



EAGLE NEWS

FROM PRINCIPAL CHRISTIAN

BARACK AND MICHELLE OBAMA ACADEMY
12/7/2020



Warm Tidings

Greetings Eagle Nation!

I hope that you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday and that it was restful and memorable. Our rejuvenated BaMO staff is back to "Mission Possible" status and continuing to provide our scholars with the best virtual learning experience! With just a few more days until Winter Break, we are working to end 2020 with the same energy that we had on day one in August. We still remain committed to our home/school partnership and keeping the lines of communication open. We want to ensure that our BaMO scholars continue to SOAR! By now you have hopefully had your parent/teacher conferences and have a good idea of how your scholar is doing in class. We mailed your scholar's most recent progress report on last Friday to ensure that you stay informed regarding your scholar's grades and attendance to date. Remember that you can always access this information via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you have not already logged on, please contact the school office to secure your login credentials and instructions on how to access the portal.

You may be aware that APS is making final plans regarding a return to face-to-face instruction in January 2021. Please take a minute to revisit your personal decision on whether or not your scholar(s) will return to face to face instruction in the building or continue in one of our virtual platforms. The [Intent to Return Declaration Form](#) is now open and accepting responses. You may update your previous decision or submit a new choice. The form will remain open until **Monday, December 21, 2020**. Remember that if you **do not** respond during this time frame, your scholar will automatically remain in the *current* virtual platform or default to whatever you selected earlier this year. For more information regarding the district's **Return + Learn Plan**, please visit the [Return to Learn Info Page](#). You can also join me on December 16th @ 6pm for the Town Hall Meeting and/or give the school a call.

Finally, as you can see by all the flyers in this week's newsletter we have a lot of exciting events happening this month. Please make plans to participate. Remember that your scholar earns House Points for each event that you attend!

In Service for Scholars,
Principal Christian

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presents

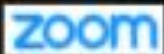
Dec.
15th!

SPELLING BEE



K-2 SPELLING BEE-8:30-9:30AM

3-5 SPELLING BEE-10:00-11:00AM



CHECK YOUR CHILD'S GOOGLE
CLASSROOM FOR ZOOM LINK



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BAMO SCIENCE FAIR

DECEMBER 11, 2020

8-11 AM



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CLASSROOM FOR ZOOM LINK

Projects
Due
Dec. 4!

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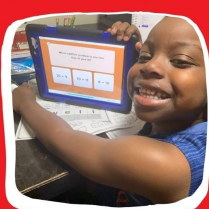


ASYNCHRONOUS WEDNESDAYS

Students will participate in asynchronous learning each Wednesday during December. During asynchronous learning days, scholars will not have live class sessions on asynchronous Wednesdays, but will receive independent assignments to complete from their teachers. Additionally, asynchronous learning days will focus on providing our scholars with opportunities to engage in personalized academic intervention support and small group testing support.

Parents can expect to receive weekly phone contacts from your child's teacher to schedule some personalized independent learning time. All scholars must complete and submit their assigned assignments in their Google Classrooms, each Wednesday, to receive attendance credit for the day.

For more information regarding asynchronous Wednesdays at BAMO, please contact your child's teacher.



EVERY WEDNESDAY IN DECEMBER

Barack and Michelle Obama Academy
presents

DEC. 7 - 11, 2020

INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

MONDAY

"Hats Off for Inclusion"
Wear a hat for inclusion.



TUESDAY

"True Blue Inclusion"
Wear blue for inclusion.



WEDNESDAY

"Ride or Tie Dye for Inclusion"
Wear your best tie dye or
multicolored outfit.



THURSDAY

"Vision View to Include You"
Wear your snazzy glasses!
and Cozy-Up to Inclusion DRIVE-THRU
Party @ 1pm!



FRIDAY

"Inclusion Is In The House"
Wear your BaMO HOUSE colors for Inclusion!

HOUSE POINTS AWARDED DAILY FOR
PARTICIPATION!



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PRESENTS...



HELLO EAGLE NATION!
JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT...

