

# OBAMA HOUSE NEWSLETTER

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## OBAMA Teacher Spotlight... Ms. Carol Williams



Greetings M.S. 180x,

It's November! We are well into the swing of things. From our Fall Map assessment in ELA and Math to our first theatrical performance in the Black Box Theatre. The 2025-2026 school year is in full motion and if you blink, you'll miss all that it has to offer. How's that for some Figurative Language?

This month's words of encouragement focus on building stamina and developing good study habits. Each night there should be some time (nothing less than 1 hour) set aside for reviewing class notes, new vocabulary and new skills for math and ELA. In addition to reviewing notes, you should be reading, reading, reading! This helps with your focus ability, and it builds stamina. Report cards are right around the corner, you need to complete all assignments, turn in homework assignments and Ace all tests and projects.

In closing, each morning students volunteer to recite the school's poem, "Our Deepest Fear" by Marianne Williamson. There's a line that stands out to me, "We are all meant to shine as children do." So, students, all of your teachers and administration want you to SHINE, so that we may shine from our efforts in making sure you shine. The tips provided above will enable you to do so. Keep your heads lifted and focus on your task at hand and seize the greatness so you can SHINE!

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." — Malcolm X, activist and educator.

Respectfully,  
Ms. Williams,  
ELA/SS Teacher



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**\*RISE\* RESILIENCE\* INTEGRITY\* SCHOLARSHIP\* EMPOWERMENT\***

**\*YES WE CAN, We are proud, powerful, and PURPLE\***



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| NOVEMBER 2025 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| SUN           | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 23            | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sarah's Oil - AMC Bay Plaza
- \* November 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Annual Senior Step Up**
- \* November 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Specialized H.S. Exam**

Have you submitted your Senior contract? Parents, have you discussed options for your scholars' package?

Submit all contracts to Ms. Yemmer in Rm 210. Parents must complete the form using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/jKpMYwX1S>  
[Wd26wsG8](#)

## UPCOMING SCHOOL WIDE EVENTS



- Tuesday, November 4 - Election Day;  
\* **NO SCHOOL**
- \* Wednesday, November 5 - Talent Unlimited  
H.S. Trip; 8<sup>th</sup> grade dancers
- \* Friday, November 7 - Marking Period 1 ENDS
- \* Tuesday, November 11 - Veteran's Day **NO SCHOOL**
- \* Thursday, November 13 - Afternoon/Evening Parent-Teacher  
Conferences **HALF DAY \*\*\*In Person CONFERENCES\*\*\***
- \* Thursday, November 27- Friday, November 28 - Thanksgiving **NO SCHOOL**



## A message from Principal Williams

I'm proud of your class efforts in tackling difficult subjects and supporting one another. This month, let's work on attendance and show respect in all settings—class, online, and beyond. Keep pushing; you can do it!



# RISE



## Housekeeping Items



### CELL PHONES / YONDR

- All scholars received a contract that must be signed by a parent/guardian. The letter explains the specifics of the program and the how scholars will access their phones at the end of the school day.

**If a phone is taken, a parent/guardian must come into the building to retrieve it.**

### Dress 4 Success!

- ALL students are expected to wear a uniform, every day. This includes a collared shirt and khaki bottoms.
- Gym uniform consists of a plain gray shirt (no graphics/writing) or the house gym shirt with gray or black sweatpants.

**NO Crop tops, Crocs, Leggings, Shorts, etc.**

\*\*\*Dancers must change into their clothing for rehearsal.\*\*\*

## Counselors' Corner



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor, Mr. Spires**

[dspires@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:dspires@schools.nyc.gov)

Stay focused, work hard and be the best version of you! Remember, your **High School applications are due on December 3rd!** Make an appointment NOW! Families who need assistance, please make an appointment to come in.



**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor, Mr. Baskh**

[dbaksh3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:dbaksh3@schools.nyc.gov)

I encourage open communication about your student's academic and social-emotional well-being, and I am available to help. Together, we can work to make this a successful and positive year.



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor, Ms. Hodge**

[ahodge@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ahodge@schools.nyc.gov)

My door is always open to students who need to talk, whether it's about making new friends, dealing with a tough class, or just having a rough day. For families, please know that I am a resource for you as well. We can work together to help your child thrive.

## The PBIS STORE Grand Opening 11/5!!!

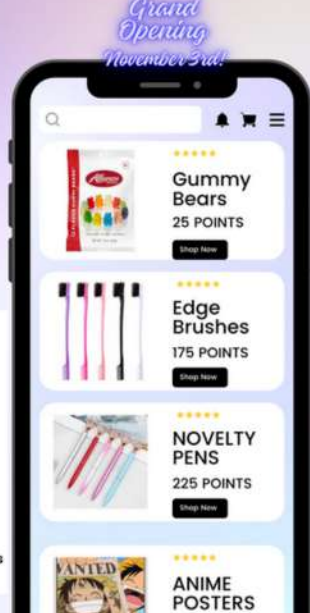


**earn. save. buy.**  
YOU DECIDE

The following items are available for purchase:

1. Airheads
2. Candy
3. Chips
4. Chocolate Bars
5. Fruit snacks
6. Oreo Mini's
7. Pringles
8. Ring pops
9. Soda/Juice

\$20 Limit on purchases per visit.



**Grand Opening November 5th!**

**PBIS Rewards**

**2X PER MONTH BY GRADE**

**Baldwin / Obama**  
Tues. (Pd 4) - Grade 8  
Wed. (Pd 4) - Grade 7  
Thurs. (Pd 4) - Grade 6  
(2nd and 4th weeks)

**Baldwin - Weeks 1 & 3**  
**Obama - Weeks 2 & 4**

**Colvin / Sotomayor**  
Mon. (Pd 2) - Grade 8  
Wed. (Pd 3) - Grade 7  
Fri. (Pd 4) - Grade 6

**Colvin - Weeks 1 & 3**  
**JSH - Weeks 2 & 4**