

January 2025 Newsletter  
Atwood McDonald Elementary School  
Joyce Bowens Thomas, Principal

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Dear AMES Parents and Students,

Happy New Year! It is officially 2025 and the start of the second semester. I hope everyone had a restful, relaxing break and was able to spend time with loved ones. Students came in ready to resume instruction on January 7<sup>th</sup>. I hope all students excelled academically to meet their report card goals of becoming honor roll students and N.E.A.T Kids (Never Ever Absent or Tardy). Report cards will be available in the FWISD/Atwood McDonald Parent Portal during the week of Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Atwood McDonald's January Calendar of Events  
January is FWISD School Board Appreciation Month  
Atwood McDonald Elementary School Appreciates  
[Trustee Tobi Jackson, District 2](#)  
[FWISD School Board 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President](#)

January 9<sup>th</sup> – National Law Enforcement Day – celebrates Ms. Bundage – AMES Campus Monitor  
January 9<sup>th</sup> – Begins CLI Engage Assessment – Pre-Kindergarten  
January 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – MAP Reading, Science & Fluency Assessments (K – 5<sup>th</sup> grades)  
January 13<sup>th</sup> – AMES Valentines Dance – Time to be determined  
January 17<sup>th</sup> – FWISD Parent Teacher Conferences – Parents are asked to contact teachers to schedule their conference time  
January 15<sup>th</sup> – FWISD 3<sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks Report Card distributed in Parent Portal  
January 20<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School  
January 21<sup>st</sup> – FWISD School Board Meeting –Service Center -5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – FWISD Benchmark Assessments (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades)  
February 13<sup>th</sup> – AMES Valentines Dance – more information forthcoming  
February 10<sup>th</sup> – AMES Book Fair Begins

"A child thrives when parents and teachers work hand in hand."  
Thank you for your continued support!