

Banaadir Academy School Newsletter

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Principal's News

Dear parents,

Thank you very much for attending parent teacher conference/Title I night. The school year is off to a great start. The children are coming to school prepared and working hard to be successful. The students this year will be working with a new math curriculum (Every Day Math). Ask your child every day how their day was and what they are working on. It is very important that your child understands the connection between home and school and that we are working together to help them be the best and brightest student they can be.

Please help your child do their best by making sure they get plenty of rest, providing them with a healthy breakfast each morning and encouraging them to do their best.

Establishing a routine at home is important to the success of your child here at school and will enable them to do their best. Just as you have established routines in your job, children need routines at home to provide them with stability and dependability. If you have not established them at this point in the school year, it's not too late and I

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would encourage you to begin now. If daily routines are already an important part of your family's home life, I would encourage you to continue with them. Either way, I hope you will benefit from the following tips provided from an article taken from the Home & School Connection entitled "Ready to Learn."

Relaxed. Music can help your child avoid the morning rush. Play soothing music and ask him or her to be dressed and ready by the time it's over.

Energized. A good breakfast increases concentration. Offer your youngster healthy choices. Examples: a whole-wheat bagel with peanut butter; orange juices Blended with fruit and yogurt; instant oatmeal.

Connected. Talking about the school day lets your child know you care. Ask him or her to share two good things that happened during the day. Prompt him with specific questions, such as "Which multiplication tables did you practice?"

Important Upcoming Dates

November 25
No School
(Staff Development)

November 26-27
No School
(Eid & Thanksgiving
Holidays)

December 14-18
NWEA Testing

December 21
Winter Break

January 4, 2010
School Resumes



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." NELSON MANDELA

Prepared. Studying a little every day is the best way to learn new material. Help your youngster choose a time for homework when he is most alert – and try not to change it.

We need volunteers to help teachers and work with kids. If you are interested come to the office to fill out the forms. If your child has lost anything at school come check the lost and found.

Have a wonderful November.

James Strait Abdighani Ali
Principal Asst. Director

Student of the Month

Congratulations to our October Students of the Month! These outstanding individuals showed **Respect** to their teachers, classmates, and families.

Kindergarten: Mohamed Ahmed & Miski Aden

First Grade: Hudeyfi Mohamed, Ayub Osman, and Marwa Elfil

Second Grade: Mustafa Salad & Aliah Ali

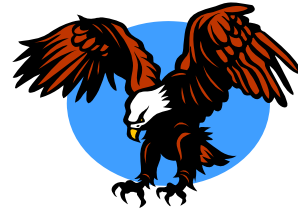
Third Grade: Sundus Mohamed

Fourth Grade: Hafsa Mohamed

Fifth Grade: Ahmed Ahmed

Junior High: Munira Aden

Great job to each of these respectful students!



Eagle Notes - Lunch with the Principal Winners!

Also in October students worked hard to show respect at home in order to earn *Eagle Notes*. As each student showed respect at home and returned their signed *Eagle Note* they were entered in a drawing to have lunch with the principal, Mr. Strait. Congratulations to the winners! Keep up the good work at home in November by showing Responsibility & Integrity and returning your *Eagle Note*.



Winners of Lunch with the Principal

Fieldtrips!

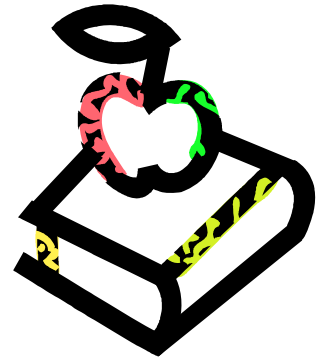
Both the elementary and junior high students at Banaadir had great fieldtrips this fall! Check out the elementary students at Emma Krumbree's Orchard in Belle Plaine and the junior high students at Fort Snelling in Saint Paul.



Elementary Field Trip to Emma Krumbrees



Middle School at Fort Snelling



Website of the Month

Need to practice your spelling words, work on your multiplication tables, or learn interesting science facts? Then you should check out <http://www.mrnussbaum.com>. This website claims to have "a thousand sites in one". There are math games, science games, language arts games... make your own word searches, word scrambles, or print your own business cards. This website has something for everyone!!



Student Council Corner

The Purpose of Banaadir Student Council is:

1. Develop positive attitudes and practice good citizenship
2. To actively involve the school to work together to achieve common goals
3. To improve student and faculty relationships
4. To improve school morale
5. To plan special projects and events

Upcoming Events: Spirit Week

Spirit Week will be the week before Thanksgiving/ EID break.

Monday, November 23rd is Hat Day and Tuesday, November 24th is School Color Day. Get ready!

Student Council Members (Officers):

3rd Aliya Ahmed
 4th Sumaya Ahmed
 5th Ahmed Ahmed
 6th Huda Geylani (Treasurer)
 Caisha Karie
 Fadumo Mohamed (Secretary)
 7th Munira Aden (Vice President)
 Ismail Ugas
 8th Nuh Aden
 Mohamed Ahmed
 Nuney Said (President)



What Is The Definition of Bullying?

A lot of young people have a good idea of what bullying is because they see it every day! Bullying happens when someone hurts or scares another person on purpose and the person being bullied has a hard time defending himself or herself. Usually, bullying happens over and over.

- Punching, shoving, and other acts that hurt people physically
- Spreading bad rumors about people
- Keeping certain people out of a "group"
- Teasing people in a mean way
- Getting certain people to "gang up" on others

Bullying also can happen online or electronically. **Cyberbullying** is when children or teens bully each other using the Internet, mobile phones or other cyber technology. This can include:

- Sending mean text, email, or instant messages
- Posting nasty pictures or messages about others in blogs or on Web sites
- Using someone else's user name to spread rumors or lies about someone

Information taken from:

<http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/kids/is-bullying.aspx>