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.

Congratulations to grades 4/5 on their Moving Up projects. Congratulations to Middle School on their Community Service Projects. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Library Books: Students with missing library books will not receive report cards. Please would everyone go through the house and check books.

PLEASE CHECK!!!!! Would everyone please check their cupboards, children's rooms etc. for water bottles, Tupperware, clothes etc. that do not belong to your child/ren. Several parents have complained of missing numerous items. These are not in school and children do not pay attention to what is theirs and what is not so parents would everyone please check and return to lost and found at the student gate.

Reminder: June 17, 12:30 Leybato's Beach Picnic

Student-Led Conferences: One of the most important days of the school year is next Wednesday, Student-Led Conference Day. This is the day your children need your undivided attention for about one hour. Siblings should not attend each other's conference. They can wait in the library. This is a very, very special time for you and your child.

- Remember this is a day of celebration
- Please be on time
- There may be one or two other conferences going on
- Your child is in charge and will lead the conference
- Please turn off your cell phones and give your child your undivided attention
- Please fill in the information form before you leave school

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.

Field Day: Field Day will be held on June 21st and will be most of the day. Prk will participate in the morning until 12:00. Students will need a change of clothes as there will be water activities in the afternoon. More information to follow

Graduation and leaving Ceremony: This will be held at 8:15 on Wednesday June 22nd. **Students will be dismissed immediately following this ceremony. The ceremony will last about one hour.** No leaving packets will be given to students with unpaid bills. No leaving packets will be given to students at this ceremony who have not notified the office.

Substitute Teachers: During the year I have requested that parents who are interested in subbing please put their name into the office. To date no one has. On Tuesday we had two teachers absent and I am only able to cover one class. If you are interested in subbing next year please let Caleb know.

Returning students:

June 22nd the return school fee is $150

After June 22nd the returning school fee is $200

Gida's Garden: Claire Lavadicius will be overseeing the restaurant and also our hot lunch program from now on.

❖ What's happening at BAES next?
- ❖ **June 15** Student-Led Conferences
- ❖ **June 17** Board Meeting Director's residence
- ❖ **June 17,** 12:30 Leybato's Beach Picnic

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

June	What is Happening at BAES?
June15th	Student-Led Conference Students come only when they have their conference with their parents/guardians
June17th	Board meeting 5:00pm Leybato's Beach Picnic
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.**

At BAES we try to empower students to think critically, behave safely, and participate responsibly in our digital world. This term students at BAES focused on Digital Citizenship in IT class which included several aspects of the ISTE Standard 5 on Digital Citizenship. Some of their posters are included in this edition of the Buzz.

Samples of Student Work

Cyberbullying

By: Caitlin
Grade 4

Cyber bullying is when you bully somebody online.

If bullying gets really serious online then whoever is bullying you at school or at a park.

Cyber bullying is the act of harming or harassing via information technology networks in a repeated and deliberate manner.

Cyberbullying is the use of technology to harass, threaten, embarrass, or target another person. Usually, it occurs among young people.

Cyberbullying also can happen accidentally. The impersonal nature of text messages, IMs, and emails make it very hard to detect the sender's tone - one person's joke could be another's hurtful insult. But if it's a repeated pattern of emails, texts, and online posts is then it is not accidental.
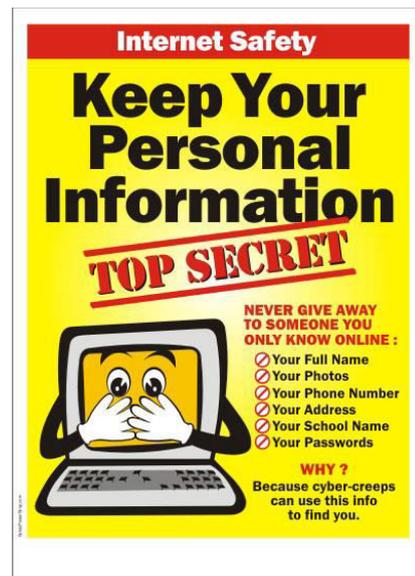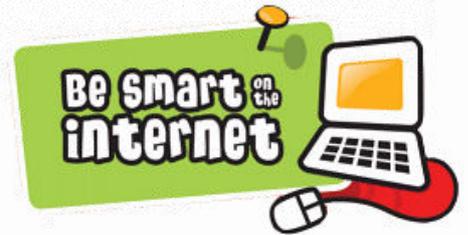
Digital Safety for Kids
by Enoo *(Grade 1)*

❖ You have to remember to use your common sense.

❖ You should think before put any posting online because sometimes you can post the wrong things.

❖ Don't give your password to anyone just keep it to yourself.

❖ Don't give your real name and address to anybody.

❖ Don't tell anybody where you're traveling to online

Internet Safety

By Kelechi
Grade 3

Never give your real name to a stranger.
Always keep your name a secret from any stranger.
Do not give a stranger your password or email password.
Never give your user name to your classmate or a friend.

