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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.

Best Practices: The “Best Practices in Education” conference was an amazing success thanks to the incredible work of the BAES Faculty and Staff. Please enjoy the pictures posted on the bulletin board. These photos were taken by Claire Ladavicius, Claire L. Photophargy if you have a function that you need photos taken for she is amazing!

Report Cards: Your child’s report cards will come home today electronically. It is important to note that not all standards are covered in the first trimester. It is possible that perhaps not every standard will even be covered this year. It is also important to note that your child may have many approaching standards. This first trimester there will be standards that have not been taught and you will see that your child may have many twos, this is not cause for alarm. If you are at all concerned or have questions bring them to your child’s parent conference on the third. Please give yourself plenty of time to review these detailed report cards. Come prepared to the conference with questions you might have.

MAP: Your child’s MAP scores will be given to you at the parent conference. The conference schedule has been sent home in both hard and soft copy and will be sent home in hard copy again today. It is very important that you are on time for your conference, as most conferences are back to back.

Conferences:

- **Review your child’s report**
- **Make a list of questions to ask during the conference.**
- **Think about ways you would like to be involved in your child’s learning so that you can discuss them with the teacher.**

Listen objectively to what your child’s teacher has to say about your child, remember your child’s home room teacher spends almost eight hours each day, five days a week with your child. Share concerns, talk about what is going well, focus on the positive. Think about ways you can help your child at home and share them with the teacher. If there is not enough time ask for a follow-up conference. BAES teachers want your child to have a happy, successful school year and this can only happen with your support.

Special’s Teachers: At BAES we are very concerned with teaching the whole child. Art, PE, French hold equal importance to all other subjects. After your conference with your child’s homeroom teacher, please take time to visit the special’s teachers to learn what your child is learning in each of these classes. If another parent is with a special teacher just let the specials teacher know you would like to speak to them next.

Holiday Bazaar: Calling all parents to help with the holiday bazaar on December 12th set up time is 2:00 and the bazaar begins at 3:00-7:00.

Holiday Program: The holiday program will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 6:00. We would love to have members of our Indian Community present something on Diwali, perhaps the American community might want to present, the British parents, Spanish families etc. Would love to see this be a family event. Otherwise we will just sing a few holiday songs and have some hot chocolate. If someone would like to organize a cookie swap, great or just bring holiday cookies. The school will provide hot chocolate.

Have a great long weekend.

Sharon



Important Dates

November 26th

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November 27th/28th/29th

December 3rd

December 4th

December 5th

December 10th

December 12th

December 18th

January 11th

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 (2:00 set-up)

½ day Holiday Begins

School ends at 12:00

School resumes at 7:55

Bell rings at 8:00