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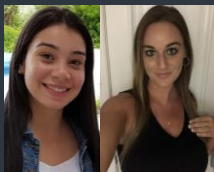


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Holidays at BOE



The **holidays** at Barack Obama were incredibly special this year. Our very own staff organized and surprised the students with presents! The gift-giving was tremendous. **Ms. Guiracocha and Ms. Bullock**, along with **Ms. Foskey** and their interns, worked hard to have every student from each class pick out a present. When classes went, I could hear students scream with excitement. When it was my class's turn, we were all excited. When we got there, we all said, "Wow look at all the toys!" Some kids from my class chose basketballs, makeup kits, puzzles, and many more games and toys. Some students picked out toys that they could enjoy with their siblings to show how caring they are! When we finished picking our toys, we took a picture. **Ms. Guiracocha** made sure we said "Cheese!" for the picture. We all had some big smiles.

Written by: Daylin Guzman

Holiday Caring

Spreading Kindness Around like Confetti



This holiday, we began a tradition that I think will last a lifetime. **Mrs. Fairclough** implemented the 12 Days of Kindness for students and staff! The memo was sent out the week before the countdown to the holiday break so that the staff was prepared to spread kindness like confetti. As the week continued, kindness was being spread all over the building. Some staff members spread kindness by giving compliments to one another. Others had their students spread kindness. **Ms. Acosta** and **Ms. Shagi** reviewed letter writing in their classroom and gave paper and freshly sharpened pencils. Their task was to share a letter of kindness with any staff member in the building. **Brian Giron** wrote to his old teacher, **Ms. Edwards**. He thanked her for teaching him and being kind to him in 1st grade. Tears came to his eyes as he delivered the kind note. Ms. Edwards said it made her day! Another student, **Genesis Huevo**, wrote to her lunch monitor, **Ms. Rowe**. She thanked her for her kindness while watching them during recess! Lots of staff members received letters. The students kept hearing "Wow, I needed this today!" or "Thank you, this means so much to me." They also heard, "I will keep this letter forever" which meant so much to them! The halls were filled with joy at Barack Obama. Everyone felt good about themselves! It was a wonderful time leading up to the break.

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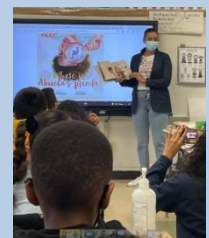
25 Book Campaign



The 25-book campaign is back! The exciting kick off was on November 29th, 2021, and will run monthly through June. This year, students will be highlighted for being the top readers each month in each class. When the students become top readers, they get to select a book from the library to keep! Classrooms will also be celebrated each month as students will use their reading logs to tally up how many books they have read. The big number will be displayed on a huge poster in the hallway next to the media center. Teachers are encouraging students to read every night and when there is downtime in the classroom to get their tally numbers up!

Ms. Randazzo, along with her 25-book campaign team, **Mrs. Chester, Ms. Moran, and Ms. Verene**, started the 25-book campaign kickoff with a bang! Ms. Moran organized for a mystery author to come in each month to read to the children in every classroom. To kick the campaign off, we had our first mystery **reader who was children's book author, Rachel Armstrong**. She read, **her published book**, "Where is Abuelas Prenda?" She read so beautifully to the students. After reading she asked, "What did you like about this book?" In my class, one student responded by saying, "I love how it's connected to both my home languages. I speak English and Spanish. So, I loved seeing Spanish words in this book." **Our second Mystery Reader was Mrs. Fairclough!** **Students guessed clues from our O'mazing Obama Newscasters.** Our purpose is simple! The 25-book campaign aims to get our students at Barack Obama School to keep on reading lots of books. We, thinkers, are trying our best by reading at any chance we get!

Written by: Zeleidy Granados



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Caring

Optimistic

Making a difference

Meaningful Messages being spread

Understanding other people's feelings and thoughts

Newscasters reporting information out to BOE

Is a person that you can share your opinion with comfortably

Confident and creative

Appreciate others' point of view

Take responsibility for their words

Open minded- no judgement

Respectful ears

Written by: Zeleidy Granados

I will be principled by reading every day, writing in my journal, and engaging in self care.
Mrs. Fairclough

I will help my mom buy groceries so we can eat together.
Darwin Campos

I will take responsibility for my actions.
Lucas Manzanares

I will complete my break packet!
Ashly Bino

Inside the minds of our students!
Barack Obama students were asked:
How will you principled over the Holiday Break?
Written by: Lucas Manzanares

I will be principled by telling my family the truth and being kind to my friends.
Matthew Lopez

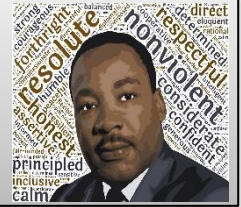
I will be principled by completing my goals and running every day.
Elias Zuniga

I will be principled over the break by taking my dog to the vet.
Britzy Ruiz

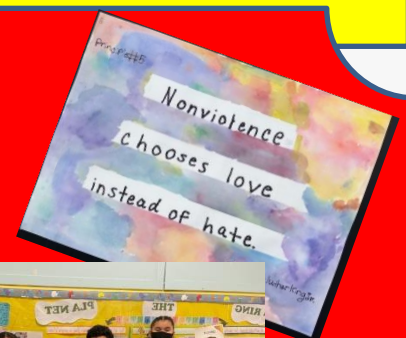
I will follow the rules at home.
Dariel Naves & Justin Valle