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING


with Principal Christian

**WED., DECEMBER 16
@ 6PM**

zoom
ZOOM CODE: 566 960 8234
PASSWORD: bamorocks



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ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM


What is Accelerated Reader?
Accelerated Reader is a reading program designed to encourage and promote successful reading. It helps students to track their reading comprehension by providing them the tools to measure their improvement.

BAMO SCHOOL-WIDE CHALLENGE

- Pre-K - 2nd Grade: Read five (5) books per month
- 3rd Grade - 5th Grade: Read 3 chapter books OR 10 books per month

BOOKS MUST BE ON OR ABOVE STUDENT LEXILE LEVEL AND A PASSING AR SCORE OF 80% OR ABOVE.

How does AR work?
After a student reads a book, they access MyBackpack and click the 'BIG R' for Renaissance then click on the orange AR (Accelerated Reader) button to take the AR Reading Practice quiz for the book they just completed.



**BAMO AR TESTS
AVAILABLE DAILY**
7AM - 9
Mon - Sun

?
Contact Ms. Foushee
lfoushee@atlanta.k12.ga.us

How Many Points Has Your Scholar Earned?



SPIRIT WEEK

DECEMBER 14-18



MONDAY
"Hats Off for the HOLLY JOLLY 10!"
Wear your favorite holiday hat or headband.



TUESDAY
"There's cold weather, so pull out your UGLY SWEATER!"
Wear your ugly Holiday sweater.



WEDNESDAY
"Wrap Up Wednesday"
Wear your favorite holiday scarf.



THURSDAY
"Dreaming of a Happy Holiday"
Wear your favorite appropriate holiday pajamas.



FRIDAY
"Deck the Zoom!"
Wear your favorite holiday shirt.



TAKE PICTURES AND POST TO SOCIAL MEDIA TO RECEIVE HOUSE POINTS!



December



2020

As of 11/29/2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Kdg Virtual Field Trip – Zoo Atlanta 8:30 am Targeted Intervention- Select Students 12:30-2:30 & 3p-5p	2 Asynchronous Wednesday	3 Targeted Intervention- Select Students 12:30-2:30 & 3p-5p	4 Science Fair Projects Due	5 Happy Birthday Andrea Dixon
7 Hats off for Inclusion Wear a hat to show your support of Inclusive Schools	8 True Blue Inclusion Wear blue to show your true support of Inclusive schools Homeroom Spelling Bee @9a 1st Grade Virtual Field Trip – Zoo Atlanta 9 am Targeted Intervention- Select Students 12:30-2:30 & 3p-5p	9 Asynchronous Wednesday Ride or Tie Dye for Inclusion Wear your best tie dye or multi-colored outfit in support of Inclusive Schools Week.	10 Hanukkah Begins Write Score Testing Grades 3-5 @8:30a Targeted Intervention- Select Students 12:30-2:30 & 3p-5p Vision View to include you! Wear your messy glasses in support of Inclusive Schools Week.	11 Science Fair – TBD November House Celebration @ 12 noon House Colors for a House of Inclusion Wear your house colors to show your support of Inclusive School Week.	12
INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK					
14 Hats off for the HOLLY JOLLY 10! Wear your favorite holiday hat or headband. Write Score Testing Make Up - Grades 3-5 @8:30a	15 There's cold weather, so pull out your UGLY sweater! Wear your ugly Christmas sweater K-2 Spelling Bee @8:30a 3-5 Spelling Bee @10a Targeted Intervention- Select Students 12:30-2:30 & 3p-5p	16 Wrap-up Wednesday Wear your favorite/holiday scarf. Asynchronous Wednesday GO Team Meeting @5 Town Hall w/ Principal Christian @ 6p	17 Dreaming of a Happy Holiday! Come dressed in your favorite appropriate holiday pajamas Parent Partner Gift Pick Up 11a-2p Targeted Intervention- Select Students 12:30-2:30 & 3p-5p	18 Deck the "Zoom" 📺 Wear your favorite holiday shirt. Parent Partner Gift Pick Up 11a-2p November House Party @ 11:15a End of First Semester	19
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day 🌲	26 Kwanzaa Begins
WINTER BREAK					
28	29	30	31		
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BARACK AND MICHELLE OBAMA ACADEMY PRESENTS...



