

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.

Designing Our Future-Self-Study: As I am sure that you are aware BAES is the only accredited school in The Gambia, on Friday, February 26, 2016 we sent off the self-study to the team chair, Jackie Gilbert. If you go to: <http://baes.gm/accreditation> and look for the link BAES DOF (Designing Our Future) you can now read the 368 page document completed by the school director, teachers, parents board members and students who served and chaired on committees. Congratulations! The team will be visiting the last week of April.

Author's Tea and Poetry: Very special thanks to all the parents who attended the Author's Tea and Poetry Reading. It was a great day. Almost 100 hundred books were exchanged at the Book Exchange in the afternoon. If you take a peak in the library the next time you are on campus you will see all the books that the hungry caterpillar read. What a great job everyone!! Special thanks to Leen who created the caterpillar head and legs for us.

Reports and Conferences: In just a few short weeks reports will be going out. There are no scheduled conferences for the second trimester. Teachers who have concerns will contact you. You are also free to contact a teacher at any time to set up a meeting with your child's teacher(s).

Annie: *Annie* will be held at Ocean Bay on April 24, 2016 @6:00. You do not need a ticket to watch the performance. *However, if you would like to join the cast after the performance to celebrate, tickets must be purchased ahead of time and tickets will not be available after March 21st. Please purchase your tickets at the school office.* On March 24th school will finish at 12:00 for all students. We have almost 40 students in the cast of *Annie*. This will allow students time to go home and rest before returning to Ocean Bay to perform.

Interschool Sports Afternoon: The French school in celebration of Francophonie will hold an inter-school sports competition on Wednesday at 3:00-5:00 at MRC. The teams will be six a side but other students can go and cheer the team on. There will be two BAES student teams 5-7 and 8-11.

March 19th: As you know are students will be working on two murals with the help of Njogu. On March 19th parents (no students-unless there are several parents who wish to volunteer to watch children on the playground while other parents paint, we would need three parent volunteers), teachers and Peace Corps volunteers will have the opportunity to work on these murals. Come out and leave your mark on BAES.

❖ What's Happening At BAES February 29th-March 4th

- ❖ March 7th Field Trip Grades 2-9 Wide Open Walls, and Makasutu
- ❖ March 10th Middle School Field Trip as part of service learning project.
- ❖ Caleb Steindam, New BAES Director, Arrives, March 7-11

Assembly to meet parents March 11, 2016

- ❖ Annie Rehearsals continue

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

March	What is Happening at BAES?
March 7 th	Caleb Steindam, New BAES Director, Arrives, March 7-11
March 7 th	Field Trip Grades 2-9 Wide Open Walls, and Makasutu
March 10 th	Middle School Field Trip as part of service learning project.
March 11th	Caleb Steindam, New Baes Director, Assembly to meet parents
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	Pre-K 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.

Lunch Menu for April 2016

April	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1 week	4 Panini with smoked cheese and vegetables	5 Lasagna with vegetables	6 Fish fingers with rice	7 Toast with cheese and vegetables
	Fruit salad	Fruit salad	Cucumber stick Cookies	Slice of fruit
2 week	11 Sheperd's t pie	12 Pizza Margarita	13 Tacos with chicken and vegetables	14 Spaghetti with tomato sauce
	Sliced tomatoes	Green salad		Green peas
	Fruit salad	Slice of fruit	Cup cake	Slice of fruit
3 week	18 Pasta Penne Daily chef with vegetables and cheese	19 Fried Chicken bites with rice and vegetables	20 Vegetable pie	21 Chicken frankfurters with rice and vegetables
			Cucumber stick	
	Slice of fruit	Cream caramel cookies	Slice of fruit	Fruit salad
4 week	25 Panini with tomato and cheese	26 Crêpe with fruits	27 Hamburger	28 Rice Risotto
	Cucumber stick		Green salad	Carrot stick
	Fruit salad	Fruit salad	Fruit shortcake	Slice of Fruit

BAES PTO SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

**Child/ Staff
Name:** _____

Grade: _____

Day	Date	Portion/ Size	Small- D100 Large - D200
Monday	Apr. 4		<input type="text"/>
Tuesday	Apr. 5		<input type="text"/>
Wednesday	Apr. 6		<input type="text"/>
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Monday	Apr. 18		<input type="text"/>
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Thursday	Apr. 21		<input type="text"/>
Monday	Apr. 25		<input type="text"/>
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Wednesday	Apr. 27		<input type="text"/>
Thursday	Apr. 28		<input type="text"/>
	Total		<input type="text"/>

Please remember that there are no refunds or credits. You must sign up a month ahead of time. Money collection will be at the office from 8:30- 3:00pm and the last day of collection will be March 22nd.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Gida's Garden: Eugenija Daukas at 9904970 or 7792200; email: aura.enterprise.trading@gmail.com or gidas.garden.restaurant@gmail.com or the BAES Office 4495920