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Celebrating Black History



Our Legacy, Our Future

Upcoming Events

- ◆ February 4, 2013 - School-Age OPEN!
- ◆ February 6, 2013 - MSI Field Trip
- ◆ February 12, 2013 - School Closed
- ◆ February 18, 2013 - School Closed
- ◆ February 27, 2013 - ECLC West Black History Presentation. Guest Speakers and Entertainment

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SCHOOL-AGE

7:00am - start of school
breakfast served
3:00pm - 4:00pm
snacks served

**Enrolling
Ages
6-12**

Ka' Mayai Slater 8
Adyen Powell 2
D'Marion Burton 15
Travion Reeves 8
Kayla Friday 5
Ms. Morris 17
Kemara Lee 12



Go to the Back Rosa Parks

Go to the back of the bus, Rosa Parks
Go to the back and stay
"No, I won't. I think that's unfair
And I'm just too tired today."

But everyone knows the rules, Rosa Parks
Everyone knows if you're black
You can't eat at white restaurants
And on busses you sit in the back.

So now it's time to move, Rosa Parks
"No, I'm not moving at all
I've got a voice and I'm going to use it
And thousands will hear the call"

"We're coming to sit with you, Rosa Parks"
People black and white will say
"We're coming to change America
And bring equality here to stay!"



**"The only tired I was, was tired of giving in."
-Rosa Parks**



Barack Obama was born to a white American mother, [Ann Dunham](#), and a black Kenyan father, [Barack Obama Sr.](#), who were both young college students at the University of Hawaii. When his father left for Harvard, she and Barack stayed behind, and his father ultimately returned alone to Kenya, where he worked as a government economist. Barack's mother remarried an Indonesian oil manager and moved to Jakarta when Barack was six. He later recounted Indonesia as simultaneously lush and a harrowing exposure to tropical poverty. He returned to Hawaii, where he was brought up largely by his grandparents. The family lived in a small apartment - his grandfather was a furniture salesman and an unsuccessful insurance agent and his grandmother worked in a bank - but Barack managed to get into Punahou School, Hawaii's top prep academy. His father wrote to him regularly but, though he traveled around the world on official business for Kenya, he visited only once, when Barack was ten.



Obama attended Columbia University, but found New York's racial tension inescapable. He became a community organizer for a small Chicago church-based group for three years, helping poor South Side residents cope with a wave of plant closings. He then attended Harvard Law School, and in 1990 became the first African-American editor of the Harvard Law Review. He turned down a prestigious judicial clerkship, choosing instead to practice civil-rights law back in Chicago, representing victims of housing and employment discrimination and working on voting-rights legislation. He also began teaching at the University of Chicago Law School, and married Michelle Robinson, a fellow attorney. Eventually he was elected to the Illinois state senate, where his district included both Hyde Park and some of the poorest ghettos on the South Side.

In 2004 Obama was elected to the U.S. Senate as a Democrat, representing Illinois, and he gained national attention by giving a rousing and well-received keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention in Boston. In 2008 he ran for President, and despite having only four years of national political experience, he won. In January 2009, he was sworn in as the 44th President of the United States, and the first African-American ever elected to that position. Obama was reelected to a second term in November 2012.



Computer Time



Writting



Hats On!!!!



LUNCH !!

LEAP - Learning Enrichment Action Program



L.E.A.P (Learning Enrichment Action Program) is an exciting tutoring experience. A part of the Federal Legislation No Child Left Behind (NCLB), 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC), LEAP, provides enrichment opportunities for students and their families during non-school hours through partnerships. LEAP is a partnership between Firman Community Services and Chicago Public Schools, Betsy Ross Elementary School and Francis Parkman Elementary School.



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