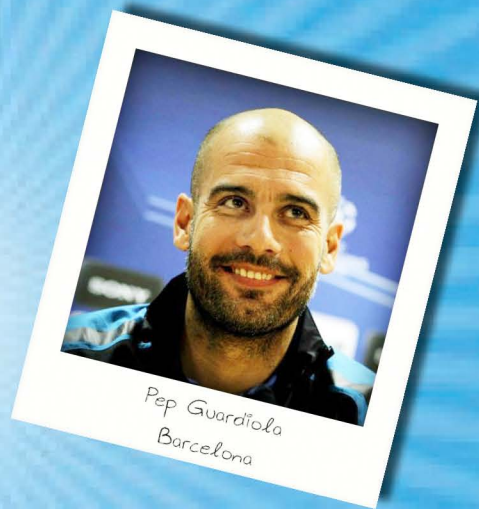
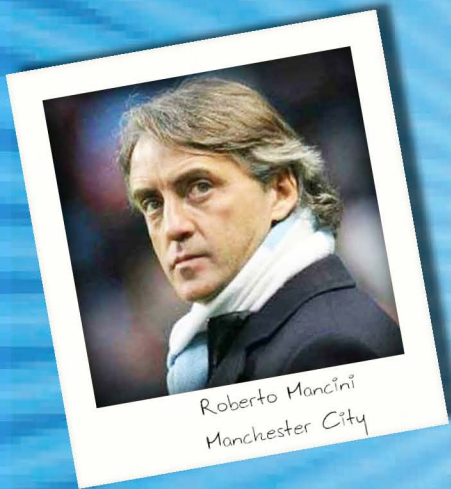
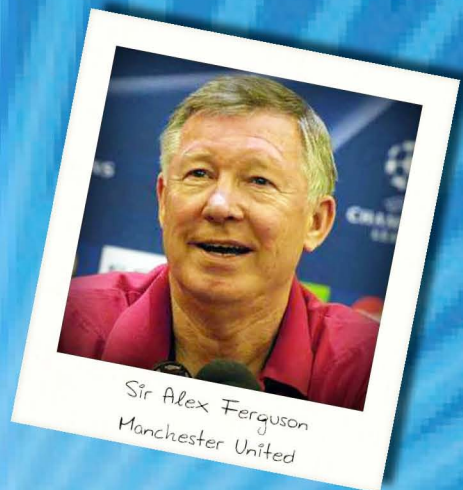
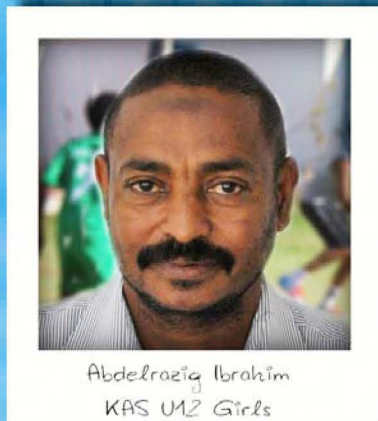
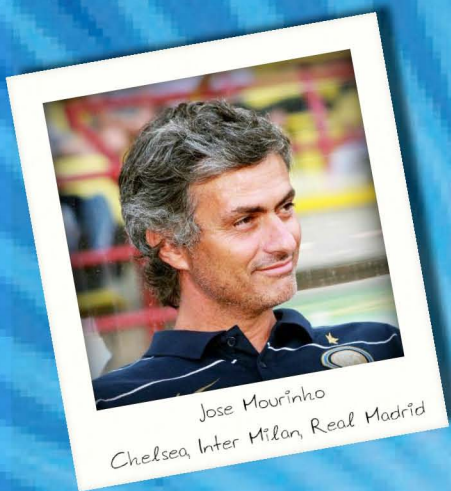


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Thursday, February 28, 2013

What do these **COACHES**
have in **COMMON?**



PTA Family Picnic

Friday, March 1, 2013, from 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm at KAS



Letter from the Superintendent Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

If you look on the cover of our newsletter we have a selection of famous football coaches: Sir Alex Ferguson, Pep Guardiola, Jose Mourinho, Roberto Mancini, and Mr. Abdulrazig. All of who have something in common, what is it?

Here is a small clue in brackets: Sir Alex Ferguson (Manchester United), Pep Guardiola (Barcelona), Jose Mourinho (Chelsea, Inter Milan, Real Madrid), Roberto Mancini (Manchester City), and Mr. Abdulrazig (Khartoum American School, 12 Years Girls, Soccer Team).

