

Banaadir Academy School Newsletter

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Principal's News

Shawn Fondow
Director

In November, I presented a plan at our parent meeting to potentially move our school to a new site in a building dedicated to Banaadir and the Banaadir community. One week later a group of 15 parents and 4 staff visited the site to tour the facility. This location offers more classrooms and offices. The building is split into "pods" of classrooms that would allow for grade level groups to be located near one another. The school has a full working kitchen. This would allow for culturally appropriate lunches to be prepared on site daily. Finally, the new building has an outdoor playground for students to exercise on. Needless to say, the group came away from the tour very excited about the possibilities a dedicated building provides for teaching and learning.

To make this possibility a reality, Banaadir needs a few things from our parents. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend school board meetings. Our school board needs to hear the voice of Banaadir. We also have a petition in the office that you can sign to show your support for a new site for Banaadir. The last thing you can do to help us reach our goal of a dedicated building for Banaadir is to write a letter supporting a new site for Banaadir.

Thank you for all of your support in working with your children this year. The next school board meeting is January 19th at 4:30. It would be great to see some of you there.

Mr. Fondow

Important Dates

**December 26 -
January 6**

No school

January 16

No School

January 19

Parent
Committee mt

January 20

End of Quarter 2

January 23

No School

February 20

EID make-up day

February 23

Family Night
(4:30-6:30) and
Annual Mt. 6:30

March 2

No School

March 11

Daylight Savings
time (Clocks
move forward)

March 29

End of Quarter 3
Parent Teacher
Conferences

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

These students have been recognized for being the kindest and most compassionate in their classrooms.

- K= Mohamed Muse and Fardosa Hersi
- 1st= Abdullahi Mohad and Yasir Iman
- 2nd= Mumtaza Mohamed and Samera Abdillahi
- 3rd= Bushra Hagi and Marwa Elfil
- 4th= Ibrahim Hosh and Nimco Abdi
- 5th= Lul Abdi
- 6th= Hafsa Mohamed
- 7th= Deko Barre
- 8th= Fadumo Abshir



On October 27th we had a great family event at Banaadir!

Thank you for participating in the first Family night of the year. The students seemed to really enjoy the math games that they were playing, and it

Meet Your Teachers!

Ms. Eilertson

Interviewed by Sumaya W, and
Sumaya Y.

What do u like to do in your free time?

Coach and play basketball and workout

What is your favorite sport?

Basketball and tennis

Do you have any siblings?

Yes, 3 younger Brothers

Was your dream to be a teacher?

No a WNBA Basketball player.

How old are you?



Ms. Patterson

Interviewed by Hafsa (6th Grade) and
Saynab (6th Grade)

Why do you have a piano?

When Banaadir first opened I was going to teach music but decided not to teach music in order to respect the culture.

Where were you born?

Iowa, the vowel state

Are you Irish?

Only enough to give me a bad temper.

Do you have a hobby?

My hobbies are African dancing, improve acting, and illustrating a new book.

What do you do for fun?

I walk to the bog by my house, and I also like to cook foreign foods.

Do you have adopted children?

All of my former students are my adopted children.

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

Because I love two things: children and education. It just made sense for me to be a teacher.

Do you live close by?

No I don't, I live in Tornado Alley

Do you like being a teacher?

Yes

Are you scared of any animals?

No, I am not scared of any animals but I am scared of the basement and Chuck-E-Chesses

Do you still have your scorpion belt?

Yes I do, and I got it from Mexico.

HONOR ROLL

This year marks the beginning of a special honor for some of our students. Students in grades 6th - 8th were recognized for their grades at the assembly in November. Here is the list of student on the A Honor Roll and the B Honor Roll for Quarter 1.

A Honor Roll

6th Grade -

Aisha Abdi
SamSam Abdillahi
Sumaya Warsame

7th Grade -

Ahmed Ahmed

8th Grade -

Issatou Diallo

B Honor Roll

6th Grade -

Hawa Aden
Nasteho Ahmed
Nasra Ali
Sumaya Hussein
Hafsa Mohamed
Saynab Mohamed

7th Grade -

Abdirahman Muse

8th Grade -

Yahye Gayre

Congratulations! Keep Up the Good Work!

