luther King Jr. did not die from a gunshot, he was smothered by a doctor, his family won a civil law suit for his murder.

We are born afraid of two things—Falling and Loud Noises. The rest of our fears are learned and influenced by our environments and cultures.

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# Warm Weather Notes

As the temperatures start getting warmer, it's time to remember that there are safety issues that go along with the weather.

Spring is a time for increased severe weather. As part of our school's safety plan, we will be holding tornado drills. The most important things to remember are to stay away from the windows, preferably in an enclosed space on the ground floor of a building, and to protect your face and stomach area. If you have not reviewed your safety plan at home, now would be a good time to do it.

As Daylight Savings time kicks in, it's also the time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and make sure everyone knows what to do in a fire. We practice "Stop, Drop & Roll" along with staying close to the ground, too.

Finally, please remember to use "Sun Safety". Remember to avoid long periods of direct sun exposure, particularly if you're not wearing sunscreen, and to make sure you're drinking enough water. Also, even if a day seems mild, do not leave children in a closed up car on a sunny day. Temperatures in a car can reach dangerous levels very quickly and can lead to permanent injury or even death.



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dryadesymca.org

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## Flu Season/Coronavirus

Washing hands and coughing in your elbow bend prove to be the best combatants of the flu.

The school is wiping down door knobs and furniture constantly to provide the most plausible germ free environment.

NOLA Public Schools held a parish wide conference call to communicate the latest information from the CDC and best practices for sanitizing the building, furniture and equipment. All students and employees with viral symptoms must return to school with a doctor's note. We have purchased sanitary wipes for each classroom to wipe down computers and lap tops between each use. The facility staff is taking extra caution in sanitizing door knobs, faucets, students desks and counters throughout the building.

## Featured Staff Member

### Stacey Hurley

Coach Hurley has been teaching for 28 years in New Orleans Public Schools. She has been at James Singleton Charter School for 11 years and with the YMCA for 36 years. Coach Hurley teaches PE, Coordinates all school programs for holidays and is the moderator for the marching units.

Coach Hurley has one son named TreyShawn.

Coach Hurley is always willing to help in every capacity and never refuses when called to task. Her favorite phrase verse as it relates to children is, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

