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NOVEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

Umoja Karamu, meaning "unity feast" in **Swahili**, is an **African-American** celebration begun in 1971 by Dr. Edward Sims, Jr. Celebrated in a manner similar to **Thanksgiving**, Umoja Karamu is held on the fourth Sunday in November. Its purpose is to instill solidarity, black values, and appreciation of black heritage into black families. Prayers, libations to honor ancestors, historical readings, and feasts mark observances.

The celebration is based on five periods of African-American life, each represented by a color to be used in the ceremony.

1. **Prior to Slavery** - the color black, represents black families in Africa before slavery
2. **In Slavery** - the color white, symbolizes the scattering of black families during slavery
3. **Upon Emancipation** - the color red, marks blacks' liberation from slavery
4. **Struggle for Liberation** - the color green, significances the struggle for civil rights and equality
5. **Looking to the Future** - the color gold (or orange), points celebrants to hope for the future

(Umoja Karamu) In Light of COVID-19 and Our School Traditions

It's that time of year to acknowledge our many blessings! Traditionally, Barack Obama Leadership Academy would host its annual Umoja Karamu Feast on campus, the day before our Thanksgiving Break. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we would not be able to fellowship like we normally would. Our future leaders are working to put a program together that will be shared online. Stay tuned for more information...

BOLA After- School Program- Monday - Thursday 4:00PM to 5:30PM

The **BOLA After-School Programs** will begin on Monday, November 1, 2021. The program will include Mandatory Tutoring, African drumming and dance, Martial Arts, Food Warrior, Drome's program, Yoga and Sound Production.

“Be kind and be useful and caring about people who are less fortunate than you”Barack Obama

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Upcoming Events

November 2

No School – Professional Development

November 9

Quarter 2 Begin

November 15

Report Cards Mailed

November 24th

NO SCHOOL
Umoja Karamu Feast

November 24th -26th

Thanksgiving Break Begins

Monthly African Centered Principle

Kujichagulia: Self-Determination - To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves, and speak for ourselves.

