



# EAGLE NEWS

## FROM PRINCIPAL CHRISTIAN



BARACK AND MICHELLE OBAMA ACADEMY

**Week of September 23, 2024**

Greetings Eagle Nation!

Welcome to another edition of Eagle News. As always, there is a lot happening here in Eagle Nation. Here are a few highlights and reminders:

- It is still not too late to volunteer to support our playspace build! On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, KABOOM! and our corporate sponsor the CarMax Foundation will be on campus working to build our dream playground and Community School Park. If you are available on October 1st, 2nd or 3rd, please sign up to volunteer. Simply go to [BAMO-Build.eventbrite.com](https://bamobuild.eventbrite.com) or scan the QR code on the enclosed flyer. If you are not physically available, there are other ways that you can help. We are still in need of donations to feed and hydrate the many volunteers who will be on hand. Check the flyer in this week's Courier for more information on how to volunteer and donate.
- Please join the PTA and help us to reach our goal of 200 members. It only costs \$5 and is easy to do. Simply visit <https://jointotem.com/ga/atlanta/barack-and-michelle-obama-es-pta> and join today! I hope that you will support our PTA's Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. There are prizes for top sellers and all proceeds will help to support our school programs. More details are included in this week's courier. Order forms and money are due on **October 9, 2024**.
- Included in this week's Courier you will find a copy of our Family Engagement Plan and School Parent Compact. The Family Engagement Plan establishes the school's expectation for parent and family engagement and describes how BaMO will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities. The School Parent compact on the other hand outlines how parents, the entire school staff and students will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement. Additionally it explains how we will build and develop a partnership to ensure the success of our scholars. Please take a moment to review each of these documents and sign and return the attached parent acknowledgement form to your child's teacher. Scholars who return a completed form will receive Live School points.

Finally, please take a moment to review this week's Courier packet. 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.

# Barack and Michelle Obama Academy

**Parent & Family Engagement Plan**  
**2024-2025 School Year**  
**Updated: 8/21/2024**

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## What is Title I?

**BaMO Academy** is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act. Title I is:

- A federally funded program which provides services to schools based on scholars economic needs.
- Designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students.

All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parent and family engagement plan.



## School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

### What is it?

This is a plan that describes how **BaMO Academy** will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. **BaMO Academy** values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that **BaMO Academy** will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

### How is it revised?

**BaMO Academy** invited all parents to attend our School Wide Planning and Budget meeting to review and revise this parental involvement policy, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school Website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our PTA and Local Governance Team meetings.

### Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan **BaMO Academy** will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

### Where is it available?

The plan is posted to the school Website, emailed to all parents, and distributed at the Annual Title I meeting. Parents can also retrieve a copy in the Parent Resource Center.

## **2024-2025 Goals for Achievement**

### **APS District Goal**

**APS Mission:** Through a caring culture of equity, trust, collaboration, every student will graduate ready for college, career, and life.

**APS Vision:** A high-performing school district where students love to learn, educators inspire, families engage, and the community trust the system.

### **BaMO School Goals**

#### **BaMO Academy Mission:**

Our mission is to enrich, nurture and respect all children as unique individuals while fostering an environment which develops the social, emotional physical and intellectual development of every child.

#### **BaMO Academy Vision:**

To work collaborative as school leaders, teachers, parents and community member to provide a child-centered learning environment focused on high student achievement for all students.

## **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, **BaMO Academy** and our families will develop a school-parent compact. It is an agreement that explains how parents, teachers and students work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the School-wide Planning meeting and the School Forum.

Parents and teachers worked diligently to create compacts specifically for each grade level. A copy of the school-parent compact brochure is distributed to every family to use during the year.

## **Let's Get Together!**

**BaMO Academy** will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

### ***Open House –July 31, 2024***

Meet your scholar's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

### ***Curriculum Night- August 28, 2024***

Receive information from your scholar's teacher regarding the different areas of your scholar's academics for the upcoming school year.

### ***Fall Parent Teacher Conference Week – October 21-28, 2024***

Meet with your scholar's teacher to discuss their academic performance and learn ways that you can support their academic progress at home.

### ***Annual Title I Meeting-October 24, 2024***

Learn about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement plan, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' right to know. Invitations will be mailed and posted in the school newsletter and local media.

### ***Parent Literacy Night – October 24, 2024***

Learn reading strategies to do at home.

### ***Winter Parent Teacher Conference Week – January 13-21, 2025***

Meet with your scholar's teacher to discuss their academic performance and learn ways that you can support their academic progress at home.

