

# Parent Newsletter



BARACK H. OBAMA  
MAGNET ELEMENTARY

October 2024 ♦



PRINCIPAL- STEPHANIE E. WILSON

## A message from the Principal:

Dear Obama Elementary Families,

As we step into October, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome I've received as your new principal. It has been an exciting and inspiring first two months at Barack H. Obama Magnet Elementary School, and I am truly grateful to be part of such a vibrant community.

I've enjoyed seeing our students engage enthusiastically with their learning and appreciate the support from our dedicated staff and involved families. As we continue this journey together, please remember that open communication is key. I am here to support you and your child, so don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or ideas. Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

Warmest regards,

*Stephanie E. Wilson*



*Congratulations,  
Obama Magnet!*

**WE'RE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR "A" RATING  
ON THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY  
REPORT CARD! THANK YOU TO OUR  
DEDICATED STUDENTS AND STAFF. LET'S KEEP  
STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER THIS  
YEAR!**

## IB World News

### IB Parent Night

Thank you to the parents who attended the IB Parent Night sessions. The instructional staff was excited to share how scholars learn through inquiry-based strategies and conceptual understanding. Based on your feedback, we are planning to offer additional sessions to showcase the learning experiences your scholars engage in daily.

### Obama Magnet Website

To assist you in staying informed about school events, procedures, routines, and other important information, please visit our school website. It serves as an additional communication tool to keep you updated. You can access it here: <https://www.jackson.k12.ms.us/obama>.

### Teaching/Learning

We encourage you to have conversations with your scholar(s) about the units of inquiry they are currently studying. Supporting them in researching and discovering information about the concepts they are learning will enhance their engagement and help them take ownership of their education.

## September Scholars of the Month

### Kindergarten:

- Tristen Davis
- Kacie Tanner

### 1st Grade:

- Jayce Jones
- Brilyn Strong

### 2nd Grade:

- Solomon Bradley
- Chloe Franklin

### 3rd Grade:

- Ethan Howard
- Madison Patterson

### 4th Grade:

- Laiken Haywood
- Maxwell Swopshire

### 5th Grade:

- Jabari Jenkins
- Caden Summers

## Library/ Media Updates

We've had a fantastic first nine weeks in the library! Students have enjoyed engaging with some fun back-to-school stories and have refreshed their skills on how to find books that capture their interest. Our third to fifth graders have been exploring the various resources and tools available in both our physical and digital libraries.

As we approach the end of the month, we're excited for our annual reading fair! Projects are due on **Monday, October 28**, and I can't wait to see the creativity our students and families bring to their submissions. To celebrate our school reading fair, we'll also have a book character dress-up day on **Wednesday, October 30**.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out: [khellings@jackson.k12.ms.us](mailto:khellings@jackson.k12.ms.us). Happy reading!



## Counselor Corner

During the month of October, scholars will focus on empathy, compassion, and assertiveness through the Second Step Curriculum. They showed their love for learning during College and Career Readiness Spirit Week. This month, scholars will take a deeper look at kindness, exploring various ways to be kind and build relationships with their peers.

As a school community, we will wear orange on **Wednesday, October 16**, in honor of Unity Day, demonstrating our unity against negative behaviors. Scholars will conclude the month by learning about drug and alcohol safety during Red Ribbon Week.

## Upcoming Events

- **October 14-** Term II Begins
- **October 16-** Unity Day (students wear orange shirts)
- **October 18-** Teacher Professional Development Day (**NO SCHOOL FOR SCHOLARS**)
- **October 21-** Parent-Teacher Conference Day (**NO SCHOOL FOR SCHOLARS**)
- **October 25-** Harvest Fest (**5pm-7pm**)
- **October 30-** Last Day for School Reading Fair
- **November 1-** Fall Break (**NO SCHOOL FOR SCHOLARS**)