I will make smart decisions and treat people how I want to be treated.
Melody Villalta

Martin Luther King Oratorical



Barack Obama Elementary school held its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Competition! The contest was held in two sessions. One in the morning at 10:00 A.M. for the 1st through 3rd grade classes and one in the afternoon at 1:30 P.M. for the 4th and 5th grade classes. The competition was held virtually to keep everyone safe! The students who were selected to compete had to memorize a part of the famous Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "I Have a Dream" speech. There were 3 teams with a student representative from each grade. Mrs. Lagnese started screen sharing displaying pictures of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mrs. Fairclough welcomed everyone, and we watched a short video on Dr. King. When the speeches began, classes could be seen on zoom applauding as hard as they could for each student. Their words were so powerful that they could be felt through the Zoom session! We also had some trivia questions to answer. Each class could unmute and try to get the answer correct! A great job was done by all. Special shout out to Mrs. Lagnese and Ms. Gonzales for organizing and running this wonderful event. Congratulations to all the participants! Written by: Valerie Jaramillo



How to Relax- Zen Den

Focus: Relaxation
By: Carla Gutierrez

Do you ever feel stressed? Do you ever feel anxious?

Here are some tips to relax and engage in self-care!

- Focus on positive things.
- If you are overthinking, remember that what you are thinking is not always completely true.
- Focus on the things you CAN control.
- Forget about the things you cannot control.
- Write about what you are feeling or the thoughts going through your head in a journal.
- Find a positive distraction like watching your favorite show or movie.
- Listen to soothing songs or your favorite kind of music.
- Talk to someone about what you are thinking/feeling.
- Go for a walk.
- Take a nap.
- Read a book.
- Try meditating or stretching.
- Visit Barack Obama's Zen Den in the e-library.



December Students of the Month: Communicator

Ms. Quinones: Frank Orozco
Mrs. Capdevila: Ethan Dubon
Ms. Kosiner / Mrs. Guido: Edwin Zuniga

Ms. Edwards: Maximiliano Grajales
Ms. Palacios: Deyri Sorto
Ms. Shagi / Ms. Acosta: Nicole Quij
Ms. Winkler: Edison Rivas

Ms. Lopez: Carlos Umanzar
Mrs. Hauser / Mr. Mulvihill: Steven Chay
Mrs. Hale: Michael Arevalo
Mrs. Perez: Samantha Ramos

Ms. Verene: Samuel Scott II
Ms. Gallagher:
Mrs. Johnson: Rigo Melara
Mr. Cole: Jessie Campos
Ms. Strachan / Ms. Whitney: David Alicea

Ms. Donnangelo: Jamel Taylor Jr.
Mrs. Muhammad / Ms. Vogelfang: Keylee Gonzalez
Mrs. Vasquez: Franklin Romero

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January Students of the Month: Balanced

Ms. Quinones: Alexa Castro
Mrs. Capdevila: Jayden Martinez
Ms. Kosiner / Mrs. Guido: Aiden Sorto
Ms. Jovel: Chanelis Moya

Ms. Edwards: Kaiden Roberts
Ms. Palacios: Yuniol Manzanara
Ms. Shagi / Ms. Acosta: Samantha Gonzalez
Ms. Winkler: Derek Alvarado

Ms. Lopez: Lucas Manzanara
Mrs. Hauser / Mr. Mulvihill: Carolyn AQuintanilla
Mrs. Hale: Gilson Villatoro
Mrs. Perez: Lester Cortez

Ms. Verene: Jeremiah Varela
Ms. Gallagher: Lens Cifuentes
Mrs. Johnson: Cristy Hernandez
Mr. Cole: Isabella Mejia
Ms. Strachan / Ms. Whitney: Jeily Gonzalez

Ms. Donnangelo: Justin Garcia
Mrs. Muhammad / Ms. Vogelfang: Daylin Benitez
Mrs. Vasquez: Estiven Delcid

November Students of the Month: Principled

Ms. Quinones: Valerie Vasquez

Mrs. Capdevila: Angel Garcia

Ms. Kosiner / Mrs. Guido: Haylee Mejia

Ms. Jovel:

Ms. Edwards: Matthew Bravo

Ms. Palacios: Carlos Castellanos

Ms. Shagi / Ms. Acosta: Yancy Gomez

Mrs. Hauser / Mr. Mulvihill:

David Lozano

Mrs. Hale: Elsy Avelar

Mrs. Perez:

Ederson Martinez

Ms. Verene:

Edwin Delcid

Ms. Gallagher:

Madelyn Conpio

Ms. Strachan / Ms. Whitney: Anthonella Huevo

Mrs. Johnson:

Ashley Mejia

Mr. Cole:

Justin Valle

Ms. Donnangelo:

Joel Aparicio Ramos

Mrs. Muhammad / Ms. Vogelfang:
Christopher Cruz

Mrs. Vasquez: Melvin Maldonado

St. Patrick's Day Family Fun



St. Patrick's Day Word Search

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| PATRICK | CLOVER | IRISH | WISH | MAGIC |