I am sure that you guessed correctly they have all won championships with their respective teams. The coach with the fondest memories for us is of course our very own, Mr. Abdulrazig who guided our girl's team to first place in the recently held, KISSC tournament.

The girls distinguished themselves throughout the short but intense season with impressive wins against Nile Valley Academy, Unity High School and KICS, to secure their place as champions. All showed outstanding play, however some players really stood out and are worthy of special mention, these are Mira, Luna and Lujane.

Sport is well and truly alive and well at Khartoum American School, and as the Swimming and Volleyball seasons approach I wish all of our student-athletes well in the weeks and months ahead.

As always have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the PTA picnic this Friday.



Letter from the Middle and High School Principal Susan Boutros

On Wednesday students were asked to stay home because teachers had a Professional Development Day. Maybe the first thing that might come to some parents' minds would be "Another professional development day! What an inconvenience!" I would like to assure you that research has proven that professional days are very beneficial for your child's education.

When asked what they want for their children, parents overwhelmingly agree that they want the best school for their children and the best teacher possible in every classroom. Research confirms that professional development is the most effective strategy schools use to meet this expectation. Professional development ensures that educators continue to improve the school and strengthen their practice throughout their career. Student learning and achievement increase when educators engage in effective professional development focused on the school improvement as a whole and the skills educators need in order to address students' major learning challenges.

Our professional development day was used very effectively. Our faculty worked hard in teams to develop accreditation documentation in preparation for school's mid-point accreditation visit, which will take place next December. Teachers also worked on curriculum review and documentation, and discussed best teaching practices.

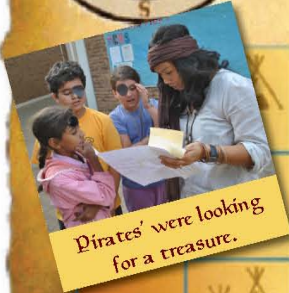
I am sure that as you see the school continually improve, you will realize that the benefits of Professional Development Days to teachers and students far outweigh the scheduling inconvenience.

Have a great weekend!





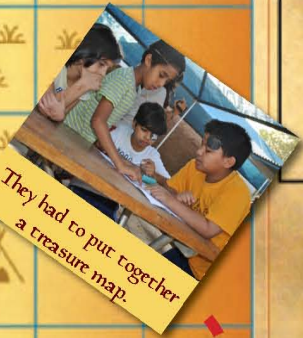
Treasure Map



Pirates' were looking for a treasure.

