



EAGLE NEWS

FROM PRINCIPAL CHRISTIAN



BARACK AND MICHELLE OBAMA ACADEMY

Week of August 18, 2024

Greetings Eagle Nation!

Welcome to another edition of Eagle News. Can you believe that we have almost completed our first full month of school? As I visit classrooms and see our scholars engaged and excited about learning, it's clear that the school year is off to a fantastic start. There have been so many fun and inspiring lessons happening that it's hard to leave their classes!

This week our scholars began their fall Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment. The testing window began on **today, August 20, 2025** and runs until **Friday, August 29, 2025**. 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 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.

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 27, 2025**. 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.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to complete the information packets that were sent home during the first week of school. We are still missing quite a few and that information is extremely important. If you have not returned your **Clinic Record Card, Emergency Contact Form and Technology Agreement forms**, please do so as quickly as possible. If you don't recall receiving these forms, please contact the school office and we will send another packet home.

Finally, please take a moment to review this week's Courier packet. It is full of important information. Remember that you can scan also 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 27	GO Team @ 4:45 pm PTA Mtg @ 6pm Curriculum Night @ 6:30 pm
August 26	Choir Auditions @2:45
August 29	House Reveal - Wear House Colors
September 1	Labor Day - School Closed
September 5	Grandparents Day Celebration @ BaMO Falcons' Friday - Wear Falcons' Gear

BAMO ACADEMY 2025-2026 YEAR AT A GLANCE (Rev. 8.20.25)

<p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST</p> 	<p>1 Open House @ 9a-11a 4 First Day of School Welcome Back Assembly GKIDS Readiness Opens 15 Falcon's Friday Help a Child Smile 18 MAP Growth (K-5) Opens 25 Amira Reading Screener 27 GO Team @ 4:45pm PTA Mtg/Curriculum Night 29 House Reveal</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY</p> 	<p>1 Happy New Year 5 Teacher Workday 6 Begin 2nd Semester 9 Friday Morning Meeting 12-23 Pre K Mid-Year Assessment 12-25 ACCESS Testing 19 MLK Holiday- No School 20-26 Parent Conference Week House Huddle 20 100th Day of School 23 House Huddle 26 EOTM Celebration @10:45am 30 Dec/Jan PBIS Celebration</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER</p> 	<p>1 Labor Day – No School 2 Pre K Assessment 5 Falcon's Friday Grandparent's Day Celebration 11 School Picture Day - 12 House Huddle @ 8:15 a 15 PEARLS @ 2:30 pm 19 Friday Meeting @ 12:30 p 25 EOTM Celebration @10:45a 29 PEARLS @ 2:30p</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FEBRUARY</p> 	<p>2-6 School Counselor Week 6 School Crossing Guard Day Friday Morning Meeting 13 I Love Math Day 14-20 Random Act of Kindness Week 17 Teacher Workday –(Extended Learning Day for Scholars) 18-20 Winter Break – School Closed 23 EOTM Celebration @10:45a 25 Help a Child Smile Black History Program @ 6p 27 PBIS Celebration</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER</p> 	<p>2 National School Custodian Day 3 Friday Morning Meeting 6-10 Georgia Pre K Week Semester 1 – Midsemester Checkpoint 6 Instructional Coaches' Day 10 House Huddle 13 Indigenous People's Day –(Extended Learning Day for Scholars) 14 Extended Learning Day for Scholars Boss's Day 15-17 Fall Break – School Closed 20 Group Picture Day- Fall Retakes Write Score (Grades 1-5) 20-24 Parent Conference Week 22 Literacy Night/PTA Mtg Annual Title I Meeting 23 Help A Child Smile 22-31 Red Ribbon Week 24 PTA Fall Festival 27 EOM Celebration @10:45 30 Pink Out Day – Wear Pink 31 AR Skate Party</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MARCH</p> 	<p>2 Read Across America Day Mid Semester Checkpoint 6 School Maintenance Worker Day House Huddle Sneaker Ball 2-6 School Social Worker Week Read Across America Week 9 Write Score Assessment 13 Friday Morning Meeting 14 Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade 20 Spring Picture Day 23 EOTM Celebration @10:45a Amira Dyslexia Screener 25 GMAS Carnival /PTA Mtg 30 BaMO AP Week Begins</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NOVEMBER</p> 	<p>3-11 School Psychologist Week 5 Teacher PL Day – (Extended Learning Day for Scholars) 7 TOTY/SOTY Celebration 13 World Kindness Day 14 House Huddle Schoolwide Science Fair 17 EOM Celebration @ 10:45a 20 National Parent Engagement Day 21 Falcon's Friday – Black Out PBIS Celebration 24-28 Thanksgiving Break</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">APRIL</p> 	<p>1 National Paraprofessional Day 3 National School Librarian Day SKIRTS @ Spelman 6-10 Spring Break 20-24 GMAS Motivation Week 20 EOTM Celebration @10:45a Pearls End of Year Celebration 22 Administrative Professional Day 23 Volunteer Appreciation Day 24 PBIS Celebration 45p 27 National School Bus Driver Day ' 28-30 GMAS Testing (Grades 3& 5)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Happy Holidays</p>	<p>1-12 MAP Growth Testing 8-19 Amira Dyslexia Screening 5 Friday Morning Meeting Winning House Celebration 12 Falcon's Friday 15 EOTM Celebration 17 Winter Holiday Program @ 6pm 18 AR/Math Celebration 19 Holiday Class Celebration 22-31 Winter Holiday- School Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAY</p> 	<p>1-14 GMAS Testing (Grades 3,4,&5) 1 National School Principal Day 2 School Lunch Hero Day 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week 6 School Nurse's Day 8 Friday Morning Meeting 14 Pre K Awards 18 Kindergarten Awards 20 5th Grade Awards & Ball 21 1st -4th Grade Awards 22 Field Day/Fun Run/Last Day of School</p>