### ***I Love Math Day – February 14, 2025***

Learn how to make Math fun at home.

### ***Spring Parent Teacher Conference Week – March 14-18, 2025***

Meet with your scholar's teacher to discuss their academic performance and learn ways that you can support their academic progress at home.

### ***GMAS Workshops – March 26, 2025***

Receive data on your student's academic performance. Learn tips on how to help prepare them for testing at home.

### ***Friday Morning Meetings – Monthly***

Assembly for students, staff and parents to recognize student achievement, review priorities and boost morale for the month.

*Future Events will be posted on the schools website, and announced through take home flyers, email, text, and voice messenger. Please get and install our (Remind 101) App.*

### **Parent Resource Center**

Our parent center has a variety of resources including meeting space, computers, a printer, a uniform closet, and washer and dryer. The Parent Center is available Monday-Friday 9:00 am –2:30 pm. Please contact our school at 404-802-4200 if you have any questions.

### **Parental Involvement**

**BaMO Academy** believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents play a role in assisting their scholar's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their scholar's education at school and home.
- Parents are full partners in their scholar's education and are included in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their scholar.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

**Barack and Michelle Obama Academy** is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan.  
404-802-4200

### **BaMO Academy is "Soaring Towards Limitless Possibilities"**

We will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.

We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in English and Spanish, posted on the school Web site, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their scholar for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- Share information in English and Spanish on the school blog and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their scholar's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding Schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their scholar to improve their scholar's achievement.
- Use our Partners in Education and Family Engagement Committee to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input cards around the building and post suggestion forms on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests.

## Parent Involvement Standards

BaMO Academy and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

## Family Engagement Committee

- ☐ Yes, I am excited about joining the FEC
- ☐ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the FEC
- ☐ Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

**Please print...**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to contact me: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Engagement Committee

BaMO invites **ALL** parents to join the Title I Family Engagement Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other parents/guardians to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website.

If you would like to learn more about the Title I Family Engagement Committee, please contact our school at 404-802-4200 or complete the form and leave it in then the Parent Resource Center.

## Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel does not enhance the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office or Parent Resource Center:

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Please provide your name and number if you want someone to contact you.

Name: (optional)

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Telephone Number: (optional)

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## What is a

### School-Parent Compact?

As a Title I school, Barack and Michelle Obama Academy and their families agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the scholars will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It also describes how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the state's high standards.

### Jointly Developed

Parents and staff of Barack and Michelle Obama Academy jointly developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, administration identified school and district goals, and parents added suggested items for the student role. Meetings are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student needs.

*Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.*

## Building Partnerships

Throughout the year parents will have opportunities to partner with the staff at Barack and Michelle Obama Academy to enhance their understanding of the standards as well as the curriculum and to celebrate student success. Some events to look forward to include:

- Parent -Teacher Conferences
- Curriculum Nights
- Parent/Family Engagement Activities

*Detailed information will be made available on the school's website and sent home with students via the weekly Eagle Courier.*

## Communication

Barack and Michelle Obama Academy is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about student learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Student weekly Couriers (Red Folder) with Parent Newsletter. (every Wednesday)
- Progress reports sent home at each 4½ week point.
- Report Cards sent home at the end of each 9 weeks.
- Regular Parent -Teacher conferences
- Updates on the school website
- Robocalls
- Teacher & Principal Remind101
- Email, Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter
- Principal's Blog

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## School-Parent Compact 2024-2025

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### School Goals:

BaMO Academy administrators and the Leadership team have studied our performance data. Highlighted below are the goals extracted from our Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP):

- ◆ By May 2025, we will increase the percentage of students scoring proficient and above, in grades 3-5, on the Georgia Milestones Literacy Assessment from 28% (2024) to 33% (2025).
- ◆ By May 2025, we will increase the percentage of students scoring proficient and above, in grades 3-5, on the Georgia Milestones Mathematics Assessment from 26% (2024) to 31% (2025)
- ◆ By May 2025, we will decrease the percentage of chronically absent scholars (scholars missing more than 90% of their enrolled days) from

### **BaMO Academy Staff:**

The teachers, specialists and support staff at BaMO Academy will work with students and their families to develop student's Reading and Mathematics competency according to grade level standards. The focus of our key connections with families will be:

- ✓ Provide parents with a variety of reading strategies that meet the Georgia Standards of Excellence. Examples of each will be provided through newsletters, homework and parent meetings or conferences.
- ✓ Teach students and parents how to use a variety of strategies through grade level Curriculum Nights in order to expose parents to Georgia Standards of Excellence.