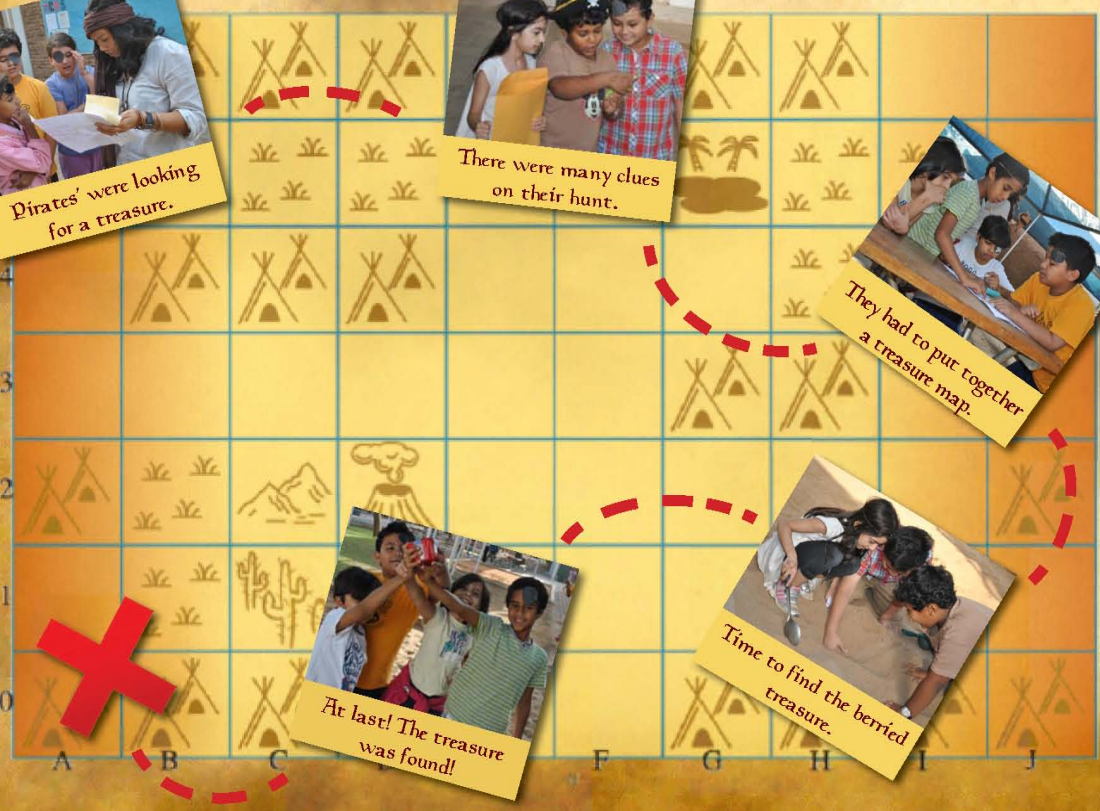


There were many clues on their hunt.



They had to put together a treasure map.

Your teacher has The Key!



At last! The treasure was found!



Time to find the buried treasure.



X Marks The Spot! Grade 3 Searches For KAS's Hidden Treasures! (A Math, Mapping, and Poetry Adventure)

Ahoy Mateys!

The pirates of Third Grade were on a search for a buried treasure this week! With a map and a clue, they were sent on a mission to find more clues around the school that would lead them to Captain Kirby's buried treasures! The wee pirates used coordinates and cardinal directions to seek out 6 clues that revealed a treasure map! After a lot of digging, the treasures were revealed! We mustn't forget that a good pirate shares equally! The Third Grade pirates divided up their treasures to make sure their crew was fair, and happy with the loot!

Ahoy there matey!
We're seeking a clue!
Please give us one,
So we know what to do!

Ahoy there matey!
We're here to ask you
Do you have
Our next clue?

Ahoy there matey!
It's a clue we need.
Please give us one
That we can read.



Cultures in Conflict

Grade 8 has been spending a lot of time studying "Cultures in Conflict" over the last few months. We began with the Crusades and now most recently we have been studying World War II. We use mind maps, reading, video clips, presentations, projects, and discussion. They have examined forms of governments and their leaders, propaganda, as well as reflecting on questions such as "Is war ever justified?" and "Who is guilty in war?" We have coordinated with Ms. Jamie for the students to create their own propaganda posters. This past week they have been researching battles of the war, writing papers, and finding the battlegrounds on Google Earth.

Mr. Hovde's Amazing MATH Contest



Elementary School Math Problem:

Kindergarten: Draw a dime. How much is it worth?

Grade 1: Mr. C has 12 sweets. He has to share them equally with Boki, Nail, Ermina and Lewan. How many sweets will Nail receive?

Grade 2: Go on a shape hunt. How many triangles, squares and diamonds can you find?

Grade 3: 4 pirates found a treasure box with 30 pieces of gold. How many pieces of gold will each pirate get if they share the treasure equally?

Grade 4: Insert parentheses to make the number sentence true: $5 * 4 - 2 = 18$

Grade 5: Rename $\frac{3}{7}$ as a fraction with a denominator of 21.

Middle School Math Problem:

Thomas Jefferson and Ronald Reagan were elected US Presidents in the only years between 1789 and 2000 that were divisible by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10. When were they elected?

High School Math Problem:

The average of 3, 4, 6, and x is equal to six. What is the value of x?

Solutions from the last week: Kindergarten: 1c; Grade 1: *Answers will vary*; Grade 2: $(31+30=61, 61+30=91, 91+9=100)$; Grade 3: 12 pounds; Grade 4: 200km, 50 km, 45 km; Grade 5: *Answers will vary*; Middle School: (A = $\frac{15}{36}$, B = $\frac{5}{12}$); High School: $9^9 \approx 1.96627 \times 10^{27}$;

Circle one:

High School Middle School Elementary School

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Answer: _____

Last Week WINNERS



Mariam-KG, Nabil-G1, Muhammed-G2, Neeka-G3, Hamadelnil-G4, Kareem-G5, Ali-G6 Sakuntala-G7.

Volleyball at KAS

The boys volleyball team won the opening match of the season. The KAS boys team lost the first game to Unity High School before rallying to win the next two. The KAS boys team will be travelling to Unity for their second game next week.



Message from the PTA



We welcome you and your family to come join the family picnic at KAS this Friday, March 1, 2013, from 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

The Family Picnic will be a chance for families to unfold a blanket and enjoy the school grounds with other families. This will be an excellent opportunity to have our entire community come together in a relaxed atmosphere.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Family Picnic and we hope that it lives up to its promise of being great fun for all.

