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Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

Thank you, everyone who came out to support the Color Fun Run last Saturday! And an especially big thank you to all of our PTO members who organized the event. What a fun and worthwhile event!

After School Activities begin on Monday. Please register if you haven't already.

Simon Badjie is organizing a Student Council Organization to bring together student councils from other schools. Kudos to Simon for taking this initiative. More info inside the Buzz.

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up, as is Administrative Professionals Day. I know you join me in expressing our appreciation for such an amazing staff. Again, more information inside the Buzz.

As previously announced, Beach Day has been set for Friday, May 30. The location will be Kalimba Beach Resort. On that day, students will be dropped off and picked up directly at the resort.

Again, PLEASE remember to complete the enrollment survey for next year. It is very important for us to get a picture of what our enrollment will be as we start to schedule and budget for next year. If you have not already done so, **please fill out the registration survey for next year.** Your plans don't have to be concrete at this point. If you can just give us a "best guess", even that would be helpful.

Have a great weekend!

Robert Harper, Director

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Upcoming Events

April 18-25

Spring Break

Mon., April 28

School Board Meeting

Thurs., May 1

Labor Day...No School

Fri. May 9

STEM Fair

Mon., May 26

Africa Day Holiday...No School

Fri., May 30

Beach Day...Kalimba Beach Resort





**BAIS TEACHER AND STAFF
APPRECIATION WEEK 2025**

**SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE
AND
SHARE SO MUCH JOY**

A WEEK OF MAY 5TH – MAY 9TH, 2025

- **WALL OF THANKS**
- **WEDNESDAY LUNCH POTLUCK**
- **SURPRISE THURSDAY!**
- **T&S SUPERLATIVE AWARDS**

**PLEASE JOIN THE PTO TO CELEBRATE ALL THE HARD WORK AND
DEDICATION T&S HAVE BEEN PROVIDING.
STAY TUNE FOR MORE DETAIL AFTER THE SPRING BREAK!**

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From the PTO

On behalf of the BAIS PTO, we would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated in the Color Fun Run! A special thank you to all our volunteers — we couldn't have done it without you. We hope you had a wonderful time!

Please remember to bring all sponsor donations by next Wednesday, April 16. We look forward to celebrating together at the first Celebration of Learning following Spring Break.

Thank you again for your support,

BAIS PTO

Administrative Professionals Week

The week of April 20-26 (our Spring Break) is observed in the United States and Canada as Administrative Professionals Week, with that Wednesday specifically observed as Administrative Professionals Day. Since we will be out for Spring Break that week, I want to designate next **Wednesday, April 16**, as **Administrative Professionals Day** at BAIS. I hope that all of you will take a moment sometime during the week to express your appreciation to **Ms. Leah John** and **Mr. Isaac Bockarie** for all that they do to help make our school run more efficiently. I can't count the times I have seen both of them here well after hours and on the weekend, going the extra mile to serve our school and our families. Thank you so much, Leah and Isaac, for all that you do for BAIS!

After School Activities Update

The upcoming round of After School Activities will begin this Monday, April 14 and run through Thursday, June 5. The link to register was sent in the WhatsApp groups. **Please register if you have not already done so.** We are delighted that once again we will be offering swimming at Tropic Garden. **Swimming for grades K-3 will be on Thursdays, and grades 4-12 will be on Mondays, starting this Monday.**

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From the Student Council

Just wanted to share some exciting news — Simon Badjie, one of our student council members, has come up with a fantastic idea and is now leading an initiative to create a Student Council Organization that brings together student councils from various international schools in the Country.

He's already been in touch with several schools, and so far, five international schools have expressed interest in joining the initiative:

- * Marina International School
- * British International School
- * SBEC International School
- * WAIS (West African International School)
- * MARIF International School

The first meeting will take place today at Marina International School at 2:30pm. All schools, their members, and school leaders will be in attendance. During this session, Simon will introduce the concept and outline the vision and goals of the organization. He has worked tirelessly to prepare and has a full presentation ready to share.

For parents of student council members: if your child is available, please encourage them to attend and support their fellow council member. It's a wonderful opportunity to collaborate, lead, and be part of something that could potentially grow into a recognized platform for student leadership across international schools.

Our Student Council Members are Fatoumatta, Teju, Simone, Omar, David, Marlow, Yolanie, and Ella. This initiative can help students build leadership skills, foster inter-school connections, and work together on projects that make a real impact in their communities.

Student Council advisors Ms. Halima and Ms. Fatou will be present at the meeting. For any questions or directions, feel free to contact Ms. Halima at 3424853 or Ms. Fatou at 3737744.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Ms. Halima

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Important Reminder...2025-26 Registration

I want to remind everyone once again about enrollment for next year. Thank you to all of you who have already responded. It is vitally important that we collect this information as soon as possible. Please...if you have not already replied, please use the following link to indicate if your children will be returning to BAIS next year. Again, this does not have to be a firm commitment yet. We are just trying to get a picture of what our enrollment will be. This is important as we start to plan our schedule. You do not have to be 100% certain of your plans; it would be helpful even if you can just give us your best estimate, and indicate that. Thank you so much for your assistance. Please follow the link below to respond, if you have not already done so.

[2025-26 Enrollment Survey](#)

From the Business Office/ Tuition Reminder

Tuition payments for the third trimester were due on **March 10**. If you have already paid...thank you!! If you have not yet paid, please contact Ms. Leah in the business office.

