

NEWS

news from the trunk

Thursday, May 24, 2012



Graduation 2012

Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Peace Garden, KAS



Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

Finally!!

The pool is finished and as the school winds down we have already had our first swimmers dive into our newly constructed swimming pool, and from all reports it is fantastic!

While many of us have ridden the roller coaster of missed deadlines and unexpected delays, others have been astonished that a project of this magnitude could be finished so quickly here in Sudan.

This latest upgrade in our school facilities will hopefully provide hours of entertainment for our school community, a respite from the heat for our students during their PE and activity times and also an added incentive for new families to come and join our wonderful school community.

This Friday at 10.00 AM we will be cutting the ribbon and life guards will be ready to accept a community of swimmers into the pool. So please clear your calendar and come along with the family.

We have waited a long time for this day to arrive and now that it is here I look forward to sharing it with all of you.

As always please enjoy this special weekend.

Letter from the Elementary School Principal, Ben Voborsky

KAS will be wrapping up another successful school year with swim parties! This year we no longer have to travel to find a swimming pool. We will enjoy the newly opened KAS swimming pool with burgers, fries, and drinks poolside.

The Elementary Program was very strong this year and the teachers that make up the Elementary Team are the ones responsible for creating and delivering such an innovative and effective program. We have seen dramatic growth in our students and have watched them experience the excitement of learning. Our professional team of educators agree with David Senge that, "there is no experience like a great teaching moment". From flowcabulary to mad minutes, teachers have motivated and encouraged our KAS students to do their best and maximize their potential.

The innovations will continue next year with the 1:1 Macbook program and the Ipad program for Early Childhood and Early Elementary years. These innovations will bring the world to our students' fingertips. Putting technology in the hands of every student has far reaching implications on the way we educators have to think about our classrooms. Old models of stand and deliver are no longer effective. We must learn to be facilitators to guide student choices and learning experiences. Technology integration sets the stage for differentiated instruction and engaging work. While students are enjoying the vacation, I hope they are reading, journaling, and practicing IXL Math so they are prepared for next year. KAS teachers will be enjoying their vacations while working hard to prepare for the successful implementation of the 1:1 environment at KAS. It has been an exceptional school year, enjoy the extended summer break, and get ready for 2012-2013!



The Life Skills

The Life Skills course was designed to help high school students develop basic skills to be successful in life. The students learned about planning for success post-high school, and getting off to a good start at a college or a new job. The emphasis was on learning to take care of yourself and readiness for going away to college or starting a career. Topics included: Personal Health & Well-Being, Home Care/Cleaning/Cooking, Personal Finances/Budgeting, Buying & Maintaining a Car, Career Planning, College Prep, and Organizing Your Apartment.

“Our Life Skills class recently completed a unit on cooking and home care. We went over cookware, utensils, types of cooking and home care. For our final lesson we went to Ms. Vianale’s apartment to learn how to do laundry, vacuum, and bake pizza. Mrs. Liza showed us a basic Italian recipe and it tasted fantastic! We all had a great time eating and drinking soda.”

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STORYBOOKS IN GRADE 3

The Grade 3 Class has been working hard, and spending extra time in Computer class with Ms. Egbal this semester. In addition to improving their typing skills and learning more about using Microsoft Word, students have been creating storybooks using Power Point. They were given the opportunity to explore the application and learn how to use it by designing stories that are suitable for lower elementary grade levels. The class was able to share their hard work with the Grade 1 Class this week. Presenting to the Grade 1 Class was the perfect opportunity for students to share their published work with an audience!



CLASS OF 2012
Khartoum American School



KAS graduated 12 students this year and all 12 were accepted to attend at least one university. The students applied to over 60 universities throughout the world. Many students were accepted to more than one school and in some cases 8 schools. The application process is complicated and time consuming (in some, taking the entire year), especially when they still attend their regular classes. There was a great sense of relief and pride in their dual accomplishments. Congratulations to all and good luck in your future education. I enjoyed working with every one of you!