Join us for our

BAMO HOUSE CELEBRATION

December 11, 2020

Time: 11:15AM - 12:15PM

The Zoom link will be available in your child's Google classroom.



STAY IN THE KNOW

There are so many ways to stay connected to the latest information affecting your scholar's academic and personal success.





Follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **Twitter**
@APSBaMOAcademy
or download the **Remind101app** and text @BMOParent to 81010.



APSprotects

Student, Staff + Facility Safety

Atlanta Public Schools (APS) is constantly working proactively to keep our students and staff healthy and safe, especially in our COVID-19 environment. Here are just a few of our ongoing health and safety efforts:

AIR	WATER	BUILDINGS + BUSES	PEOPLE
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invested \$68 million to upgrade our heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems Serviced and monitored over 20,000 pieces of HVAC equipment in schools and buildings Upgrading HVAC system filters to most efficient version the system can handle Increasing pre-occupancy and post-occupancy HVAC run times from two hours to three hours 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous flushing and disinfecting of water sources in buildings (water fountains, sinks, showers, etc.) Proactive testing for Legionella pneumophila Use of bottled water and bottle filling stations in schools 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of fogging machines for commercial-grade cleaning/sanitizing of schools and buses Twice daily wipe downs and overnight cleaning of high touch common areas Use of hand sanitizing stations in common areas and classrooms Set building capacity levels at 60% for in-person learning to implement social distancing to the greatest extent possible Limited use of APS facilities by outside organizations 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed a comprehensive COVID-19 testing strategy Providing personal protective equipment (PPE) for students and staff and requiring the use of PPE in schools and buildings Additional screening measures and temperature checks upon entry into buildings Practicing social distancing and other protocols per CDC guidance Limiting class sizes and the number of people in buildings

For more information on the District's health and safety efforts, visit www.atlantapublicschools.us/reopen



RETURN+LEARN JANUARY 2021

What you need to know

as Atlanta Public Schools prepares for a proposed January 2021 reopening.

1

The reopening will maintain our **three instructional models**:

- Virtual with Your School
- In-Person at Your School
- Virtual with Atlanta Virtual Academy

2

In-person instruction will be phased-in:

January 25th PreK-2 and Special Education (Low Incidence -PreK-12) students return
February 1st Grades 3-5, 6, 9, and 10th grade students return
February 4th Grades 7, 8, 11, and 12th grade students return

3

Beginning in **November 2020**, APS:

- Expanded academic interventions across all schools for the neediest students
- Offered in-person instructional support for some special education students
- Continued to monitor APS Athletics and identified potential opportunities for APS Arts to perform/practice in-person in small groups

4

Beginning in **December 2020**, APS:

- Launched Independent Learning Days on Wednesdays in which students learn at different times of the day and work at their own pace. During this time, our teachers will have the opportunity to organize, rearrange, and prepare their rooms for the reopening of schools in January 2021
- Modified our food distribution plans to account for Independent Learning Days and holidays
- Launched an Intent to Return Declaration Form for all students to select or change their previous declaration

More details are forthcoming regarding these activities and our reopening plan. Visit www.atlantapublicschools.us/reopen for the latest information.

Please note: Charter and partner schools may have different plans and schedules. Families with students in our charter and partner schools should engage directly with those leaders and teachers.



As of December 3, 2020

APS Nutrition Update

With APS remaining in the virtual setting, our Nutrition program will provide "Fresh-From-Scratch" seven-day weekly meal kits (seven breakfast meals and seven lunch meals) with distribution occurring each **Monday, Beginning November 9th**, the pickup times will change to **2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** from designated school bus routes or one of the **10** curbside pick-up locations. Our cluster pick up locations are below:

Maynard Jackson High School

801 Glenwood Ave. SE,

Atlanta, GA 30316

King Middle School

545 Hill St. SE,

Atlanta, GA 30312

