



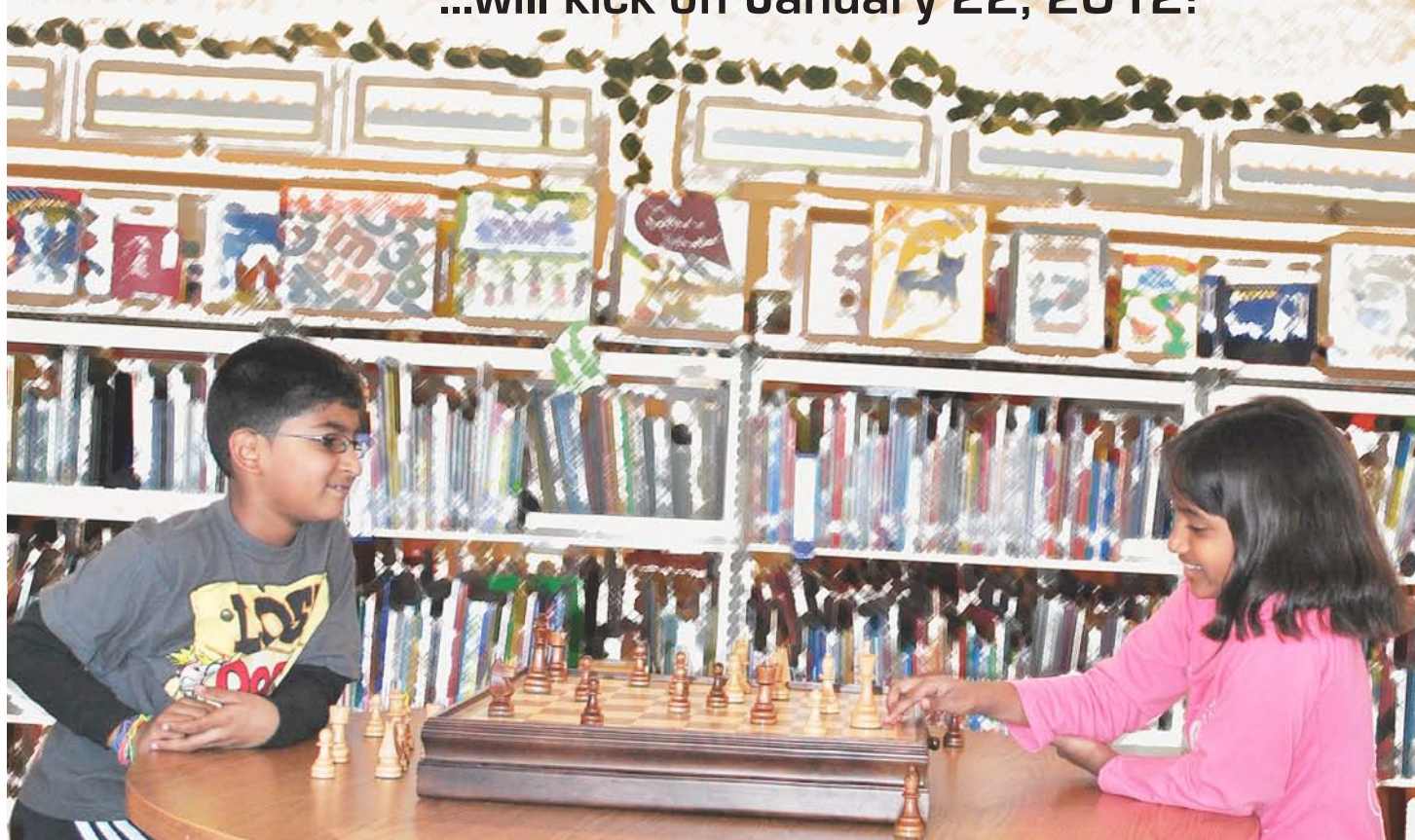
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news from the trunk
Thursday, January 19, 2012

Session 3

ASAP

...will kick off January 22, 2012!