Greg Collins, KAS School Counselor

KAS Class of 2012

- Miraaj Yousif - Sunderland U., UK
- Xianli Fu - Penn State U., Pennsylvania, USA
- Mengfei Wang - Drexel U., Philadelphia, USA
- Moumin Ahmed EInefeidi - Orange County College, Laguna, CA
- Iman Hani Hassan Mohamed - Durham University, UK
- Hiam Mamdouh Alsanousi - American University Dubai, UAE
- Bole Zhu - Depauw University, Indiana, USA
- Waad Hatim Abuegasim Mukhtar - University of Medical Science and Technology, Khartoum, Sudan
- Awab Safeldin - Carlton University, Ottawa CA
- Mustafa A. Elamin - Algomen University, Toronto, Ontario CA
- Badr Mamoun EInefeidi - Saddleback College, Laguna Beach, CA USA
- Saba Asif Khan - St. Catharine’s University, Ontario, CA



MR. HOVDE'S AMAZING



WINNERS:

- LEWAN-KG,
- MUFENG-G1,
- SYAHMI-G2,
- AMSYAR-G3,
- RAFIZA-G4.

The Amazing Math Contest was a huge success this year. We had many students drawn for weekly prizes but more importantly a majority of students participated every week. The KAS team effort to highlight Math really paid off this year. Students sat down at home and figured the Math problems. Parents worked together with their children if there were questions. This would not have been possible without the support from the homeroom teachers who assisted in the creation of the weekly questions. By far, the biggest thanks go out to the face of the Amazing Math Contest, Mr. Hovde, and the organizational efforts of Ms. Wood! Their backstage efforts came forth every Monday morning when they drew the winners for the week. Be on the look out for more Math questions next year!

Message From the KAS Elementary Teachers

We, KAS elementary teachers, can hardly believe it's the end of the school year already! We've all been so busy working and playing hard in our classrooms, time has flown by. Because this is the last week of school, we must say goodbye to the math contest for now. Thank you to all who participated and supported this chance for students to extend their learning in math!

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of keeping up with math practice over the summer. Students will benefit significantly from activating their mathematics knowledge while they are away from school.

We recommend that they regularly use IXL.com over the summer. IXL provides a wide variety of math skills practice and helps students to track their own progress. The students' logins and passwords will remain active throughout the summer, so please encourage them to use them!

KAS Sport

The Khartoum American School teams have done a great job this year. With so much growth and success from the coaches and players, next year should prove to be even better.

There are no plans to change the seasons for next year. Basketball will still be the first season, followed by soccer, and finally volleyball. Both the basketball and soccer seasons will have every team play each other twice. Once at home, and once as an away game. The volleyball season will also follow the round-robin format of this year. It proved to be the best way to provide the most games while using the fewest amount of days.

All of the KAS teams should be very proud of their accomplishments. They represented our school well and were able to play as a team while at the same time, seeing success.

If you have not returned your uniform yet, why not!?! If you do not return them before the end of the year, you may be paying for it. You may also jeopardize your chances of playing again next year. You can give your uniforms to Mr. Kirby.



The Learning Center would like to congratulate everyone associated with it, on so many accomplishments this year. This academic year, we have seen...

- students receive accommodations that allowed them to truly represent their knowledge on assignments and tests
 - classroom teachers modify instruction, methods, assignments, tests, and timelines to facilitate success for as many students as possible
 - cooperating teachers proactively differentiating for the needs of their students and others
 - staff cooperating inside and outside the classroom to facilitate student on-task behavior
 - high traffic in the Learning Centers, with students seeking and receiving skills and study help
 - diligent study and work in preparation for, and writing of, exams
 - tireless, and cheerful dedication from staff and students
- CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE**

School Calendar 2012 / 2013	
August 28, 2012	First Day of School for Nursery/Preschool
August 29, 2012	First Day of School
October 26 - November 3, 2012	Fall Break (Eid al Adha)
November 15 - 17, 2012	Long Weekend (Islamic New Year)
December 21, 2012 - January 7, 2013	Winter Break
January 24 - 26, 2013	Long Weekend (Prophet Mohamed's Birthday)
March 22 - 31, 2013	Spring Break
May 3 - 6, 2013	Long Weekend (Easter and Sham El Nasim)
June 9, 2013	Last Day of School
Total Student Days: 176	
Subject to change as conditions may warrant.	