



# news

news from the trunk

Thursday, November 16, 2017



## The **PTA FAIR** IS COMING TO TOWN!

Bring all your friends and family and join us for a family picnic packed with fun and games

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

**3:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**FREE ENTRANCE**

# Superintendent's Message

## Parent Seminars

Thank you to parents for attending an excellent seminar this morning on counseling at KAS. Mr. Douglas Dworak and Ms. Nicole Stacey, our counselors gave a very informative presentation about our program. Other upcoming parent seminar topics:

### December 14, 2017 - The Guiding Statements of KAS

Ms Susan Boutros and Mr. Steve Alexander will present a seminar on the important guiding statements for KAS. This will include the KAS Mission Statement, Vision – the 4 Cs – Character, Curriculum, Community and Citizenship including KAS Global Citizenship.

### January 18, 2018 - "E Safety"

Ms. Egbal Mohamed and Mr. Steve Alexander will present a seminar to parents about electronic safety. This seminar will focus on advice for parents to understand good strategies for helping their children use the internet responsibly and safely

### February 15, 2018

Mr. Douglas Dworak and Mr. Steve Alexander will hold a discussion with parents on American International Schools. What is the effect of having a multi-national staff working in our community? How do we determine one's culture and nationality when you hold more than one passport?

### March 22, 2018

SPACIT – KAS strategic 5 year plan update and what the next 5 years will look like at KAS. Mr. Steve Alexander will present parents with the most recent updates to the KAS SPACIT plan.

### April 19, 2018

Language Learning and the importance of Mother Tongue – what does current research show us about the importance of children having a good foundation of understanding and using their Mother Tongue? How does this affect second language learning and what approach will KAS take to support second language learning next year. KAS Language staff and Mr. Steve Alexander will present information about this important topic.

### May 17, 2018

MAP – Measure of Academic Progress testing and how this is used at KAS to help us understand student growth in Literacy and Math. Ms. Susan Boutros and Ms. Dina Shalash will discuss how we use MAP testing at KAS and how it promotes better understanding of student growth.

### School Calendar 2018-19

The KAS Board of Governors recently approved the academic school calendar for the 2018-19 school year. It is now listed on the KAS website. [www.krtams.org](http://www.krtams.org)

**Steve Alexander**  
KAS Superintendent



# Thanksgiving Lunch at KAS



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**  
What Are You Thankful For?



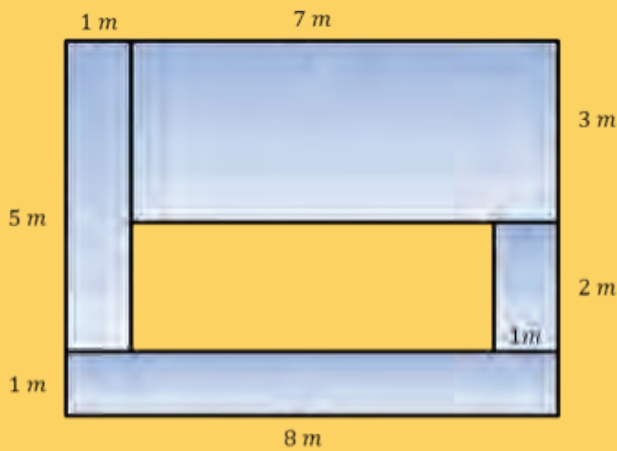
# MATH CORNER



## Middle School Math

Ahmed wants to cover the missing portion of his deck with soil in order to grow a garden.

- What is missing portion of the deck. Write the expression and evaluate it
- Find the missing portion using two different methods other than the above. Explain your reasoning.



**Wendy Liu**  
MS/HS Math Teacher

## NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT



The HS girls ended their basketball season in spectacular fashion. They played a tough fought championship game in which Sumin Park hit a buzzer beater to give the girls a two-point victory over Nile Valley. The final score was KAS 28 and 26 NV. If you see any of the girls congratulate them on their 2017 basketball championship win! Go KAS!

**Breyon Burrell**  
Athletic Director

## ANNOUNCEMENT

# KAS POOL

**The pool will close 3:00  
pm on Friday, November  
24, 2017**

## Saying of the Week

To get off **Scot Free** means to have escaped punishment and avoided the consequence of a bad deed. The origin of the phrase is traced to Scandinavia (not Scotland as it would appear) and the word 'scot' meaning 'payment'. Around the 13th century a great municipal tax called 'scot' was imposed on the Scandinavian people. All households were required to pay according to their means but the peasants were exempt. They were known as the 'scot-free'. In England the scot tax lasted in some places for hundreds of years, finally petering out during the Westminster electoral reforms in 1836. It is also known that during the Middle Ages innkeepers would hold a record of a person's drinking on a slate called a scot and to leave an establishment without paying was known as 'going scot free'.

**Minette van der Bijl**  
High School English Department