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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.**

**May Day:** We did not get notification of the fact that the President called Monday a holiday until late on Sunday night. We activated the phone tree but not everyone answered their phone and we also had numbers that had been changed so we were not able to contact you. Please if you change your number make sure you let the office know. I am sorry if we were not able to reach you on Sunday to let you know there was no school on Monday.

**THANKS: Special Thanks from the PTO to all Parents/Teachers who supplied food for the bake sale on Tuesday!!**

**End of the Year Picnic:** The PTO (Cassie Banna is in charge) is organizing an end of the year picnic on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at Leybato beach at 12:30. Everyone is responsible for bringing their own food and drink. A parent, not nanny must accompany students and parents need to be responsible for their own children. Lunch will be first and activities will begin about 1:00. There will be races and sand building, treasure hunts for young and old. This is the final social event of the school year and all families are invited.

**Writing Tests:** Next week we will have our final writing test of the year. May 9/10 students will work on their narrative pieces and May 11/12 on their expository pieces.

**Library: Help!!!!!! We need 5-10 volunteers the Week of June 20<sup>th</sup> to help put library books back in place. If you are willing to volunteer please let me know.**

**MAP Tests:** MAP tests will begin on May 13<sup>th</sup> and continue through May 24<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure your child has plenty of rest, a healthy snack and lunch and gets out and gets some fresh air and exercise in the afternoon when he/she comes home from school.

**PE ASSEMBLY:** May 20<sup>th</sup>. This assembly will include students from K-6. All parents are invited to attend.

**After School Activities:** Due to the fact that we had no school on Monday after school activities will finish on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thursday activities will finish May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**AGM:** The AGM will be held at 6:00 pm in the library on the 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in running for the board please send me your bio no later than May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Crystal E. Okebe



My name is Crystal and I would like to ask your support for my nomination to the serve on the Board. My background is in Banking and I have a keen interest in the Stock Exchange having worked stock brokerage firms in Nigeria before moving to The Gambia. For now, my main interest is raising our daughters Amarachi (Grade 4) and Kelechi (Grade 3). We've been at the school for three years now and it has become an extension of home for us. As a parent, I share the dream that BAES maintains and improves on the tradition of high quality of education it is known for. A great house is built by the contribution of many small parts and I believe that by serving on the Board, I can contribute to our collective goal of creating a warm conducive environment for learning and development for staff and children.

Thanks Everyone and have a great weekend!

### ❖ What's happening at BAES next?

- ❖ May 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> - Writing Prompts
- ❖ May 13<sup>th</sup> - MAP Testing Begins

Have a great weekend!

*Sharon*



Lots Happening at BAES- Please put these dates on your calendar. Please note that a few days such as 'Writing Prompts' and 'MAP Testing' dates have changed since the original was made.

### *Important Dates*

May	What is Happening at BAES?
May 9 -12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Writing Prompts</b>
May 13-24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MAP Testing</b>
May 16 <sup>th</sup> —20 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	PE Assembly
May 25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	Long Weekend May 25 <sup>th</sup> is Africa Liberation Day
<b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>AGM will be held at 6:00 pm in the library</b>
June	What is Happening at BAES?
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Moving Up Day Grade 5
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Moving Up Project Presentations Grade 5
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Student-Led Conference Students come only when they have their conference with their parents/guardians
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Board meeting 5:00pm
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Field Day
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Graduation and Leaving Ceremony. <b>School Finishes for the year directly after the ceremony</b>
<b>June 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>After Graduation and Leaving Ceremony Summer Holidays begin.</b>

# BAES FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>  
From 9:30am @ MRC

Age categories  
6-9y  
9-13y Boys  
9-13Y Girls

Join the  
fun!

Prizes!

Food & drink  
available!

Fun game for  
younger kids

