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news from the trunk

Wednesday, January 23, 2013



Community Spirit

ASAP Session III

From Sunday, January 27, 2013 at KAS



Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

We always promote ourselves as a community school and this sense of community manifests itself in many different ways. Usually it involves our students, parents and teachers all working together to make Khartoum American School the best it can be. One additional area that many people are not necessarily aware of in terms of our community spirit is the support and help that we offer our school workers. Each year we host a Special Fatour every Ramadan, friendly soccer matches, as well as our annual Gift of Giving event. Most significantly however are the special ESL classes that we offer where we teach many of our local workers English.

As many as 40 workers enthusiastically attend these special ESL classes on a weekly basis and their passion for learning matches that of our children. Moreover, the interactions that take place between our workers, teachers and high school students who support the program is phenomenal. To say that they thrive in these classes is a definite understatement and the ethos of lifelong learning in action is truly a sight to behold.

These classes have been one of the best-kept secrets at KAS, but we would now like to spread the word and encourage parents to come along and be a part of this wonderful experience. If you are interested in sharing your time and helping teach English, your support would be truly appreciated. While we do not pay for this volunteer work the rewards are massive and the overall benefits to our school are enormous. If you do have some time to spare on a Tuesday evening from 4-5 p.m. and are interested in helping please contact the coordinator of this project, Mr. Merkel-Hess for details either by email; smerkel-hess@krtams.org or by telephone; 0921044091.

As always have a wonderful weekend.



Letter from the Elementary School Principal, Ben Voborsky

Today we reach a very important milestone in our school year, the end of the first semester. Things are wrapping up and our students are completing their assessments. Report cards are being written and readied to go home. Goodbye semester one, Hello Semester Two!

On Sunday, a whole new exciting semester of learning and activities will get underway. The After School Activities Program Session 3 will be kicking off with one session per week devoted to preparing our students for the yearly KAS musical and a whole new list of engaging activities. Activities include Reading for Pleasure, 3D construction, Math Club, Electronics Fun, Party Bites, French Club, Cursive Writing, Art and Design, Baking Club, Dance for Kids, Outdoor Play, and Countries and Culture Crafts. The swimming pool is open for those who are willing to brave the "Khartoum cold" but ASAP swimming activities will be scheduled again in ASAP session 4.

We need you! If you are interested in being a guest reader at our elementary morning assembly, please email Ms. Shannon at sshannon@krtams.org. We can even assist you in selecting a short and fun book. If you are interested in offering an after school activity starting in session 4 or just helping out during session 3, please email Ms. Kirby at kkirby@krtams.org.

Enjoy the long weekend and see you back here Sunday morning at 7:15 AM to kick off the second semester.

After School Activities Program SESSION 3

| Sunday | Monday | Wednesday |
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| Jan 27 | Jan 28 | Jan 30 |
| Feb 3 | Feb 4 | Feb 6 |
| Feb 10 | Feb 11 | Feb 13 |
| Feb 17 | Feb 18 | Feb 20 |
| Feb 24 | Feb 25 | Feb 27 |
| March 3 | March 4 | March 6 |
| March 10 | March 11 | March 13 |
| March 17 | March 18 | March 20 |

Internet safety at KAS



Grade 4 has been waiting patiently for their laptops to arrive.



Well that day has come!



In order to prepare ourselves, we have been talking about how we can be safe when using the Internet.



It's never too late to learn about Internet safety and how you can protect yourself and your family members.



Here is what the grade 4 class had to say about embarking on this new learning experience:

"I am excited see how our daily learning will change." Asher Habteab

"It will be great to extend our learning inside and outside of school." Elbashir Elbashir

"I'm so excited to work on Edmodo and IXL everyday!" Amina Alzein

Please visit our website www.krtams.org to see student's informational posters for more tips and advice.



Writing Celebration

Khartoum American School's English program at the high school level has undergone huge changes!

This year, we focused heavily on writing by adding five additional courses, specifically targeted towards improving student writing abilities. The courses weren't just about becoming better writers, but about becoming more reflective thinkers as well. We wanted students to really reflect on the writing process and learn who they are as writers.

This reflection has helped our high school students to recognize their personal strengths and weaknesses and everyone made huge gains.

Last Thursday we hosted a high school Writing Celebration, where all students took turns showing off their growth as writers and reflectors by presenting their prezis, online zooming presentations. Here are just a few great prezis from the high school – check them out online and have a look at the website for links to all student portfolios.

