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BAIS Buzz

Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

Happy Friday from Iowa! I am thankful for the uncharacteristically balmy weather here at the moment. I am excited to be able to talk about our wonderful school and community with so many prospective applicants this weekend. But I do miss BAIS and all of you and look forward to returning home.

Ms. Abbey Brewington, Mr. Muhammad Njie, and Mr. Isaac Bockarie seem to be settling in nicely and enjoy being at BAIS, as I knew they would. I also appreciate Mr. Zina Zoker, the illustrator, adjusting his schedule to help with art in MS. Angie's absence. I heard from Ms. Angie yesterday and she seems to be in good spirits. She is receiving outpatient care and will return to BAIS as soon as she can. I will pass along any updates to you that I can.

Please remember the musical on February 21. Students have been rehearsing, and I know we all look forward to a wonderful performance.

Have a wonderful weekend! Basketball players, I will miss being there tomorrow!

Robert Harper, Director

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Upcoming Events

Sat. Feb. 1

Saturday Basketball

Mon. Feb. 3

Report Cards go home

Wed. Feb. 12

Professional Development Day
12:00 dismissal

Fri. Feb. 14

Gambia Day Celebration

Fri. Feb. 21

BAIS Musical

Wed. Mar. 12

Professional Development Day
12:00 dismissal



Important Health Information

Over the last week or so, we have had a higher than usual number of students with various ailments, from stomach viruses to cold symptoms, sore throats, runny noses, and so on. As we all know, it is so easy for sickness to spread from one child to the next. It is always a good idea to reinforce proper hygiene practices with children such as frequent hand washing, covering your face properly when you cough or sneeze, and to never drink out of the same container as another child. These practices become more critical when ailments start to spread. Please monitor your children even more closely during this time, and if they demonstrate any symptoms, please keep them at home. If they have even the slightest bit of fever, they should always be kept at home. I know that we all want our children to be in school as often as possible, but please err on the side of caution during this time.

PTO Update...Gambia Day Reminder

BAIS Gambia Day is February 14 and we will be having a community communal potluck at the event. The PTO will be sending out a potluck dish sign up. The dishes should be Gambian food only and can be main courses, side dishes, drinks, anything really. If you do not want to bring food, you can contribute to a catered lunch that Freddy will cook. He is the caterer for BAIS hot lunches. If you want to contribute to the catered lunch, please check with Leah. Thank you!

Jeremy Ogusky

Volunteers Needed

I have not yet had any responses to assist with hosting Dr. and Mrs. Bateman, who are coming for our special needs staff development in a couple of weeks. If you have time available and can assist by taking Mrs. Bateman around during the school day and showing her some of the interesting things to see here, I'm sure she would appreciate the hospitality. If you can help with one of the days, please let me know. This would be such a big help and an opportunity to share with our guests what a warm and welcoming community the BAIS family is.

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From the Business Office/ Tuition Reminder

This is a reminder that second trimester tuition payments were due on **November 20**. If you have already paid...thank you!! If you have not yet paid, please see Ms. Leah in the business office as soon as possible to make arrangements for payment. Thank you!

Saturday Basketball Update

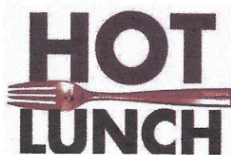
I will miss being at Saturday basketball tomorrow! Attendance has been good for both older and younger students. Times for the younger basketball group will remain the same...9:00-10:10. Older students will be from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Please feel free to invite your friends from other schools, as long as it doesn't get too crowded. Any parents who enjoy playing are also encouraged to come out and join us. Come out and join in the fun!

Teacher Recruiting Update

\As I reported last week, this weekend I am currently at the I am at the the overseas teacher recruitment fair at the University of Northern Iowa. I have already been in correspondence with some really good candidates. Please keep me in your thoughts as I share the good news of our wonderful school and community. ALso, please keep me in your thoughts as I travel. If you would like to learn more about this job fair, you can read more here: <https://teachoverseas.uni.edu/history-our-services>

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February 2025

STUDENT NAME _____ Class _____

PARENT CONTACT Name: _____ Phone _____

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Choose Portion Size:

☐ Small - 200 Dalasi

☐ Large - 250 Dalasi

2. Choose how you will order:

☐ Tick here to order all the lunches for this month.

Full Period : 13 lunches (Total cost: Small = D2,600 OR Large = D3,250)

☐ Tick here to order lunches by the day.