No School for Students

PD on Differentiation, Thursday, January 26, 2012



Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

For those of us who are keen football supporters, I am sure that we are all anxiously awaiting the African Cup of Nations that starts in two days time. While the football in this tournament is always fast flowing and entertaining the highlight for me is watching all the superstars from Europe as they come home to Africa to represent their countries with love, pride and passion. Many of us will be glued to the television as Sudan takes the field and challenges some of the games greats. The clash between Sudan and the Ivory Coast will be a particular highlight as we will be taking on the likes of Didier Drogba, the Toure brothers, Didier Zokora and Emmanuel Eboue all of whom are heroes to many young boys all around the world.

What amazes me is how the Africa is able to continuously produce superstars while many countries fail to have a structured development programs in place and young boys learn their craft in the various parks and streets throughout the continent.

Here at Khartoum American School we are aware that opportunities for students to play sports or to engage in activities outside of school are limited. Therefore we make a special effort to ensure that we have an outstanding After School Activity Program in place. This quarter's program has been set and there a good range of activities for students to participate in and from the overwhelming response from students it appears that they really enjoy our ASA program.

While I am confident that this quarter our ASA program will be an outstanding success I am anxiously awaiting the following quarter when the pool will be ready, and students will also be gearing up for the end of year musical production.

I hope that everyone continues to take advantage of the beautiful weather we are presently experiencing and as always have a great weekend.



Letter from the Middle and High School Principal Susan Boutros

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

2011 was a very good year for Khartoum American School. This could easily be noticed the minute anyone walks through the gates of our school. There have been great improvements in all areas of the school. I am sure that 2012 will hold new challenges, great opportunities and many successes.

I am really happy that second semester is off to a good start. The beginning of the semester was smooth; proving that our teachers and students have come back well prepared to go back to the school routine. All students are already very busy learning and exploring new material while acquiring knowledge and skills.

The first semester report cards are going home today. These report cards are very detailed. Please spend some time going over the report card and discussing it with your child. Please remember to praise a good report card but also don't forget to talk openly about the courses your child did not do as well as expected on. You can help your child develop a plan of action with goals for improvement.

I am looking forward to a great 2012 and a fantastic second semester!



Learning Center Corner

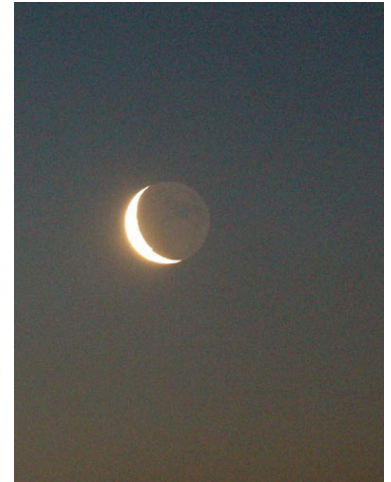
Report cards will be coming home on Thursday, January 19. This is a great opportunity to make plans for semester two. Read the comments written by your teachers carefully. Look for some key words of advice and choose one or two to focus on improving. Our advice from the Learning Center, is that you keep one binder with all of your papers in it. Take time to organize your papers daily. Write in your planner daily, even if all you write is what you did in each class. Having all your papers where you can find them, and all your assignments written in one place will make a tremendous impact on your ability to hand things in on time and therefore on your grade. If you need help getting organized, come by the Learning Center any time!



Space Explorers

KAS Grade 5 students are becoming space experts!

They have been learning about our solar system in Discovery. The unit will continue to focus on the movement of and relationship between the Earth, Moon, and Sun and will also include the gathering of research about the planets within our solar system. The class will complete a one-month "moon calendar," showing the phases of the moon throughout a lunar cycle. They will also build a model that demonstrates the phases of the Moon. Throughout, each student will be researching one of the planets in our solar system. In Writing, the students have been studying the multi-paragraph essay format. They compared the format of multi-paragraph writing to the format the class wrote in all through the first semester, the long paragraph expository format.



Multi-paragraph essays are basically s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d out long paragraphs, with many more details and much more information included. Following a whole-class write, providing practice and an example for future reference, Grade 5 will begin using the research they collected about their planet to write a five-paragraph essay. Each student's essay will highlight the meaning behind the name of their planet, its comparison with Earth, and other interesting/fun facts about it. Grade 5 students will demonstrate all their knowledge of our solar system by using technology. More specifically, they will create a video scrapbook with the iMovie program; each student's video will catalogue their learning experience during these overlapping, integrated units, from beginning to end.

