

Keeper of the Word Foundation



In the beginning there was the word...

"Dear Mrs. Parks...
Dear Mr. Mandela"

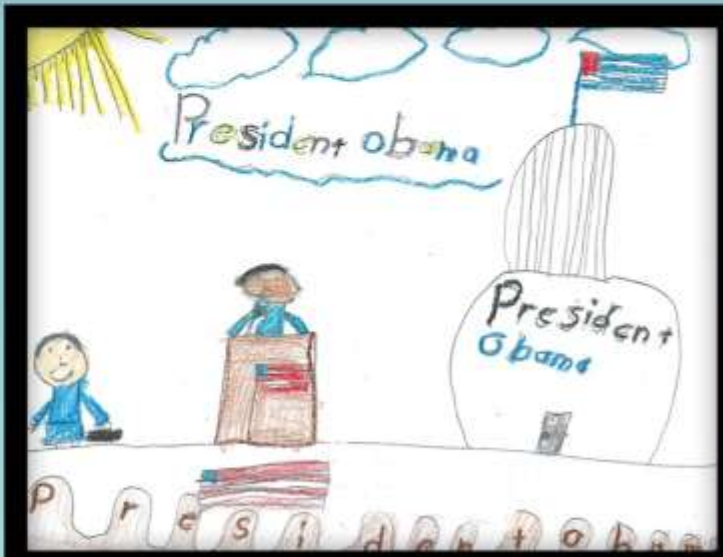


"Dear President Obama..."

GLOBAL LESSONS LETTER & DESIGN CONTEST

If I were President Barack Obama, I would teach the youth many global lessons and inspiring them to make this world a better place. I will start with racial issues. For most part people think Barack Obama is fully black, that is fine but we need to forget about what race he is. Some places I go get scared to go to for personal and mental discrimination. In other words, I felt bad go into certain stores because of my race...The way I will win the youth over is by having all different races to come together. We will talk about racism, act out scenes of racism, whatever way I can get everybody to talk together and have fun. I will also try my best to design a charity which benefits the poor who can't get real jobs and have to suffer slavery, and people who are working for people and that take advantages of them and get free labor. Not only is this charity for the slaves, it will go to my campaign around the US trying to stop racism and bringing us together called W.A.A.O.P., standing for We Are All One People.

*Courtney Tobierre
Boston Latin School
Boston, MA*



Design by Ariaiah Ann Bradford

Dear President-Elect Barack Obama:

...During the entire election process I heard you say change and how things are going to be different. Well I can't wait to see it. I'm a senior in high school and all I hear is that the economy is going down, prices are going up and getting money for college is going to be harder than ever...Those are just my community concerns...America, in a way, is in a worse position than my community. The war is unnecessary. Innocent people are dying and people all around the world are losing their loved ones. I'm ready to see the new and improved America. From now on, only positive things are going to be said about America from now on. I'm just happy that America chose you to lead us to a new beginning. I just wished that I was old enough to have voted.

*Angel Richardson
John L. Pershing - 12th Grade
Detroit, MI*

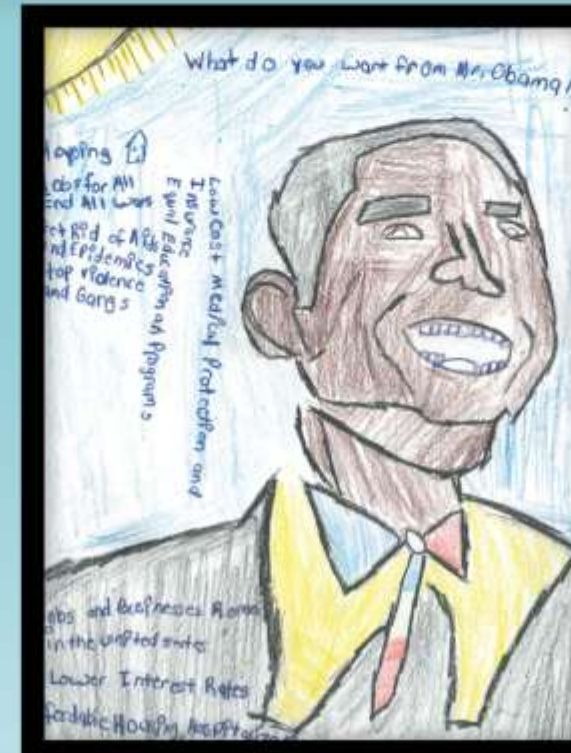
Dear President Barack Obama,

...I first want to say congratulations on becoming our first African American President...I know that America is going through some tough times...I want to see changes in the economy. Prices on gas and other resources should be lowered. We should look for oil in our country and not overseas. There should be tax cuts for the middle class and more support to those who are in need. Children who are without families and resources need help. No one should be put on the streets because their home was foreclosed. Mr. President, we need to patch up our economy so it does not crumble...I want to see all educational needs met. We need better, cleaner and safer schools. Schools should have freshly prepared, highly nutritious lunches. Teachers should receive better income. There should be more programs for students and parents. We must help our youth now or they will fail.

*Jahari R. Mercer
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6th Grade
Washington, D.C.*



A Higher Calling



Design by Kanisha Cheadle
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CHANGE

My president, my president,
oh my president,
I would like a change,
To see my nation, my community,
my life change,
Not in vain, not with pain,
But to see a crisis turned into beauty.
To see my president
take the power of death
From one's hand,
To say that type of power
is not meant for a young man.

*William Anthony
Kettering High School
11th Grade
Detroit, MI*

Dear President Obama:

...My dream for the whole world is to have clean and healthy oceans and rivers so that all the people on the planet can enjoy them. Sadly, just ONE percent of the ocean is protected which is ineffectual in the conservation of our water! We need to increase the size and numbers of our protected breeding grounds so that the fish could reproduce. Ecosystems we don't even know about are at risk of disappearing. In the last twenty years, we have done more damage to our planet than ever before. If we don't stop, our oceans will be uninhabitable to all those beautiful and amazing creatures! Did you know that some scientists say coral reefs could provide life saving medical drugs such as the cure for cancer? The advantages of saving our rivers and oceans are limitless...conservation is not only vital for our environment's survival but ours as well.

*Luke Zach
Downtown School - Age 10
Des Moines, Iowa*



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Grand River Elementary - Lansing, MI



Design by Roberto Romero

Announcements

THE 44TH U.S. PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

On Tuesday, January 20, 2009, a milestone in world history will be achieved. Barack Hussein Obama will become the first person of African American heritage to be inaugurated as President of the United States. President Obama's election by the American people will forever mark a pivotal moment in our nation's history of tremendous challenge, global change, and "the audacity of hope."

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Gregory J. Reed, Detroit intellectual property and entertainment lawyer, created Keeper of the Word Foundation in 1996 to protect the legacy of authors, artists and activists.