

### *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.

**Almost no one leaving or coming back:** only about one half dozen parents have told us they are leaving or returning, so we will have very few leaving packages ready on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also there are only 10 more days for the \$100 registration, after that the fee goes up to \$150 and if that fee is not paid by June 22<sup>nd</sup> the fee is \$200.

**Student-led conferences are coming:**

**When:** June 15<sup>th</sup> (you will receive an invitation from your child regarding the time)

**Where:** Your child's classroom

**What:** This is the time when you give your child/ren your undivided attention--- no cell phones please! This is the time your child shares accomplishments for the year and talks to you about his/her goals.

**This is a day of celebration of your child's learning and it is very, very important to your child that you attend this conference.**

### **Parent Roles in the Student-Led Conference**

Parents are accustomed to the traditional conferences and will likely want to ask teachers about classroom behaviors and performance. Thus, parents find the most difficulty in listening to their student instead of asking teachers for clarification or explanations. During student-led conferences, parents focus the conversation on their children and reflect on their work with them. They look at samples and listen to their children's explanations and reflections. Then, they ask how they can help and what the students need from them.

Some of the best questions that parents can ask center on homework environments and a student's classroom efforts. This way they can participate in developing strategies to support their students and then remain consistent long after the conferences end. This also helps them to be open-minded about their children's areas of improvement and to support their goal-setting process. For parents, it's important to embrace the student-led conference format and allow children to take the reins so they can act as responsible learners. Taken from <http://www.edudemic.com/guide-to-student-led-conferences/>

**Five Day Weekend:** May 25<sup>th</sup> is Africa Liberation Day. There is no school May 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. School Resumes at 7:55 on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy this long weekend with your children.

**Soccer Tournament Tomorrow:** I hope that you all signed up for the soccer tournament at MRC tomorrow. Have fun, and remember how important good sportsmanship is.

May 31<sup>st</sup>: We need all parents to attend the AGM at 6:00 on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will:

- Vote on Moving the AGM to May
- Vote on 3 new Board members
- Here the “State of The Union”
- Receive the Annual report

*Teacher Appreciation Week: Special thanks to Siam who helped make this a very special week for BAES teachers.*

If you can *read* this,  
thank a **TEACHER.**

American Proverb

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- ❖ **What's happening at BAES next?**
- ❖ **May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> MAP Testing Continues**

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 13-24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MAP Testing</b>
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>