Saturday Basketball Update

Saturday basketball will continue tomorrow, younger players at 9:00, and 1:00 for older players. We are working on getting in a tournament for our older players. Parents are welcome to come out and join us!

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Beach Day...Friday, May 30 Kalimba Beach Resort

On Friday, May 30, we will have our Beach Day to celebrate achieving our reading goals for Book Month. The location will be the Kalimba Beach Resort. On that day, parents will drop off and pick up students directly at the resort. More information will be forthcoming soon.



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Community News



iPROMISE Rehab & Healthcare Services



2025 Autism/Disability Awareness Conference

FREE ENTRY
(CHILDREN WELCOME)

ABOUT US:

iPromise Learning and Development Centre is an education provider for children with additional needs and learning disabilities in The Gambia. Through Early Intervention approaches our aim is to focus on the development of each individual child and increase their quality of life for those suffering from physical, intellectual, and neurological disabilities and delays.

DONATIONS

Donations will go towards providing private therapy sessions as well as tuition for children in underprivileged areas and improving community resources.

LOCATION
Paradise Hotel
(Penchami Hall Conference Center)

March will begin at 1pm at the Senegambia roundabout and proceed to the conference center.

For Inquiries:

☎ +220 777 8646 - +220 398 1691

✉ ipromisecareservices@gmail.com

The Event Will Be Held On:
Saturday, 19 April, 2025
01:00 PM - 06:00 PM

TOPICS

- What is Autism
- Disabilities in the educational system in The Gambia
- Community involvement & Support "Breaking the Stigma"
- iPromise Then, Now, and Future.

ACTIVITIES

- Speeches from professionals in different fields surrounding disabilities
- Educational boards and pamphlets
- Live entertainment and awareness drama skits
- Raffle and Prizes

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COMMUNITY **OPEN DAY**

Come and Join Us!

- Attend our very first community open day
- Have a tour of the workspace
- Learn about the plastic recycling process
- Purchase one-of-a-kind products
- Meet the team

Sunday 13 April
10am - 2pm
Gunjur Brikama Highway



www.preciousplasticgambia.com

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HOT LUNCH

APRIL 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 : 12 lunches (Total cost: Small = D2,400 OR Large = D3,000)

☐ *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

APRIL 2025	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Apr 31 - 3	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ KORITEH BREAK ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ KORITEH BREAK ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Pasta in Creamy Meatball Sauce & Cake	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Grilled Fish W/ Rice, Butterlime Sauce & Fruit
Apr 7 - 10	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Butter Chicken with Vegetables W/ Rice & Cake	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Fish in Batter with Salad & Fruit	NO SCHOOL ☺ Parent-Teacher Conference ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
Apr 14 - 17	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Chicken Vermicell with Vegetables & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Fish Fingers W/ Roasted Potatoes W/ Veggies & 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 Mixed Salad & Ice Cream
Apr 21 - 24	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
Apr 28 - 1	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Fish Benachin W/ Vegetables & Bissap Sauce & Cake	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Tick to order</u> Spaghetti Bolognaise & Fruit	<u>Tick to order</u> Vegetable Spring Rolls With Sweet Chili Sauce & Chips	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Fun Run Photos



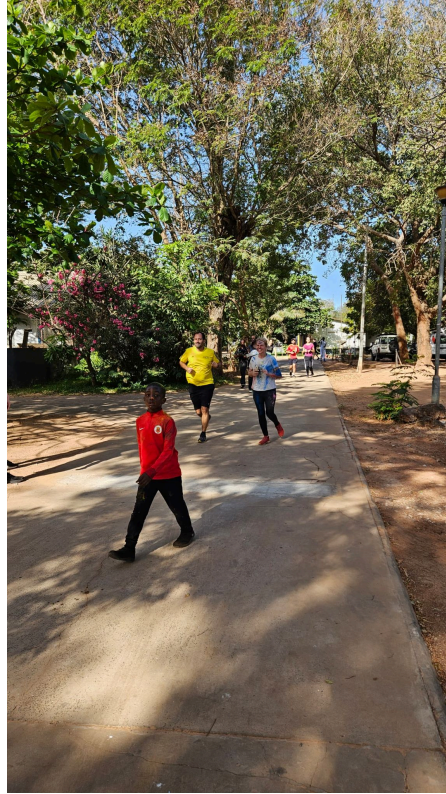
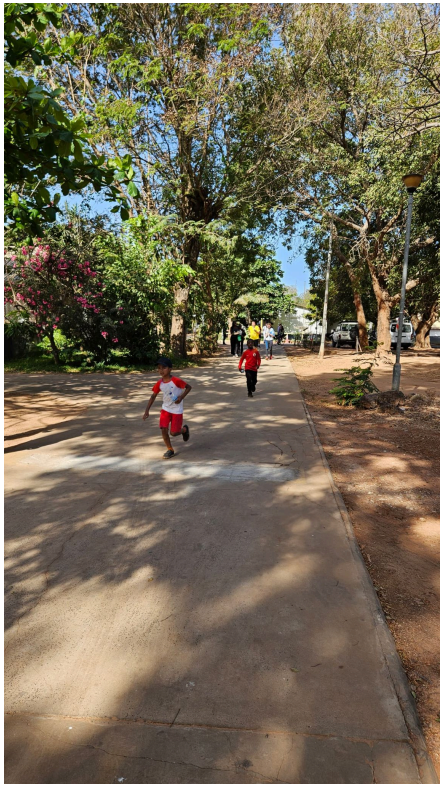
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