Look out, space programs of the world...these kids may be headed your way!



After School Activities Program

Session 3

January 22nd - March 7th

ASAP



Sunday, Monday and Wednesday until 3 PM!

Sunday
Crafts, Outdoor Fun, Side Walk Chalk, Indoor Fun, Sign Language, French Club, African Dance, Sport/Rugby/Cricket
Monday
Outdoor Fun, Indoor Activities, Library FUN!, Arts & Crafts, Ceramics, Artsy, Book Club, Soccer, Running Club
Wednesday
Outdoor Fun, Math, Indoor Activities, Ultimate Outdoor Fun, Jump Rope, Guerrilla Art

We are looking for parent volunteers for ASAP Session 4

You can offer any activity that you enjoy and would like to share with students for one hour, one day a week for seven weeks! As the weather heats up, we would like to have many small indoor group activities so please volunteer! We would like to limit the size of activity groups to a maximum of 10 students so we need volunteers! Email bvoborsky@krtams.org to volunteer or for suggested activities that you could offer.



**MR. HOVDE'S
AMAZING**



Winners:

- Julia - Grade 1,
- Yasmine - Grade 2,
- Arjun - Grade 3,
- Tina - Grade 4,
- Bane - Grade 5,
- Jamal - Grade 8 and
- Fu - Grade 12

Elementary School Math problem:

Kindergarten: Count the ice cream cones. How many are there?

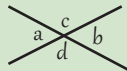
Grade 1: Write two different problems for the fact family: 6, 10, and 16.

Grade 2: How many sides does a hexagon have?

Grade 3: Mrs. Kirby wants to buy each student in her class a snack. There are 16 students. Mrs. Kirby has 50 SDG. How much money can she spend per student? If banana muffins are 2 SGD and pancakes are 4 SDG, which snack should she buy?

Grade 4: The Seikan Tunnel in Japan has a length of 33.49 miles. The Moscow Metro in Russia has a length of 19.07. What is the total length of the two tunnels?

Grade 5: Angles c and d are v_r_i_a_l and co_g_nt. If angle c = 120 degrees, what are the measures of angles a, b, and d?



Middle School Math problem:

Use the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 to solve ONE + ONE = TWO

High School Math problem:

If you invest \$5,000 at a rate of return of 5%, compounded annually, how long will your investment take to double value?

Solutions from the last week: **Grade 1:** 6+4=10; 10-6=4; 10-4 =6 **Grade 2:** 7:05 **Grade 3:** 90 crayons **Grade 4:** 2.89 **Grade 5:** angle b=50 degrees; angle c=130 degrees; angle d=130 degrees **Middle School:** 99 + 22 = 121 **High School:** (9⁹)⁹ or 9^{9^9} or nine raised to the ninth power raised to the ninth power, whichever are easier to put into the enews

Circle one:

High School Middle School Elementary School

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Answer: _____

KAS Sport's News

After a nice winter break, our KAS soccer teams are back in action. Last Thursday, the 11&Under boys' team did well against their opponents. They only lost one match to Unity 4-2. They had one draw with KICS, but won their other two games against Al-Jazeera and Nile Valley. Well done, boys! The U14 and U19 boys also played at KAS on Tuesday, January 17 against Al-Jazeera. The younger team played a very close game, but ended up losing by just one goal. The senioplayers continued their unbeaten streak against Al-Jazeera. With only a few weeks left to play, the soccer season is getting exciting. All the teams are closely matched, and anything could happen in the matches to come. Good luck teams!

Soccer Camp at KAS



Soccer Camp is held every Friday morning from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM for elementary students. You are welcome to attend.

Message from the PTA

KAS PTA would like to thank all who made the KAS FAMILY COOKBOOK the success it is!

Thank you to those who helped to bring it to life.

Thank you to those who bought the book.

Thank you to those who tried the recipes and came back to thank us and let us know what a big hit they turned out to be - ENJOY!!!!

We couldn't have done this without all of you.

You can find the KAS FAMILY COOKBOOK at the office and the library so do come over and see what all the fuss is about, try out the recipes and ENJOY!!!

KAS FAMILY COOKBOOK

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