Monna (10th grade): <http://prezi.com/xs9k1p8hmoq0/my-writing-in-2012-2013/>

Lina (10th grade): <http://prezi.com/2sujvytfnbcv/my-portfolio/>

Alice (11th grade): <http://prezi.com/dtjr5bcaitkk/alices-personal-writing/>

Elhussein (12th grade): <http://prezi.com/gjm4acks8ytp/writing-portfolio-kas-2012-2013/?kw=viewgjm4acks8ytp&rc=ref-27383405>

Ali (12th grade): <http://prezi.com/4take1x4pf2t/my-awesome-writing-and-how-it-just-keeps-getting-better-by-ali-elomarabi/?kw=view-4take1x4pf2t&rc=ref-27318573>





Anna-KG, Ermina-G1, Muhammed Hadra-G2, Aayaan-G3, Elbashir-G4, Rafiza-G5.

Elementary School Math problem:

Kindergarten: 1. Is the roof above you or below you?
2. Is the floor above you or below you?
3. Do you write with your right or your left hand?

Grade 1: Write four different number sentences that you can make using the numbers 4, 5 and 9.

Grade 2: You have two numbers. The first has a two in the hundreds, a five in the tens and a six in the ones. The second number has a two in the ones, a four in the hundreds and one in the tens. Add the two numbers together and underline the number in the ones place. Remember to read the whole question and to show your work!

Grade 3: Convert feet to inches:
4 feet = _____ inches
6 feet = _____ inches
15 feet = _____ inches

Grade 4: I am thinking of a mystery number. If I multiply it by 9 the answer is 81. What is the number?

Grade 5: Mohammed, Jayden, Fawzia and Anne-Myrthe earned \$6.56 altogether for collecting plastic bottles. How much did each of them earn individually?

Middle School Math problem:

What is the 7th term of the arithmetic sequence -4,-1,2, . . .

High School Math problem:

A rectangular garden is 36 ft by 45 ft. A gardener needs to plant a shrub every 2 ft all the way around the garden. How many shrubs does the gardener need?

Solutions from the last week: **Grade 1:** Answers will vary; **Grade 2:** Answers will vary; **Grade 3:** 16cm ; **Grade 4:** Quotient = 8, divisor = 7, dividend = 56; **Grade 5:** \$780 divided by 6 = \$130.00; **Middle School:** -1389 ; **High School:** 1, -4 ;

Circle one:

✂ High School Middle School Elementary School

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Answer: _____ ✂

Khartoum Cup U18 Girls

Last Saturday, you may have been able to hear the sound of a soccer ball being kicked. You may have felt the electricity in the air. You may even have smelled the sweat from – oh yea, the girls don't sweat, sorry.

The U18 girls started the Khartoum Cup by playing against KICS. Like one of their last meetings, both teams only had enough to play 5-a-side. But unlike their last meeting, the KAS girls trounced KICS! The heat was unbearable, but the girls prevailed. That is when they found out they would play again right away. This time, Unity had enough for 7-a-side, but KAS didn't. Thankfully, four very unselfish girls from the U15 team came across the field to help the U18 girls. That, combined with great passing and a lot of effort, the U18 girls beat Unity 9-0, making KAS the winners of the Khartoum Cup!

0Congratulations girls on a wonderful ending to the season. I want to say a special thank you to the U15 girls' team for showing great sportsmanship and teamwork. Especially, Lujane, Luna, Neema, and MJ. Without these girls, the results may have been very different for the U18 team.



It isn't easy to leave a team you have practiced and played with for the whole season. But, these girls knew the real meaning of teamwork and sportsmanship and put it into practice. Well done girls – and thank you from the U18 girls team!

Swimming Pool Information

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| Sunday | Afternoon Session Only 3.00pm – 6.00pm (IMPORTANT LADIES ONLY, all males including small boys are not permitted to enter the swimming pool area at this time) |
| Monday | Afternoon Session 3.00pm – 6.00pm |
| Tuesday | Pool reserved exclusively for school staff |
| Wednesday | Afternoon Session 3.00pm – 6.00pm |
| Thursday | Afternoon Session 3.00pm – 6.00pm |
| Friday | All Day Swimming 9.00am – 6.00pm |
| Saturday | All Day Swimming 9.00am – 6.00pm |