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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.**

**Reminder: Leybato's Beach today at 12:30**

**Student-Led Conferences:** Many thanks to all parents and guardians who attended the student-led conferences. This was a very special day for your children. Thanks for taking time out of your busy schedules to celebrate your children's learning.

**Library Help needed:** We are looking for parents to come into the library for an hour or two when you can on Monday and Tuesday to straighten books, particularly in the primary section, simply putting them in alphabetical or number order depending on the age level or if they are nonfiction. Drop in please and straighten a shelf or two. We really would like the library to be organized for our new Art teacher/Librarian Leah Woldman.

**PTO Canopy:** You can see the work for the PTO canopy has begun, though I do not think it will be finished prior to the end of the school year. I will have Amal post pictures on the website so everyone can see. There is some work being done in the Pre-K area, this work is also supported by the PTO.

**Uniform survey:** The uniform survey was a 50/50 split so I am going to leave it to the next Director, Caleb Steindam and the PTO to make a decision next year on uniforms or not and if so what color. There will be a hard copy of the survey waiting for him in the office. FYI: The students that took the survey were almost 100% against uniforms.

**Field Day June 21st:** Ask your child today what color house he/she is. Students are placed in multi-age groups and each group is a different color. Please be sure to send your children with a change of clothes as we will have some water activities and we do not want to send them home in an air conditioned car with wet clothes. PreK will still leave at noon. Parents may join us at 3:00 for a tug of war. If I remember correctly students won last year but perhaps the parents will rise like the phoenix!

**Report Cards:** Report cards will go home electronically on the 22<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon. They cannot be sent home earlier because they are still being formatted and pdf'd.

Parents who have notified us that they are leaving will receive a hard copy in their leaving packet on the last day. If you have not let the school know by today that you are leaving we will be unable to prepare leaving packets for the morning of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. You will need to pick them up later that week.

Music/Art: Please note there will be no grades issued for music and art this trimester. The new music teacher was hired on a trial basis one day a week. His day was filled with lessons and there was no prep time allocated to prepare reports. The art teacher this term was a substitute teacher and therefore not required to write reports.

**Graduation and Leaving Ceremony:** The graduation and leaving ceremony will begin promptly at 8:15 and last about one hour. Students will leave with their parents or drivers and summer vacation will begin.

## ❖ What's happening at BAES next?

- ❖ **June 21** Field Day for Students (Parents Invited to join at 3:00)
- ❖ **June 22** Graduation and Leaving Ceremony 8:15

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- ❖ **September 1** School Year 2016-2017 Begins

Have a great weekend!

*Sharon*



### *Important Dates*

June	What is Happening at BAES?
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 22nd</b>	<b>After Graduation and Leaving Ceremony Summer Holidays begin.</b>