## In the Classroom:

### Scholars will:

- ◆ Work to improve mastery of core content knowledge in literacy & mathematics.
- ◆ Have a global mindset inclusive of the IB learner profiles, learner attributes and self-inquiry

### Teachers will:

- ◆ Offer targeted intervention during a personalized instruction block based on students' specific needs.
- ◆ Ensure protected quality of learning time through decreased classroom interruptions.
- ◆ Create active and authentic learning opportunities through the use of technology for students in all content areas.
- ◆ Participate in regular Professional Development to enable all students to meet state student academic achievement standards.

## At Home:

### Families will:

Families can support students' reading understanding by:

- ✓ Using academic based games at home to help your scholar in reading comprehension.
- ✓ Helping your scholar develop a love of reading by reading with them at home for at least 20 minutes each day and log those minutes in Beanstack.
- ✓ Engage with Accelerated Reader to develop independent reading skills.
- ✓ Increase fluency and competency in math by using the IXL platform.

### **BaMO Academy Students:**

BaMO Academy students can succeed in school and meet our school goals in reading. As a student, I can:

- ✓ Talk with my family about what I am learning at school.
- ✓ Read at least 20 minutes each day.
- ✓ Use complete thoughts and sentences when I speak and write.
- ✓ Use the reading strategies I have learned to complete my class and homework.



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Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent Compact Receipt**

My signature below acknowledges that I have received a copy of the Barack & Michelle Obama Academy Parent Compact.

Scholar's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Scholar's Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**"SOARING TOWARDS LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES"**



# Krispy Kreme Fundraiser



***The Annual Krispy Kreme Fundraiser  
to benefit student and teacher incentives***

**GREAT HOLIDAY  
GIFTS!**



**SELL TO FAMILY  
& FRIENDS!**

## **\$26 BOGO CARDS !!**

Each BOGO card may be redeemed up to 10 times. You must buy a dozen to receive a FREE dozen.

Order Forms & Money **DUE October 9, 2024**

Pickup: October 21, 2024

(7:15am - 8:00am & 2:15pm - 3:00pm in Parent Center)

**Top Selling Individual**  
1st: Lunch of your Choice w/ Principal Christian  
2nd: ice Cream Sunday  
3rd: Favorite Treat

**Top Selling Classes Prizes:**  
**Pizza Party**



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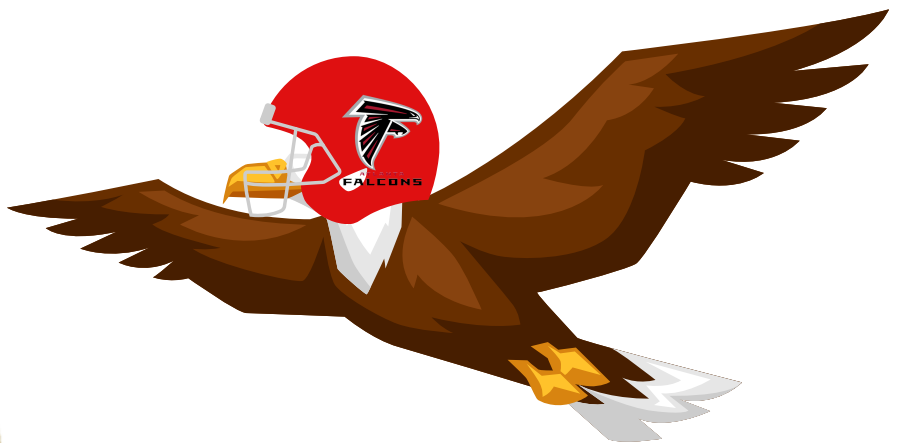
**Spirit Wear Friday**

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 27, 2024**

**BLACK OUT DAY !**

**Show your school spirit  
and wear your Falcons or Saints gear,  
or all black !**

**RISE  
UP**



Barack & Michelle Obama Academy



# FALL DANCE PARTY

*Friday, September 27, 2024*

12:15 pm – 2:00 pm

BAMO SCHOOL THEATER

**Admission Cost– \$5.00**

*Snacks for Sale!*

**Concession Stand Prices**

Cheese Nachos – \$3 – w. Jalapenos – \$3.50

Hot Dogs – \$2

Pickles – \$1

Chips – \$1

Juice – \$1

Candy – \$1

Eagle Snack Pak \$5 – (Includes 1 entrée, chips and juice)

Scholar's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



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