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

Barack and Michelle Obama Academy

School-Parent Compact 2025-2026

Updated: 8/20/2025

"Soaring Towards Limitless Possibilities"



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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.

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 2026, we will increase the percentage of students scoring proficient and above, in grades 3-5, on the Georgia Milestones Literacy Assessment from 28% (2025) to 33% (2026). Additionally, we will decrease the percentage of DEE students scoring beginning level, in grades 3-5, on the Georgia Milestones Literacy Assessment from 78% (2025) to 75% (2026).
- Numeracy Goal: By May 2026, we will increase the percentage of students scoring proficient and above, in grades 3-5, on the Georgia Milestones Mathematics Assessment from 28% (2025) to 33% (2026). Additionally, we will decrease the percentage of DEE students scoring beginning level, in grades 3-5, on the Georgia Milestones Mathematics Assessment from 78% (2025) to 75% (2026).
- Whole Child Goal: By May 2026, we will decrease the percentage of chronically absent scholars (scholars missing more than 90% of their enrolled days) from 21.8% (2025) to 18.8% (2026).

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"



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Fall Testing Schedule

2025-2026

August 20

**MAP Growth
Reading**

Kindergarten
through
5th Grade



August 21

**MAP Growth
Math**

Kindergarten
through
5th Grade



August 22

**MAP Growth
Science**

5th Grade
Only



August 25

**Amira Fluency
Reading**

Kindergarten
through
3rd Grade



Get Plenty of Rest * Be On Time * Eat a Good Breakfast * Do Your Best

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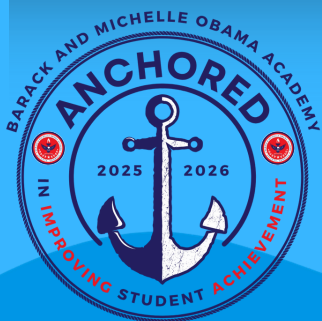
CURRICULUM NIGHT

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

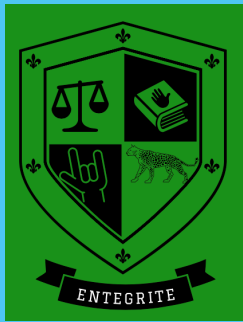
PTA Meeting @ 6:00PM

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

Come Meet Your Scholar's Teacher!



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GREEN
HOUSE



PURPLE
HOUSE



YELLOW
HOUSE



BLUE
HOUSE

BAMO HOUSE REVEAL DAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025

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!

Barack & Michelle Obama Academy

INVITES YOU TO OUR

ANNUAL

**GRANDPARENTS DAY
CELEBRATION**

HONORING THE ANCHOR OF OUR FAMILIES

**FRIDAY
5
SEPTEMBER**

***GRANPARENTS
ONLY***

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

**970 MARTIN STREET, SE
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BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED

RSVP



SCAN HERE



RSVP by Tuesday, September 2, 2025 to Reserve Your Seat