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### ***Mission Statement***

The Banjul American Embassy School is an international community providing a high quality, accredited American-Style education for students. In partnership with our community, we empower students to become enthusiastic, creative, lifelong learners who value integrity, cultural diversity and global responsibility.

**Bake Sale on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00-** Please let Mary Vizzer know if you can provide something sweet or savory. Email: Mary McKay [marymckay2006@icloud.com](mailto:marymckay2006@icloud.com) or phone# 371-1469

**“Best Practices in Education” Conference:** Positive Postcards to all BAES Faculty for presenting workshops tomorrow. Tomorrow will be a busy but exciting “first” for BAES.

**Grade 2/3 Assembly:** Special thanks to grades 2/3 for their hard work on the assembly and for a tiny taste of what is to come with our spring production of **“Annie”**.

**Conjunctivitis:** There is a lot of pink eye or conjunctivitis going around town at the moment, if you suspect that your child might have conjunctivitis, please do not send him/her to school until the symptoms disappear it is very, very contagious just one more reason to stress hand washing with your children.: According to the MAYO Clinic

Pink eye may affect one or both eyes. Its signs and symptoms include:

- Redness
- Itchiness
- A gritty feeling
- A discharge that forms a crust during the night that may prevent your eye or eyes from opening in the morning
- Tearing
- Make an appointment with your doctor if you notice any signs or symptoms you think might be pink eye. Pink eye can be highly contagious for as long as two weeks after signs and symptoms begin. Early diagnosis and treatment can protect people around you from getting pink eye too.
- If you wear contact lenses, stop using them as soon as your symptoms begin. If your eyes don't get better within 12 to 24 hours, make an appointment with your eye doctor. He or she can check whether you have a more serious eye infection related to contact lens use.
- In addition, other serious eye conditions can cause eye redness. Seek urgent care if you also experience pain, light sensitivity or blurred vision.

### **Treatment for bacterial conjunctivitis**

- More than half of bacterial conjunctivitis cases will clear up in one to two weeks without treatment. Taking an antibiotic may speed up the healing process. Your doctor may prescribe antibiotic eye drops or ointment. Ointment may blur vision for up to 20 minutes after application.
- With either form of medication, expect signs and symptoms to start getting better in a few days. Follow your doctor's instructions and use the antibiotics for the complete period prescribed. This helps prevent the infection from recurring.
- **Treatment for viral conjunctivitis**
- In most cases, no treatment is available for viral conjunctivitis. Your doctor may prescribe an antiviral medication if your condition is caused by the herpes simplex virus.
- Viral conjunctivitis often begins in one eye and then infects the other eye within a few days. Your signs and symptoms will likely clear up as the virus runs its course over one to two weeks.

**Long Weekend: Next weekend beginning November 26<sup>th</sup> school ends at 12:00. There is no school on the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. School resumes on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:55. Have a great weekend and Happy Thanksgiving.**

**After School Activities will begin on January 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Director's Search:** The Search Committee is busy reading 20 applications for the position of BAES Director beginning in August 2016.

*The current timeline for the search is:*

November 14-15: Pick up interview packets from my house (I will leave them with the guards)

November 20: Meeting to discuss candidates and develop short list

November 23-27: Notify candidates/Arrange interviews

November 30-December 3: Interview candidates

December 4: Present list of candidates at board meeting

December 7-11: Second interview with full board membership

December 14: Extend Offer

We have Board members, parents, teachers, business manager and the student council president all involved in the search. This time line might shift a bit one way or the other but the strong desire of the committee is to have the search completed before the holiday break. We want to thank everyone serving on this committee. If you have any questions contact Marc Shaw (Board Member) who is chairing the committee.

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** These conferences are being held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Report cards are sent home electronically on **November 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please review your child's report card before coming to the conference, we realize that it is much longer than reports you have been used to so give yourself enough time to read the report thoroughly. **It is very important that you are on time for your conference.** If you are late for your conference you will more than likely have to return at the end of the day, or reschedule for another day. Mrs. Sanyang will have a very busy day so it may not be possible to reschedule at the end of the day.

### Middle School Toy Drive

*Let's give some lonely toys a new home and make a child's holiday a little brighter this December!* Kyla Jallow, in conjunction with the Student Council and the rest of the middle school, would like you to bring in any gently used, clean toys that are no longer played with at your house. A collection box will be placed outside of the middle school classrooms—near the entrance gate—from December 1 until December 16. The toys will be wrapped by the Student Council and presented to the children at the SOS orphanage from the BAES community. If you would also like to donate a new toy, that is fine, too. Please leave the toys unwrapped so we can sort for age levels when we wrap them. Thank you in advance!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sharon



### **Important Dates**

November 21<sup>st</sup>

November 26<sup>th</sup>

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**November 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>**

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

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**December 5<sup>th</sup>**

December 10<sup>th</sup>

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**

December 18<sup>th</sup>

**January 11<sup>th</sup>**

“Best Practices in Education” Conference  
Report Cards are sent home electronically.

**Bake Sale 12:00**

PD Day Noon Dismissal

**Long Weekend** (Thanksgiving)

Parent Teacher Conference

**No School for Students**

Board Meeting

**Support Staff Luncheon**

Holiday Program 6:00

**Holiday Bazaar 3:00-7:00**

**½ day Holiday Begins**

**School ends at 12:00**

**School resumes at 8:00**