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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.

Grade 4/5 Assembly: Congratulations to grades 4/5 for their students created assembly.

Special Thanks to Mary Vizzer: Mary came to BAES on Wednesday to conduct First Aid and CPR training for the faculty. We really appreciate Mary's help to ensure BAES teachers stay up-to-date with First Aid and CPR. Thanks so much, Mary!!!

Students of the Month: We needed to catch up a bit as we had not had an assembly for a while so congratulations to our November, December, January students of the month.

- November Ebenezer Pimundu
- December Daire McKay
- January-Eloïse-Michelle Nziki

Movie Night: Do you have your tickets for movie night only D50? Food and drink sold separately.

Accreditation: As I mentioned last week the Visiting Team from MSA will be here April 24th-April 30th. They will actually be in school from Monday the 25th to Thursday the 29th. There will be a reception held from **4:00-6:00 on Sunday, April 24th** for the team that will include a chance for the team to meet BAES Parents. You will receive a formal invitation in April but this is just a "heads up" so that you can put the date on your calendar we hope that you will attend this reception. BAES Board, Faculty, Parents and Students have all been working toward this important visit. We are currently putting on the final touches to the self-study and will send it off the first week in March. After that we will be busy gathering evidence to support what we have said in our self-study. Not only do we have to share with the visiting team in our self-study who BAES is but we have to provide the visiting team with evidence that proves that BAES is doing what we say we are doing in our self-study.

Writing Prompts: The second set of narrative and expository prompts will be given February 8th-February 11th. Students in grades K-9 (first time for K's). By the end of the year your child's teacher will have a good overview of his/her writing abilities. This mid-term prompt will really allow your child's teacher to see areas of strength for your child and specific areas your child's teacher needs to work on with each child. Writing prompts are an excellent way for teachers to inform their curriculum and to differentiate instruction for each child.

Are you returning to BAES in 2016-2017?

We need to know if you are returning to BAES in 2016-2017 as we are beginning to build the budget for next year.

IXL: Is your child using ixl at home, if not this is a wonderful way to build math skills. ixl will support your child in reaching his/her math goals.

February is Book Month: On the 27th in addition to the Author's Tea and Poetry Reading @ 8:15, at 11:30 to 12:15 we will have a book swap for students and adults. Each child and adult can bring up to five books and in return each child will get a slip "good for one book". Each child or adult:

1. May bring 1-5 books no more than five.
2. Books must be brought before February 24th (no books will be accepted on the day of the swap).
3. Parents/teachers may also send in 1-5 books and get an exchange slip
4. Parents please send books to the office, we will give your child your slips or give them directly to you when you bring in the books.
5. We will accept books anytime during the month of February until the 24th.

We hope this will be a fun way for you and your children to get some new books without costing any money. Any books not given away will be given to an orphanage.

Student Council: The student council is excited to announce the second annual Candygram sale! Show your sweetheart how much you care, give a buddy a card with flair, send your teachers some TLC, or fill a staff members' day with glee....come write and send a Candygram. We will begin selling on Monday Feb. 8 until Thursday Feb. 11. We will help you write a personal message, or you can use one of the cards we have made. Some cards are 25D and some are 50D depending on candy size. On Friday Feb. 12 we will hand deliver your candygram to that special someone for you!

International Lunch: To be held February 17th.

I had no response last week.

Have a great weekend!

Sharon

I am willing to contribute a dish from (*Name country*)_____

on February 17, 2016. I will have my dish at BAES at 12:00.

Parent's Name (Please print):_____

What is happening at BAES Next week?

**February-Reading Month
February 5th-Movie Night 6:00 d50**



Lots Happening at BAES- Please put these dates on your calendar. Please note that a few days such as French Assembly and Math/Science day have changed since the original was made.

Important Dates

January 30th	Board Meeting and Training
February	What is happening at BAES?
February	Reading Month
February 5th	PTO MOVIE NIGHT
February 8-11th	Writing Prompts Grades K-9 Narrative and Expository
February 17th	International Day
February 18th	Gambian Independence NO SCHOOL The President might call Friday off and in that case there will be no school on Friday. Please watch TV listen to the radio or ask your staff. If the President does not officially call Friday we will have school!
February 22 nd	Last After School except for “Annie”
February 26th	Author’s Tea/Poetry Reading 8:15am
February 26th	Board meeting 2:00
March	What is Happening at BAES?
March 18th	MS Assembly 8:00am
March 18th	Board 2:00pm
March 24th	French Assembly 8:00am School finishes at 12:00
March 24th	“Annie” 6:00 Ocean Bay
March 25 th -April 3 rd	Spring Break
April	What is happening at BAES?
April 4 th	School resumes at 8:00am
April 22nd	PreK Assembly
April 22 nd	Math/Science Day
April 22 nd	Board 2:00pm
April 23-April 30 th	MSA Visiting Team is here for the Team Visit
May	What is Happening at BAES?
May 3 rd	PD noon dismissal
May 1-20	MAP Testing
May 16th—20th	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 20th	PE Assembly
May 25 th -29th	Long Weekend May 25 th is Africa Liberation Day
May 30-June 2 nd	Writing Prompts
June	What is Happening at BAES?
June 8th	Moving Up Day Grade 5
June 9th	Moving Up Project Presentations Grade 5
June 15th	Student-Led Conference Students come only when they have their conference with their parents/guardians
June 17th	Board meeting 2:00pm
June 21st	Field Day
June 22nd	Graduation and Leaving Ceremony. School Finishes for the year directly after the ceremony
June 22nd	After Graduation and Leaving Ceremony Summer Holidays begin.