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BAIS Buzz

Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

I want to one last time express our appreciation to the PTO and everyone who supported the Color Fun Run. A final report on the event is inside the Buzz

Last Friday, members of our Student Council participated in a meeting of student councils from other schools in the area to plan joint activities and projects going forward into next year. This concept was the brainchild of BAIS junior **Simon Badjie**. We are all incredibly proud of Simon for taking the initiative to make his dream a reality. Thank you again to Ms. Halima and Ms. Fatou for sponsoring the Student Council and supporting our students. An update is inside the Buzz.

Please remember that Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up, May 5-9. Thank you so much to the PTO for organizing events to commemorate that week. I feel so honored to be able to work with the best group of teachers in the country. Please join in and assist the PTO in showing appreciation. **Also, please see the link at the bottom of page 2 to sign up for the pot luck lunch.**

Remember that 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.

Please note the date of the **Annual General Meeting**, Thursday May 29 at 6:00 PM, and plan to attend. The meeting should take about 45 minutes.

Thank you to all who have filled out the enrollment survey for next year. Again, PLEASE remember to complete the survey if you have not yet done so. **Also, if you know that your children are not returning, please indicate that as well.**

Have a safe and enjoyable Spring Break!

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

May 5-9

Teacher Appreciation Week

Fri. May 9

STEM Fair

Mon., May 26

Africa Day Holiday...No School

Thurs., May 29

Annual General Meeting

Fri., May 30

Beach Day...Kalimba Beach Resort





Parents...please sign up [here](#) to bring dishes for the pot luck!

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You're invited to the BAIS STEAM Fair!

The teachers and students are excited to present the BAIS STEAM Fair on Friday, May 9th, 2025, at the Banjul American International School. Join us for an exciting celebration of **innovation, creativity, and discovery** at the **BAIS STEAM Fair!** This vibrant event highlights the outstanding talents and projects of our **K-12** students in **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM)**. Students from all grade levels can create and present projects that demonstrate their problem-solving skills and ingenuity.

What to Expect:

- Hands-on exhibits
- Interactive displays
- Student-led demonstrations
- Inspiring ideas and inventions

Date: May 9th, 2025

Location: BAIS Basketball Court & MS-HS Area

Time: 10:00 - 12:30

This is a wonderful opportunity for **families and community members** to experience the joy of learning and see how curiosity and imagination come to life in our classrooms.

Let's celebrate the power of STEAM together—see you there!

Ms. Amal

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From the PTO

Color Fun Run Update

A huge thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and helped raise funds for this year's Color Fun Run! Thanks to your incredible support, we've raised a total of **D217,160** from the Color Fun Run. Of that, **D83,415** will be donated to the MRC Patient Fund, and **D133,745** will go to the BAIS PTO to purchase **musical instruments, headset microphones, and a new piece of playground equipment** for our students.

The Bake Sale raised an additional **D17,380**, which we will be splitting evenly between the MRC and the PTO.

Special congratulations to our top fundraisers:

🎉 *Sadie Jobe*, who raised **D37,800** as the highest individual contributor, and

🎉 *The Punjabi family*, who collectively raised **D80,000** across their three children!

Every child who participated, every volunteer who gave their time, and every sponsor who donated helped make a difference for two great causes—thank you!

BAIS PTO

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International School Student Council Collaboration Initiative

First Meeting Success!

We're thrilled to update you on the amazing progress of the Student Council Organization Initiative being led by our very own Simon Badjie! As you may have heard, this exciting project aims to bring together student councils from international schools across the region to collaborate, share ideas, and launch joint initiatives that make a real difference in our schools and communities.

The first official meeting took place last week at Marina International School, and we're so proud to share that it was a huge success! Four of the five invited schools were able to attend, and the energy in the room was incredible.

Simon gave a thoughtful and passionate presentation outlining the vision, goals, and potential of the organization. His preparation, clarity, and enthusiasm truly set the tone. Afterward, the group engaged in a meaningful discussion about the next steps and how each school can contribute to shaping this initiative moving forward.

Simon, along with Fatoumatta and Teju, did an outstanding job representing BAIS. Their leadership, confidence, and collaboration made a lasting impression on everyone present. They exemplified everything we strive for in our student leaders – and we couldn't be more proud.

This initiative is already beginning to spark powerful conversations about inter-school partnerships and youth leadership, and it's just the beginning. As the Student Council Organization begins to take shape, we're looking forward to seeing how our students will work together across campuses to create lasting, positive change.

Let's continue to cheer on Simon, Fatoumatta, Teju, and the entire Student Council team! If you see them around campus, be sure to congratulate them and offer your support — they're helping pave the way for something truly inspiring.

Thank you for standing behind our students as they grow into leaders and changemakers!

Ms. Halima

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Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting for this year will be Thursday evening, May 29, at 6:00 PM. All members of the BAIS Association...all parents and teachers...are encouraged to attend. The purpose of the meeting is twofold...to elect members of the BAIS Board of Directors, and for the Board to present their annual financial report to the members. This meeting should not take longer than 45 minutes and is very important. More information about board elections and how to be nominated will be provided after we return from Spring Break. Please mark this important date on your calendar.

Important Reminder...2025-26 Registration

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. **Also, if you know that your children will not be returning, please indicate that as well.** 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

There will be no Saturday basketball the next two Saturdays. We will resume after spring break, on Saturday, May 3.

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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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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

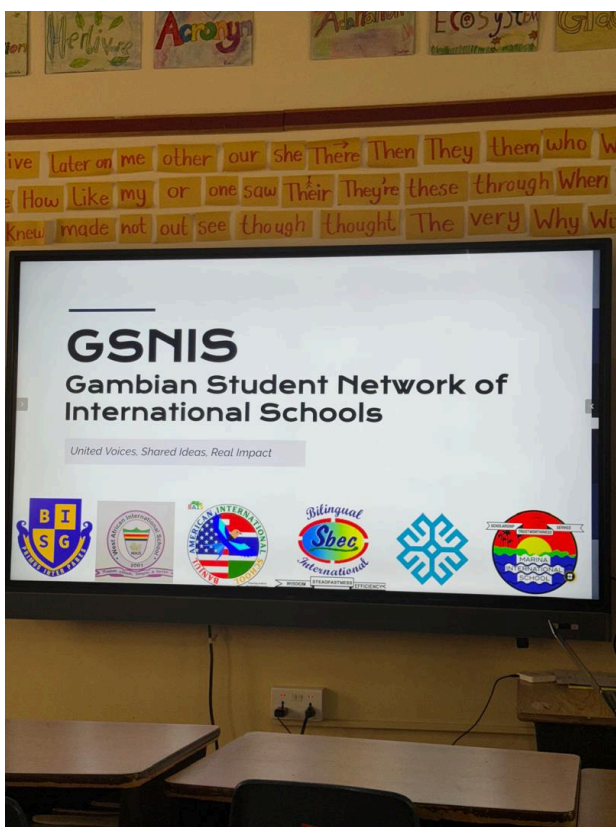
2. Multiply x D 200 (small) or D250 (large)

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

Student Council Initiative



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