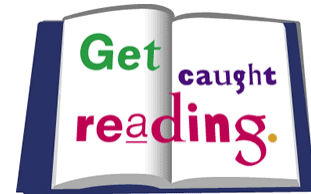


Mission Statement

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.



READING MONTH @ BAES!!!!!!!!!!

Emergency Phone Tree: An emergency phone tree will come home today in both hard and soft copy. On Monday night February, 8, 2017 at 6:00 we will do a practice run. This will be a test. Teachers will record who answers and who does not. You will receive a text if you do not respond saying that this is a test of the BAES emergency phone tree... please respond to that text if you did not answer the phone.

PTO: Thanks PTO for sponsoring movie night. Please remember that:

1. Food, Drinks and Baked goods are sold separately (the PTO has permission to serve beer and wine to adults only)
2. You might want to bring a pillow or a blanket
3. We have sprayed but I suggest that you bring spray along
4. All students including Middle School will not be admitted unless they have a dedicated adult responsible for them; no child can just be dropped.
5. Middle school students must have written parent permission to watch the Middle school movie I AM LEGAND as it is rated PG 13.

Writing Prompts: Next week February 8th to 11th students will be doing writing prompts. This will be the first prompt for Kindergarten and the second for grades 1-9. Students do one narrative and then the second day they edit their work. On the 10th they do an expository piece and on the 11th they edit that piece. The writing is graded by the class teacher and two additional people in what we call a blind grade. All students are given a number and there are no names on the paper. Class teachers than use the information gathered to inform their instruction. We want to insure that students leaving BAES are the very best writers they can be.

Gambian Independence: There will be no school on February 18th; however we have no way of knowing if the President will call the 19th as a holiday also. We are guessing no as they government already has Friday off. However, you will all need to listen to radios or watch the local 8:00 news or ask your guards etc. If we find out ahead of time we will let you know. Or if any of you working with embassies, EU, etc. find out ahead of time please let us know. At the moment we plan to have school on Friday, February 19th.

Important dates for Book Month:

- February 17th Parade of book characters
- February 17th International luncheon
- February 26th Authors' Tea, Poetry Reading-Hungry Caterpillar Tea
- February 26th Book Exchange

Last After-School: The last after school for the second trimester ends for Mondays –February 22nd and for Thursdays March 3rd with the exception of Annie practices which will continue.

Mosquito Spraying: On Friday January 29th we had the entire school sprayed inside and out with chemicals that are safe by US standards-Thanks American Embassy for your support to make this happen. We sprayed the outside again on Thursday but I do urge you to bring mosquito repellent to movie night. We have a vacant lot on one side of us where no spraying is done.

MAY AGM: At the Board meeting in January the Board agreed to moving the AGM to May. This would allow for:

- Succession planning
- No long gap between June and October when we might have to appoint temporary Board members, or go without board members.
- Allow new families to settle in for 8-9months to consider if they would like to run for the Board.
- Allow new Directors a chance to settle in before having to plan an AGM.
- Allow the Board to have their retreat and training early in the year

To do this however we need to have a vote, so we will hold an extraordinary AGM on May 24th to vote on this issue and to present the annual report.

Have a great weekend!

Sharon

What is happening next week at BAES?

- February 8th-11th Writing Prompts



"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss



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

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 22 nd	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.