

# BAIS BUZZ

## Message from the Director

Dear BAIS Families,

**Book Month** continues to proceed, with students well on their way to meeting their goals. This week's Mystery Reader was **Mr. Rob Anderson**, the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy, and father of BAIS students **Sander** and **Kemi**. Today's CoL was a buddy group activity with students reading. Please read the update by **Ms. Sainab** inside the Buzz. Please continue to encourage your children to read so that we can meet our goals. Once again, we will celebrate meeting our goals with **Beach Day!** The tentative date for Beach Day is **May 29**.

Thank you to **I Care Optica** for providing vision screening for our students at no charge. Parents should have received a report about the results.

Field trips have begun in earnest, with a few classes already having made trips to local libraries. More field trips are being scheduled over the next couple of weeks. We are fortunate to have so many opportunities for field trips, and I want to thank our staff members for putting in the effort to organize those. Thanks especially to **Mr. Edward Badjie**, our Gambian Studies coordinator, who oversees all of our field trips.

Please remember our **annual Halloween party** will be **Saturday, November 1**. This is always a highlight of the year. There is updated information inside the Buzz. Thanks again to **Ms. Mary Jobe** for organizing! **If you would like to volunteer, please click on the link in the Buzz to sign up.**

Have a wonderful weekend!

Robert Harper, Director

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## Upcoming Events

### Thurs. & Fri., Oct. 23-24

BAIS Holiday  
No school

### Fri., Oct. 31

Quarter 1 Ends

Illustrator's Tea

### Sat., Nov. 1

Halloween Party

### Wed., Nov. 5

Professional Development Day  
12:00 Dismissal

### Fri., Nov. 7

Quarter reports go home

### Thurs., Nov. 27

Thanksgiving Holiday  
12:00 Dismissal

## Staff Spotlight Madame Joof



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## Book Month Update!

*Our Book Month celebrations are in full swing, and it's been an exciting time of learning, discovery, and a growing love for reading across the school! Grades 3, 4, and 5 enjoyed a fulfilling and educational trip to the Kanifing Municipal Library this week. Students explored a variety of books, and deepened their understanding of library systems.*

*Our Reading Tree is blossoming beautifully, thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of our young readers. It's a joy to watch it grow with every book completed!*

*Middle School students deserve a special shout-out for logging the most reading hours this week, well done! Your commitment to reading is inspiring.*

*As a school, we have now read a total of 668 hours, steadily working towards our school-wide goal of 1,000 reading hours. Let's keep up the momentum!*

*We were honored to welcome our third Mystery Reader today—**Mr. Rob Anderson**, Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy. We are profoundly grateful to him for taking the time to share a story with our students.*

*Please Note:*

*Middle and High School Book Month field trip is on Wednesday.*

*Look out for more information next week about our special Illustrators' Tea. A celebration you won't want to miss!*

*Let's continue reading, sharing, and growing together as a community . Thank you!*

*Ms Sainab.*

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## Halloween Update!

### **BAIS Halloween Party!**

Mark your calendars! The BAIS community is invited to a **spooktacular Halloween celebration** on **Saturday, November 1, from 6:00–9:00 PM.**

#### **What's in store?**

- Trick-or-Treating 
- Haunted House 
- Scary Movie 
- Food & Beverages for Purchase  

#### **Tickets:**

- Tickets go on sale in October.
- **100 dalasis per child**
- Each BAIS student may invite **up to two friends** who do not attend BAIS.
- We kindly ask that all tickets be purchased **ahead of the event and they will be on sale starting Monday, October 27th**

#### **We Need Your Help!**

To make this event a monster success, we're asking for **parent volunteers** to help run activities, decorate, and supervise stations.

We're also looking for **donations of food, drinks, and treats** for our hungry ghouls and goblins!

 **Please sign up to volunteer or bring an item here:** [Insert Sign-Up Link or Contact Info]

Come ready for chills, thrills, and lots of fun—**costumes encouraged!** [BAIS Halloween Party](#) 

*Mary Jobe*

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## Health Update

We have recently been made aware of a campaign by the Public Health Office to educate parents nationwide about the need for children to be vaccinated for measles-rubella and to provide those vaccinations to students in public and private schools. While this is certainly a worthwhile campaign for public and private schools here in The Gambia, we here at BAIS have an expectation that all parents who want their children to receive this and any other childhood vaccine will have already had their children vaccinated; therefore, no vaccinations will be given here at BAIS. As part of our application process, we request copies of vaccination records, as is standard practice in international schools. The Center for Disease Control continues to recommend that all children be vaccinated for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR). More information about measles and the MMR vaccine is available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/vaccines/index.html>

## Saturday Soccer

Attention all soccer players! Saturday Soccer continues tomorrow. Younger players will go from 9:00-10:00, and older players from 10:15 to 11:15. Players should bring a water bottle and should also wear sunscreen. Parents are also welcome to come and join in! Older players may also bring friends from other schools. See you tomorrow!

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## Introducing i-Ready



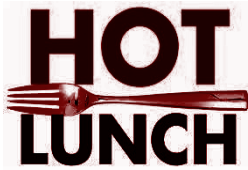
In Grades 4-5, we have been piloting a program called i-Ready. Over 13 million students worldwide use i-Ready. i-Ready provides teachers with valuable information about each child's strengths and areas for growth, allowing lessons to be **personalized** to meet every student's individual needs. Students will be able to work on **fun, interactive** i-Ready lessons at their own pace—designed to help them make steady progress throughout the year. i-Ready can also be used as an intervention to help students reach grade level in reading and math. Families can view their child's progress, time

spent, and lessons completed through the "My Progress" page. Together, we can celebrate each student's hard work and growth as they continue learning with i-Ready! As we move forward and gauge the success of this program, we then will consider implementation in other classes as well. If you would like to learn more, please feel free to check out their website: <https://i-readycentral.com/familycenter/what-is-i-ready/>

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## October 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 : **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

October 2025	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Oct 6 - 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Butter Chicken W/ Rice &amp; Vegetables &amp; Cake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Pasta in Creamy Tomato Meatball Sauce &amp; Fruit</li> </ul>	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ <b>Faculty PD</b> <b>Noon Dismissal</b> ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Creamy Mushroom Chicken W/ Mixed Pasta &amp; Fruit</li> </ul>
Oct 13 - 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Chicken Fried Rice with Vegetables &amp; Cake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Beef Burger, French Fries W/ Cucumber Salad &amp; Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce &amp; Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Fish in Batter With Roasted Potatoes &amp; Veggies &amp; Fruit</li> </ul>
Oct 20 - 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Beef Casserole W/ Broccoli Mixed with Pasta &amp; Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Chicken Tagine with Rice &amp; Vegetables &amp; Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Tagliatelle With Truffle Mushroom Sauce &amp; Fruit</li> </ul>	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ <b>NO SCHOOL ☺</b> <b>BAIS Holiday</b> ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
Oct 27-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Fish Benachin &amp; Vegetables with Bissap Sauce &amp; Cake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Crispy Chicken W/ Baked Vegetables Salad &amp; Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Spaghetti Bolognese &amp; Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tick to order</i></b> Margarita Pizza Mixed Salad &amp; Ice Cream</li> </ul>

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## Buddy Group Reading!

(Trivia question...who knows the name of the Dr. Seuss book Sara is reading???)





## Mystery Reader!



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