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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.

**Holiday Bazaar:** Thanks to PTO, Parents, Teachers and Students who made the BAES holiday bazaar such a huge success! It took a village to make it happen! Great Job!!!

**Interactive Boards:** I am pleased to inform you that BAES has been gifted with not one but two 88 inch interactive boards from Promethean. If you would like to know more go to: <https://www.prometheanworld.com/products/interactive-whiteboard-systems/>

These two boards will be installed during the holidays and will continue to move our technology program further into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. During the past year and a half we have made significant progress in the area of technology. We have:

- Laptops in every room and are working towards 6 laptops in each room
- Five LCD projectors
- A drop down screen and LCD projector in the science room
- Three document cameras
- **IXL** membership for Mathematics (PreK-9)
- Wireless throughout the BAES campus
- Excellent video/ still camera and tripod
- Four new wireless printers
- **Now** - two interactive boards!

Our next big project will be to replace the older desktops in the computer lab as they were purchased with floppy disks slots. We want to make certain our lab is the most up-to-date that it can be to ensure that we are truly preparing our students for what lies ahead.

**Tuition: Invoices have gone out for the second trimester. Bills not paid by the last day in January will be charged 10% as per policy. Tuition not paid by the end of second trimester students will not receive report cards. I am afraid that there are no exceptions to this policy.**

**Gingerbread Houses:** Today your children made mini gingerbread houses in multi-age groups. Watching the older children help the youngest ones is what makes BAES a truly special place.

**IXL:** We encourage all of the BAES students during the holidays to work on IXL 10-20 minutes each day, read 15-30 minutes each day and write in their notebooks about what they are doing during the holidays. Learning should not stop just because we are on holiday. "We empower students to become enthusiastic, creative, lifelong learners." We ask you to help encourage your children in their endeavors to live the BAES Mission.

**Happy Holidays:** We wish the entire BAES family of learners a wonderful holiday season. Have safe travels, a wonderful time with family and friends and an excellent holiday. Please come back ready, HEALTHY and refreshed for a busy rest of the school year as we still have a lot of growing and learning to do. We will see you all back here in 2016.

*Happy Holidays!!!*

*Sharon*



### **Important Dates**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**January 11<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**Holiday Begins**  
**School Begins promptly @ 7:55**  
**Bell rings at 8:00**