By the day:

1. Tick the days desired in the chart below

2. Multiply x D 200 (small) or D250 (large)

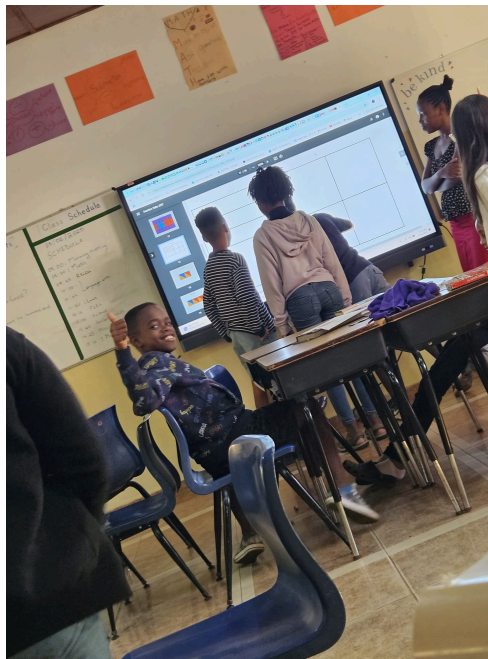
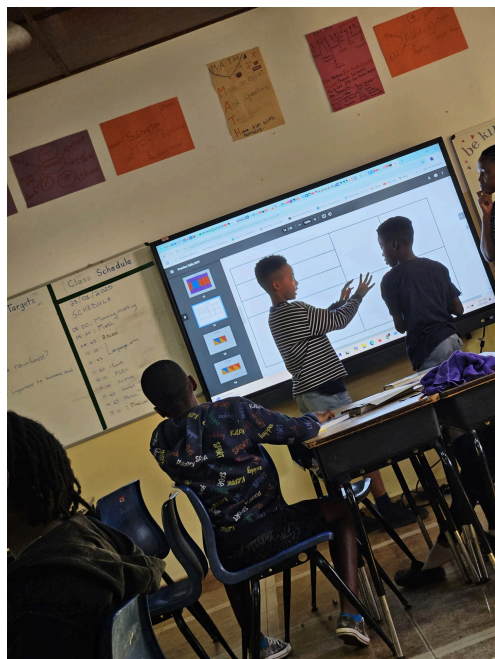
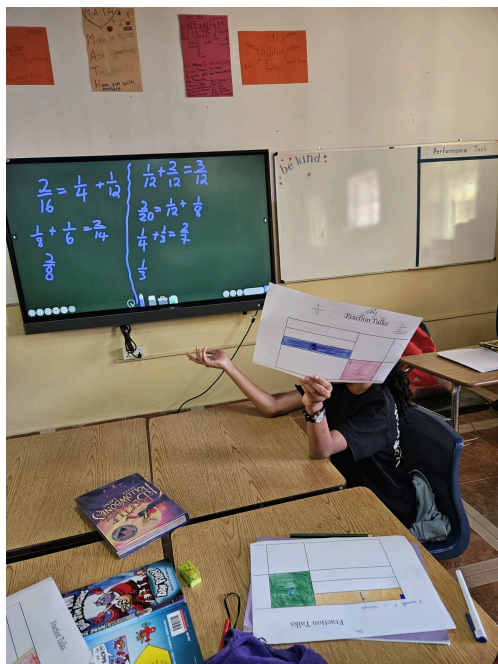
3. Write in here: **Total # lunches:** _____ x **Cost per portion** _____ = **D** _____

3. Get money and form to BAIS OFFICE

February 2025	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Feb 3 - 6	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Grill Chicken with Vermicell & Vegetables & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Beef Burger with Salad & Fries & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce & Cake 🍷	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Fish Benachin, vegetables, Bissap Sauce & Fruit
Feb 10 - 13	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Creamy Mushroom Chicken Penne Pasta & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Vegetable Kolhapuri with Rice & Fruit 🍷	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ Faculty PD Noon Dismissal ☺ ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Roast Chicken with Vegetables & Fruit
Feb 17 - 20	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ Independence Day ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ Independence Day ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Fried Noodles with Beef & Vegetables & Chocolate Cake	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Chicken with Cherry Tomato Sauce & Rice & Fruit
Feb 24 - 27	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Crispy Chicken with Salad & Baked Veggies & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Pasta in Creamy Meatball Sauce & Cake	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Chicken Fried Rice with Vegetables & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Margarita Pizza & Ice Cream 🍷

Please contact Ms. Leah for any Hot Lunch inquiries and all other information (7744477)

4th and 5th Graders Learn Fractions!



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Pre-Kinder Artists



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