



Congratulations!

KAS Annual *Art* Exhibition A Great Success!



School closes 11:00am June 2nd Reopens Wednesday August 10th 8:00am

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The year is coming to a close. High school exams are over and tomorrow the seniors will attend their formal graduation ceremony. Elementary School students and their teachers are rapping up classroom instruction by finishing remaining curriculum objectives. There will be awards and recognition assemblies during the final week of the 2015-2016 school year.

The summer break will be an opportunity for the children and teachers to 'recharge their batteries'. Research tells us that rest from work and study is important in order to maximize motivation to learn. Research also tells that it is best to continue to stay intellectually challenged during long school breaks. But the breaks are necessary and important. Perhaps the best advice is to manage the long summer break in a way that is both intellectually stimulating and fun. For example, encourage your child to read books of interest, allow plenty of play (it is the 'work' of children), talk with your child about what was learned during family trips, encourage creative arts activities, keep in touch with friends and relatives who do not live where you are living. Simply allowing time for thinking and reflecting can be intellectually stimulating.

By the time school reopens in August, I know the children will be ready to return to the classroom. It will not take long at all for the children to 'reboot' and get back into the routine of formal learning. Our teachers know that the summer break can make us a bit rusty. They will work quickly and steadily to reorient the children as they refocus on classroom learning. Please contact your child's teacher if you feel there are areas of academic weakness you want your child to work on during the summer.

Congratulations to KAS Art teacher Ms. Maie Hassan and her students on a fabulous art exhibition!

Congratulations to the senior class, and their parents, on the graduation of the Class of 2016. Bravo and well done Class of 2016! Best wishes now and in the future!

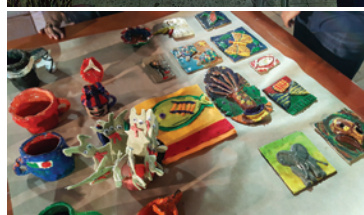
I wish you a pleasant weekend and a wonderful last week of the 2015-2016 school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rob Beck
Superintendent

KAS Annual Art Exhibition from grades KG-12.

Opening ceremony by Dr. Bakri Al Hadi
Dean of the Faculty of Fine Art



Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

We come to the end of another school year, and what a great year it has been! I liken the journey of a school year to a marathon (26 miles / 42 km) race. In this analogy, each week in the adventure of a school year is like a kilometer run in a marathon. And we now enter the stadium to loud cheers and have one kilometer left to the finish line! Just making it this far ensures that we will finish and earn the victory of a year well completed.

When you run a marathon (I ran a few in my younger days), there is no way to hurry the journey. The miles stretch ahead of you, and you have to pace yourself and enjoy each mile as it rolls beneath your feet. If you think too much about how much there still lies ahead of you, it can be overwhelming and you might become discouraged and tempted to quit. So we take each day as the gift of learning opportunities that it is, one day at a time. This is how we pace ourselves in the marathon of the school year.

Three huge factors in our favor at Khartoum American School for winning the marathon race are that we are in good shape (like a physically fit runner) and have the right training and equipment to make the race a success. In such a case running the marathon becomes a fun challenge rather than a grueling ordeal. What determines that we are in good shape for the race of a school year? Our students have a positive attitude towards learning. They have not become jaded by being taught in a mind-numbing manner year after year until they dread school. School is interesting for them every day! They know they are loved and respected by their teachers and administrators, and treated with respect and dignity in the kind, caring,

and creative environment at KAS.

Our right training for the race is the educational background, experience, expertise, and passion that our teachers bring into the classroom. This is like training for many months for a marathon, and being in top form to take on the big race. One can't wait for the starting gun, and for surging ahead in the kick at the end to cross the finish line. Our "right equipment," like a pair of excellent running shoes that are broken in and won't cause blisters, is the excellent facilities that KAS provides to support the learning process.

It has been a pleasure to run the race of this 2015-2016 school year with the awesome students and excellent staff at Khartoum American School. I wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday, and look forward to seeing you in August for the start of another great school year.

Phil Centers

Early Childhood & Elementary Principal



SAYING OF THE WEEK

*If you ask somebody to **Put A Sock In It**, you are asking them to quiet down. In the early days of sound recording and radio broadcasting, the ability to control instrument volumes was severely limited, but orchestras and bands, the forerunners of the modern pop band, were in high demand. Usually the horn sections would drown out the wind instruments and strings in the enclosed studios. In an attempt to even the sound out, horn players muffled their instruments by literally stuffing a sock into the mouth of their instruments, bringing them down to the same sound level as the rest of the band.*

Minette van der Bijl

High School/Middle School English Department



Photos From The Kas Annual Art Exhibition



Saying goodbye

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard. – Winnie the Pooh

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the school year again. They say time flies when you are having fun.....we must have had a lot of fun.

It feels like yesterday that we walked into the school after the long summer holiday. All well rested and excited to meet the new teachers and possibly some new friends. For myself, this is probably the hardest time of the year as it involves a lot of goodbyes. Saying goodbye to my students is hard, knowing that next year they will be with another teacher. Will they remember that I love hugs or that I want to know what words they can read and write or just to hear about their day?

I also love this time of year because it involves reflecting. They have grown and learned so much, and they have achieved even more. Starting to read and write words and sentences. Being successful in Math. My favorite is how independent they have become. That they can have conversations with me and ask questions, which I can see they thought about before asking. We have all grown, and each of them has touched my heart.

**Goodbyes are not forever
Goodbyes are not the end
They simply mean I'll miss you
Until we meet again**

-Author unknown

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