Computer Safety

By Eileen –Grade 5

1. Don't go on sites you're not supposed to be on.

2. Never tell your age, name, or location

3. Don't tell your password to anyone

4. Be respectful on the internet if you talk to anyone

5. Always ask the teacher to go on a sight that you want to.

What is Cyberbullying?

By Bintou, Ebenezer & Bliss Maya
(some of the slides on their PowerPoint on Cyberbullying)
Grade 6&7

Cyberbullying is the use of electronics to bullying someone by sending messages. It also includes : Rumors that were sent, and embarrassing photos or videos.

Cyberbullying is a kind of bullying that happens online. It is indirect it hurts just as much as direct bullying. Cyber- bullying can happen anytime.

The Start of Cyberbullying

Cyber Bulling usually occurs between the age of 9 and 18. It can also start when children are allowed to use the internet unsupervised.

on Cyberbullying

❖ *Nearly 43% of kids online have been cyber bullied.*
❖ *81% of teens agree that cyberbullying is easier than real bullying.*
❖ *1 out of 10 victims will tell adults what is happening.*
❖ *Girls are usually more vulnerable of being cyber-bullied than boys.*
❖ *2 out of 9 victims usually commit suicide.*

INTERNET SAFETY

DO'S

-Have a unique password for all of your accounts.

-Have parent supervision while signing up for anything.

-Ask your parents before answering anyone on the internet, (people can create fake e-mail and social messenger accounts).

-Take off or block your web cam if you think or know you have a virus.

DON'TS

-Don't give out your password or username to anyone.

-Don't type or publish any personal information online.

-Don't text or talk to strangers.

-Don't turn on your location services for no use.

-Don't post or share any of your personal pictures on the internet, or anywhere else.

BY: Garv Tilokani

Cyber Safety

(A poster for kids by IK-gr.7)

1. The internet is forever so be careful what you say or post.

   WHEN IT'S ONLINE IT'S THERE FOREVER

2. DO NOT give anyone your personal information.

   Internet Safety
   Keep Your Personal Information
   TOP SECRET

3. Do not accept phone calls or texts from strangers.
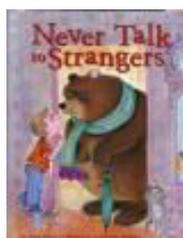
   DON'T GIVE YOUR ADDRESS
   TO STRANGERS

4. Have a strong password that only you know.

5. Be polite online and in real life.

   BE KIND ONLINE

6. NEVER talk to strangers online or meet in real life.

   Never Talk to Strangers

Cyber Bullying

All About It

IK –Gr.7

WHAT IS CYBERBULLYING?

Modern day bullying that takes place on the computer, cell phone, and text messages.

WHY DO KIDS CYBERBULLY?

Some kids might think they are having fun and not even realize they are bullying. Some kids think it feels as though they are invisible and no one will know they are doing it (pretty much trolls). Some kids want to get revenge for something a kid did to them at school that day… I can respect that.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF CYBERBULLYING?

Instant Messaging, Text Messaging, Mail (though it's your fault) When kids send hateful or threatening messages to other kids. They might also spread a rumor this way.

STEALING PASSWORDS AND IMPERSONATION

A kid may steal another kid's password and begin to chat with other people, pretending to be the other kid. He/she may say mean things that offend and anger this person's friends or even strangers. Meanwhile, no one knows it is not the real kid. This can really hurt relationships.

FLAMING

Online fights using electronic messages with angry and rude language. Though they're bad they're also incredibly funny to read.

SENDING PICTURES THROUGH EMAIL, TEXTS, CELL PHONES, INSTAGRAM AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Some kids have been sending embarrassing pictures of kids to other kids using either emails or cell phones.

INSTAGRAM

Lots of Students have an Instagram Account (for some reason) and are following each other on Instagram this can also be a tool.

INTERNET POLLING

Some kids are creating online polls. Asking questions like "Let's vote is Jey Jey a moron?" "Yes or no." "Does Jimmy have mental problems?" PLACE YOUR VOTE!

INTERACTIVE GAMING

Some kids play interactive games on gaming devices such as X-Box Live and Play Station… Live (I think that's what it's called). These kids can insult other kids, use threats, and rude language while playing these games.

IGNORE

Here is the number one solution just using your common sense. Block all communications with the cyberbully through email and social media. Avoid going to the site or group where you have been attacked. This is by far the simplest thing to do. It is so easy I don't know why people even make a fuss about it… but whatever. Change your email address, *account, username, or *phone number. *(only if it's getting VERY bad)

REPORT TO INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER

Most cyber bullying violates the ISP's terms of service. Look at the person's ISP name in their email address. Many ISPs will close an account if a person is in breaking the terms of service. If someone has stolen your identity (or is constantly harassing) you REPORT this to your ISP.