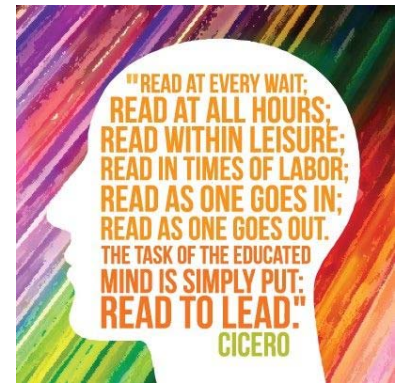


Mission Statement

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!!!!

Many thanks: Many thanks to the parents who contributed to the International Day luncheon. What wonderful cooks we have at BAES. Thanks to the teachers who led the dancing as our students traveled around the world, dancing up a storm. Thanks to Barbara Bandar for sharing her poetry with us.



After School Activities: Monday activities-the last one is February 22nd for trimester two. The last after school activity for Thursday is March 3rd due to losing a day for Gambian Independence Day. *Annie Practice will continue.*

Tuition: Please understand if you are late paying your second trimester tuition you will be charged 10%. Also students whose second trimester tuition has not been paid will not receive a second trimester report card until tuition has been paid.

Author's Tea/MS Poetry: Next Friday at 8:00am there will be a brief assembly this will be followed by your children in PreK-5 sharing books with their parents and guardians and finally the poetry reading by Middle School.

Book Exchange: On Friday February 26th at 11:30. There will be a book exchange. For each book brought in up to five books students and adults will receive a book exchange slip. They can exchange this slip for a book that is on the table. This is a great way for students to get new books and to let someone else read the books that they no longer want. Adults are invited to participate.

Writing Prompts: I have been busy this week helping to score the writing prompts and am delighted to see progress being made across the board. Of course for our kindergarten students this is a first. The point is that in kindergarten as in every grade you have students working above grade level, on grade level and below grade level, so it is important to begin to collect baseline data. The data we gather from the writing prompts helps teachers to inform instruction, look at each child individually and target lessons to areas needing improvement. If every child indicates through their writing that they know a sentence begins with a capital

letter and ends with a period the teacher knows that he/she can move on to a higher skill only occasional re-visiting that skill to make sure that it is solidified. However, if there are some students that have not yet grasped this he/she can do targeted lesson to help them learn this skill.

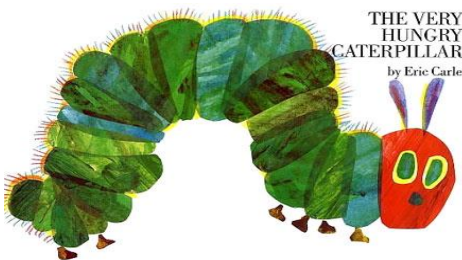
Accreditation: We are in the final throes of completing the self-study. We are editing and formatting and plan to send it off to the chair the end of this month or the first day of March. Once it is complete we will place it on the website so that parents have the opportunity to view the entire 300+ page document. We want to thank all the parents who completed the survey monkey and who served on committees. This important document clearly demonstrates who BAES is. We have a school we can all be proud of. Much has been accomplished in the past eighteen months, but we all realize there is still much to do. I have every confidence that, Caleb Steindam and the new and returning faculty members will be able to take BAES to the next level, where we can proudly shout to the roof-tops that we are one of the premier small schools in all of Africa.

- **What is happening next week at BAES?**

Special Events Next Week

February 26th

- **Assembly - 8:00 a.m.**
- **Author's Tea PreK-5 - 8:20a.m.**
- **MS Poetry Following Author's tea**
- **Book Exchange -11:30 a.m.**



Have a great weekend!

Sharon



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?
	Reading Month
February 22 nd	Last After School except for “Annie”
February 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authors’ Tea, Poetry Reading-Hungry Caterpillar Tea 8:20a.m. • Book Exchange 11:30 a.m.
February 26 th	Board meeting 2:00
March	What is Happening at BAES?
March 18 th	MS Assembly 8:00am
March 18 th	Board 2:00pm
March 24 th	French Assembly 8:00am School finishes at 12:00
March 24 th	“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 16 th —20 th	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 20 th	PE Assembly
May 25 th -29 th	Long Weekend May 25 th is Africa Liberation Day
May 30-June 2 nd	Writing Prompts
June	What is Happening at BAES?
June 8 th	Moving Up Day Grade 5
June 9 th	Moving Up Project Presentations Grade 5
June 15 th	Student-Led Conference Students come only when they have their conference with their parents/guardians
June 17 th	Board meeting 2:00pm
June 21 st	Field Day
June 22 nd	Graduation and Leaving Ceremony. School Finishes for the year directly after the ceremony
June 22 nd	After Graduation and Leaving Ceremony Summer Holidays begin.