



BAES BUZZ

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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.

Grade One: Thanks grade One and Ms. Savage for the AWESOME assembly.



Survey Monkey: Would all parents go to the BAES website (<http://www.baes.gm/>) and click on the scrolling monkey. This will only take 20-30 minutes. We want to continue to make BAES a better school tomorrow than it is today. To do this we need your input. PLEASE take a few minutes and take this very important survey.

Report Card Meeting: On November 5th @5:30 there will be a meeting to introduce the new report cards. The new report cards are standards based and follow the AERO standards. Although the new cards may seem complicated at first glance we hope that they will give you a very clear picture of what standards your child is covering in each subject area and how your child is doing in relation to each of the standards. **It is also important that when children leave BAES their next school has a clear picture of what was taught and what your child/ren accomplished.**

The meeting will be approximately one hour long and will begin promptly at 5:30pm.

Best Practices Conferences: On November 21st BAES will be hosting the very first “Best Practices in Education” conference. All Peace Corps Education Trainers are invited as well as two Gambian counterparts. BAES wants to model to our students community service and life-long learning. This conference is a very tangible way to give back to our community. The workshop will last all day and BAES teachers will be the workshop presenters. We are able to do this:

- Thanks to a grant from the US Embassy
- Strong commitment by BAES Faculty to give back and share their learning
- Support of the BAES Board, US Embassy and Peace Corps
- Support of School Specialty CEO, Joseph Yorio

Parent Conferences: Parent Conferences may seem like a long time away but they really are not. Conference will be held on December 3rd- This is not a school day for students. It is important that all parents attend this conference to find out just how your child is doing, academically, socially and emotionally. **I hope that many of you will attend the report card meeting on the 5th of November.** Be sure to review your child's report prior to attending the conference so that you are well informed. Come prepared with questions, listen to what your child's teacher has to say. It is very important that there is a partnership between parents and teachers in order to offer the best possible educational experience for your child.

Holiday Program: How are you coming planning for the holiday program? Please let me know what you or a group of you will be doing.
Have a great weekend!



Important Dates

October 30th

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November 2nd

Nov. 5th

November 9th

November 19th

November 20

November 20th

November 21st

November 26th

November 27th/28th/29th/30th

December 3rd

December 5th

December 10th

December 11th

December 18th

January 11th

Grade 1 Assembly

Board Meeting

New Day for MAP testing

Report Card Meeting 5:30

Last Monday after school

Last Thursday after school

Grade 2/3 Assembly

Board Meeting

“Best Practices in Education”

Conference

PD Day Noon Dismissal

Long Weekend

Parent Teacher Conference

Holiday Bazaar

Holiday Program 6:00

Board Meeting

½ day Holiday Begins

School resumes at 8:00