



EAGLE NEWS

FROM PRINCIPAL CHRISTIAN



BARACK AND MICHELLE OBAMA ACADEMY

Week of August 12, 2024

Greetings Eagle Nation!

Welcome to another edition of Eagle News. As promised, each week you will receive this special update along with loads of information regarding what is going on in our school. To ensure that you are up to date, Here are a few of this week's reminders:

MAP Assessment

Next week our scholars will begin their fall Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment. The testing window began on **Monday, August 19, 2024**, and runs until **Friday, September 6, 2024**. Our Kindergarten through 4th grade scholars will complete the assessments for Reading and Math and our 5th grade scholars will take the Reading, Math and newly added Science assessments. The MAP Assessment helps your scholars' teachers determine what your scholars already know, what they need to learn next and what they may need to be taught again. In order for our teachers to collect the best data, it is extremely important that scholars are present and on time each day during the testing window and that they do their very best.

School Picture Day

We will take our school pictures on Monday, August 19, 2024 during the school day. We are asking that scholars come dressed in our Dress for Success Uniform or BaMO Uniform. We have a limited supply of ties and skirts available for sale in the front office.

Jackson Cluster Night

Mark your calendars and make plans to participate in the **Annual Maynard Jackson Cluster Night!** Join us as we cheer on our Maynard Jackson Jaguars as they take on the Morrow High School Mustangs. The game will be held at Henderson Stadium (Midtown High School) and will begin at 5:30 PM. Transportation from BaMO to the stadium will be provided **free** of charge. Admission to the game is free for all BaMO students in school Spirit Wear. Adult tickets and tickets for Non Jackson cluster students can be purchased online at GOFAN.co beginning next week for \$7.00. More details are included with this week's Courier. The deadline to sign up to ride the BaMO Spirit Bus is **Wednesday, August 21, 2024**. Don't miss out.

PTA Meeting & Curriculum Night

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for our first BaMO PTA Meeting and Curriculum Night on **Wednesday, August 28, 2024**. This will be your time to hear directly from your child's teacher about all of the fabulous things that your child will be learning this school year. Curriculum Night will begin at 6:30 immediately following our first PTA Meeting of the school year which begins at 6:00 pm.

Finally, take a moment to review this week's Courier packet which includes the August Calendar. Remember that you can scan the QR Code below to view the electronic version of the weekly courier or visit the BaMO website.

In Service for Children,
Robin Christian
Robin Christian, Ed. D.
Principal



Please scan the QR CODE
for this week's Courier.

Calendar Overview

August 19	School Picture Day - Dress For Success or School Uniform
August 19	MAP Testing Begins K-5
August 21	GO TEAM @ 4:45 pm Scouts of America sign up @ 6pm
August 23	Jackson Cluster Night @ 5:30 pm



Important Information Regarding Dyslexia Screening

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In accordance with Georgia Senate Bill 48, Atlanta Public Schools has a screening process to identify students in kindergarten through third grade for characteristics of dyslexia. This letter is to inform you about the process and your right as a parent.

What is dyslexia?

Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurobiological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction.

What does screening involve?

The dyslexia screening process must include tools that assess phonological awareness and phonemic awareness, sound symbol recognition, alphabet knowledge, decoding skills, encoding skills, and rapid automatic naming.

APS uses NWEA MAP Dyslexia Screener as its dyslexia screening process. View our reading and dyslexia screening process [here](#).

Your Right to Opt-Out

While we encourage participation in this important screening, you have the right to opt your child out. If you choose to do so, please sign and return this letter by **Friday, August 16, 2024**.

What Happens Next?

School teams will use the Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework to review screening results and identify intervention needs. You will receive results from the screener and notification of if your child is at risk or not at risk of reading challenges. Students who are identified as being at risk for reading challenges may receive additional support and monitoring.

For More Information

Please refer to the Georgia Department of Education website to learn more about dyslexia. If you have questions about the dyslexia screening process or your right to opt out, please contact your school's MTSS lead.

Please sign below and return the bottom portion to your child's Homeroom teacher.

Student Name: _____ **Homeroom Teacher:** _____

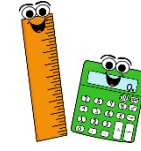
_____ I wish for my child to opt out of the dyslexia screening process but would like for my child to participate in the universal screener.

_____ I wish for my child to opt out of the dyslexia screening process, including the universal screener.

Parent/Guardian Name _____



AUGUST



2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 First Day of School Welcome Assembly	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 KABOOM Student Workshops @2:30pm	14	15	16 Kinder Café @ 8:30 a	17
18 APS Day @ the Atlanta Dream Game – (Dazzling Dolls Perform) @ 3pm	19 School Picture Day (Dress for Success Attire) MAP Growth Window (K-5)	20 Scouts of America Buzz Up @1pm MAP Growth Window (K-5)	21 MAP Growth Window (K-5) GO Team @ 5pm Scouts of America Sign Up @ 6pm	22 MAP Growth Window (K-5)	23 MAP Growth Window (K-5) Spirit Wear Friday – Wear BaMO Spirit Gear & Jeans Jackson Cluster Night @ 5:30 pm	24
25	26 MAP Fluency Window (K-3)	27 MAP Fluency Window (K-3)	28 MAP Fluency Window (K-3) PTA Meeting @ 6pm Curriculum Night @ 6:30p	29 MAP Fluency Window (K-3)	30 Friday Meeting - House Reveal – Wear House Colors MAP Fluency Window (K-3)	31



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Right to Know Professional Qualifications of Teachers and Paraprofessionals

August 14, 2024

Dear BaMO Parents,

In compliance with the requirements of Every Student Succeeds Act, Barack & Michelle Obama Academy would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s) and/ or paraprofessional(s). The following information may be requested:

- Whether the student's teacher—
 - has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
 - is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
 - is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.

- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's and/ or paraprofessional's qualifications, please contact me directly at robin.christian@apsk12.org or call the school office at 404-802-4200.

Sincerely,

Robin Christian

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"SOARING TOWARDS LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES"

Barack & Michelle Obama Academy

is a

NUT FREE ZONE

Please help us to protect our scholars and staff with nut allergies by not allowing your scholar to bring any items to school that contain any type of tree nuts.



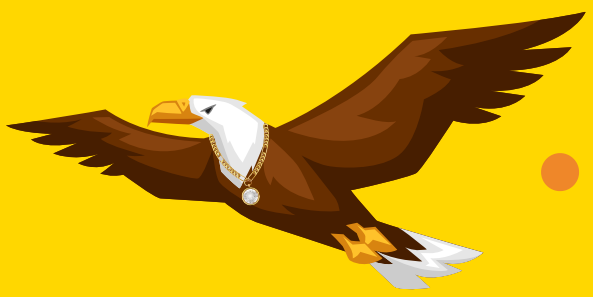
MAYNARD JACKSON JAGUARS ANNUAL CLUSTER NIGHT



MJJ **VS** **MORROW
HIGH
SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024 @5:30PM
HENDERSON STADIUM (MIDTOWN HS)**

Join the Jackson Cluster feeder schools for a night of fun !!



- **Free** for all BaMO Students and Staff in School Spirit Wear
- Ride the Spirit Bus from BaMO **Free** of Charge
- Bus will leave BaMO@ 4:30 pm and will leave to return immediately after halftime
- Adult Tickets are \$7 and go on Sale next week @ www.gofan.co
- **RSVP** for the Spirit Bus Today!!

SPIRIT BUS
SIGN UP



Barack and Michelle Obama Academy



ELA

IB/SEL

3 CIP
Goals

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

PTA Meeting @ 6:00PM

**Curriculum Night Activities
@ 6:30PM**

Come Meet Your Scholar's Teacher!

Math

Sci/SS

2024- 2025

Designing Academic

Masterpieces



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Our fall Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment testing window opens soon, and we are making final preparations for a successful testing season. Our testing window begins on **Monday, August 19, 2024**, and closes on **September 6, 2024**. As we prepare for your scholar to take this assessment, we wanted to share some information with you.

The MAP Assessments is a short test that provides teachers with learning data in reading and math. They are computer adaptive, which means that questions adjust to each answer that your scholar provides. The data from this assessment will help your scholar's teacher determine what your scholar already knows, what they need to learn next and what they may need to be taught again.

BaMO scholars in grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade will be completing the MAP Assessment in Reading Math. This year our 5th graders will also take the MAP Assessment in Science. In order for our teachers to collect the best data, it is extremely important that scholars are present in school each day during the testing window. Below are a few things that we are asking that you help us to ensure that your scholar does their best on this assessment.

- Ensure your scholar is present every day and on time for school.
- Ensure that your scholar has a good night's sleep.
- Talk to your scholar about doing their best on the test.

Our goal is to receive the most accurate data to assist us in planning the best instruction possible for them. Remember that the data from the MAP assessment assists us in ensuring that the instruction that your scholar is receiving meets their individual educational needs.

If you have questions about our upcoming fall test administrations for MAP, please contact the school at (404)802-4200 or email me directly @ robin.christian@apsk12.org.

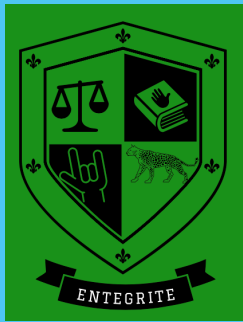
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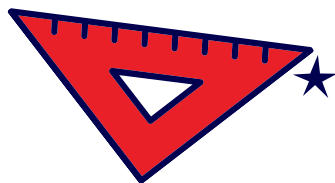
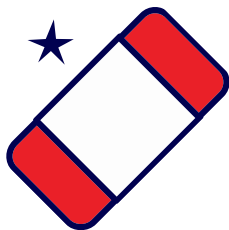
BAMO HOUSE REVEAL DAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024

REVEAL DAY IS A SPECIAL CEREMONY
WHEN ALL NEW SCHOLARS ARE CHOSEN
BY ONE OF FOUR HOUSES AT BAMO!

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLORS!
NEW STUDENTS SHOULD WEAR BAMO GEAR!

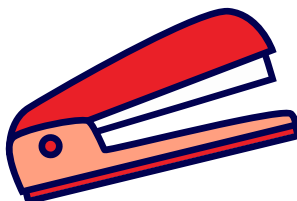
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

IS LABOR DAY.

**SCHOOL IS
CLOSED**



**SCHOLARS RETURN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**