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BAIS BUZZ

Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable Spring Break. I simply cannot believe how quickly this year has gone by. In only six weeks, we will graduate another class of seniors. It seems that the older I get, the more rapidly the years pass!

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week here at BAIS. I know that you will want to join me in expressing appreciation to all of our staff for everything they do to help make BAIS the special place that it is. We have such a wonderful, dedicated staff. I want to thank the PTO for organizing this. I especially want to thank Ni Mehler for her all of her efforts in organizing the events of the week. Please see the link to sign up to bring dishes for the pot luck lunch on Wednesday. There is also a link to vote for teacher and staff superlative awards.

Also next week is our STEAM Fair. I want thank Ms. Amal, Mr. Jain, and Mr. Zokar for organizing this showcase. It's just one more example of our teachers going above and beyond what's expected.

The Student Council Lock-in is scheduled for Friday, May 23. This event is for students in grades 2-12. More information will be forthcoming.

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.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Robert Harper, Director

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Upcoming Events

May 5-9

Teacher Appreciation Week

Fri. May 9

STEAM Fair

Fri. May 23

Student Lock-In

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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BAIS PTO PRESENTS

TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION POTLUCK

We're putting favorite dishes together
to say thank you
for all your hard work!

MAY 7, 2025

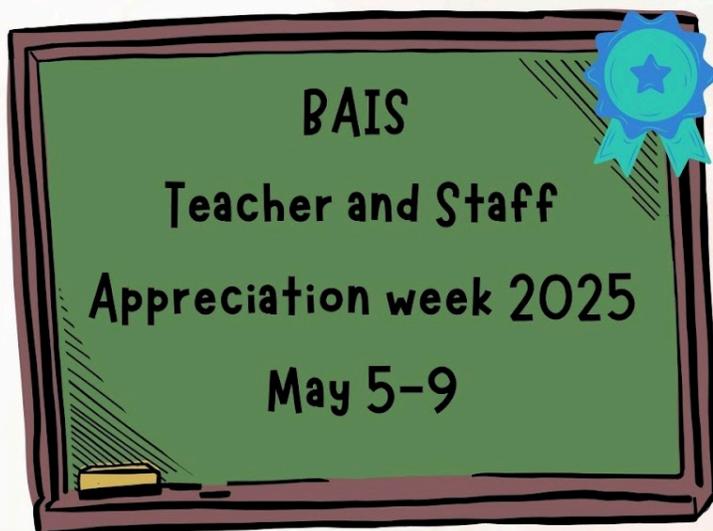
at 12 o'clock in the afternoon



Conference Room
Enjoy your lunch!

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A tribute week of gratitude!



WHAT DO WE DO AS BAIS PARENTS AND STUDENTS?



- 1. Wall of Thanks** : Express how much you appreciate T&S in writing. The wall board is located at the back gate through out the week.
- 2. Potluck Wednesday** : Prepare your favorite dishes for our beloved T&S to let them know you want to make them happy! Don't forget to sign-up!
- 3. Surprise Thursday** : Prepare the surprise gestures and share with them. ANYthing from drawings, cards, smiles, flowers, candies, anything!
- 4. Teacher & Staff Superlative awards** : Special vote online. Parents and students can place their votes during May 5-9... The award presentation is on May 16th at COL.

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Please add your words of thanks to the Wall of Thanks, which will be located by the back gate!

Also, please click on [this link](#) to vote for Teacher and Staff Superlatives!

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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. **Please notice the change in time.** 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: 11:30-2:30

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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Student Council Lock-in May 23

The Student Council Lock-In is scheduled for Friday, May 23. This has become an annual tradition here at BAIS. Students in grades 2-12 can come to school and enjoy pizza, a movie, and then (if they have their parents permission) may sleep over here on campus until the next morning, when breakfast will be provided. More information will be forthcoming in next week's Buzz

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. Please mark this important date on your calendar. **A separate letter explaining the nomination and voting process was sent to all the WhatsApp groups.**

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.

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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 Opportunities

Reach Out Foundation is a Charitable Foundation registered in The Gambia in October 2018. The individuals that make up the foundation have each in their own way been active in the area of supporting underserved communities in the past 7 years. The foundation's aims and objectives is:

1. To help set up a standard administration system for orphanages and provide basic amenities, shelter and structured educational programs for the children.
2. To help the needy by facilitating the provision of clean drinking water, clothing, basic food amenities, disaster relief etc.
3. To provide mentorship to young men and women
4. To provide skills training especially targeted at students graduating from Qur'aanic Education.

In line with our objectives, here are some of the projects we have recently embarked upon.

- We facilitated the building of multiple boreholes giving communities access to clean water supply.
- We raised funds annually for the poor and needy during the Muslim Holy Month of Ramadaan.
- We have enhanced living conditions of orphanages through fund raising and construction and refurbishment of living facilities.
- We enabled the collaboration of international bodies with Islamic institutions in building a masjid.
- We have organized summer programs targeted at orphanages.
- We have provided clothing especially during winter months by organizing clothing drives.
- We have provided Disaster Relief through food , shelter and clothing during Floods, fires and other natural disasters.

For more information, please contact Sarah Pearson Davis.

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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 : **14 lunches** (Total cost: **Small = D2,800 OR Large = D3,500**)

 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

MAY 2025	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
May 5 - 8	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Chicken Brochette W/ Sauteed Vegetables & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Grilled Fish W/ Rice, Butterlime Sauce & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Beef Stew W/ Rice & Veggies & Fruit
May 12 - 15	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Fish and Chips & Cake	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Butter Chicken W/Rice & Vegetables & Cake	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Pasta in Creamy Tomato Meatball Sauce & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Margarita Pizza Mixed Salad & Ice Cream
May 19 - 22	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Fish in Batter With Roasted Potatoes & Veggies & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Spaghetti Bolognese & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Crispy Chicken W/ Baked Vegetables and Salad & Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Fish Benachin & Vegetables with Bissap Sauce & Cake
May 26 - 29	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ NO SCHOOL ☺ Africa Day ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Grilled Chicken W/ Coconut Curry Rice & Fruit	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ Faculty PD Noon Dismissal ☺ ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tick to order</i> Fried Noodles w/ Beef & Vegetables & Fruit

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Physical Educaation is Fun!



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