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news from the trunk

Thursday, December 21, 2017



School will close for Winter Break and will reopen on Monday, January 15, 2018.



CHRISTMAS CAROL AT THE US EMBASSY

Superintendent's Message

Winter Break – I want to wish all KAS families and staff a great winter break. Please enjoy the time with family and friends wherever you are.

School Resumes – Reminder that school resumes for students on Monday, January 15, 2018.

January 18, 2018 Parent Seminar - "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.

News from the School Board – The Board approved at its last meeting that we will hire an elementary principal and an Admissions Director to begin work at the beginning of the next school year. The next School Board meeting will be held at 6 pm on January 21st in our school conference room next to the football pitch.

Pool Reminder – Please note that the KAS swimming pool will be closed during the Winter Break.

Steve Alexander
KAS Superintendent

Team Work in The Third Grade



Here at KAS we place great importance on teamwork and group cooperation. In the 3rd grade we believe in this philosophy whole-heartedly. This is immediately evident when you walk into the classroom. The students are seated at tables of three or four and these seating arrangements become little communities within the classroom. At any point during the day a visitor would be able to see this philosophy in action. From morning reading groups to mathematics and science in the afternoon our students are always learning how to work together. They practice this skill on the playground as well. Our friendship bench is the perfect example of this. If a student is having a hard time finding someone to play with that student can sit on the bench. Other students see that student and come over and ask him or her to join them. It is that kind of teamwork and caring that makes KAS a truly special place to learn and teach. Be sure to stop by and witness the magic taking place every day.

Allissandra Butzbach
Grade 3 Teacher

Little Artists at KAS

So often you find that the students I am trying to inspire are the ones who end up inspiring me.

As part of the students' assessment in art class I randomly interviewed some of my art students to Look For Learning. I was so proud of their answers and thought it would be nice to share them with the KAS family.

Here are some of their unedited answers:

What did you learn in art class?

I learned that art class is wonderful. I also learned how to draw a wolf. And I know that there is a straight line, wiggly line and zigzag lines. Lines and shapes make up all the pictures. I also learned how to make portraits.

Aina and Julie
Grade 2

I learned to color up down up down small strokes and I learned how to draw big drawings. I learned how to hold the brush like a pencil and make it dance on its tippy toes.

Toby and Moh .k.
Grade 1

We learned how to draw a sarcophagus and its different patterns. We are also learning how to draw human figures. We learned how to hold the brush like a pencil and not put too much paint.

Tareg and Sultan
Grade 3

This semester we learned how to have gentle strokes that enhance our drawings and helps us become better artists. We learned how to express our feelings using art. We drew self-portraits, and then designed backgrounds to match our feelings. Colors were a huge impact on our art and drawings, to show feelings without using words. The colors that we used to paint our skulls showed festive and content vibes that had a lot of meaning to do with the dead of the day in Mexico.

Lujain & Reem
Grade 5

I learned about organic shapes and the geometric shapes. I learned to paint with the tippy toes of the brush and not give it a bad hair day. And not to put too much water and too much paint on the brush. We also learned how to over lap and paint like the Australian paintings.

Haneen and Danny
Grade 4

Maie Hassan
Art Teacher



Celebrate the Holidays with a Little Arts and Crafts!

Happy Holidays KAS Community! We can all use a well-deserved break after working so hard this semester. Why not enjoy some arts and crafts over the holiday? After all, it has been said that "art is as natural as sunshine and as vital as nourishment." Arts and crafts are a great way to spend time together as a family, especially on the holidays. So, grab a paintbrush and some glue and get busy!

Winter Craft Ideas

1. Paper Plate Penguin

Materials:

- Paper plate.
- Black craft paint.
- Paintbrush.
- Glue.
- Scraps of paper (orange, black, white).



For more information,

visit: <http://ourpotluckfamily.com/paper-plate-penguin/>

2. Ripped Paper Tree

Materials:

- Construction Paper.
- Glue Sticks.



For more information,

visit: <http://totsfamily.com/ripped-paper-tree/>

3. Artwork Candle

Materials:

- White tissue paper.
- Markers.
- Pillar candles (white or other light colors would work best).
- Waxed paper or parchment paper.
- Hair dryer or heat embossing gun.



Leena Salih
Student Support Services



ANNOUNCEMENT

KAS POOL

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THE KAS POOL WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE WINTER BREAK AND WILL REOPEN AGAIN AFTER THE BREAK.

Saying of the Week

Spondulics is a slang word for money. According to the *Oxford English Dictionary* it is a word of 'fanciful origin', but Greeks believe it can be traced back to their ancient language and the word 'spondulikos', which derives from 'spondulos', a type of seashell. Apparently this shell was once used as a currency and is very likely to have been the origin of our slang phrase. In addition the Greek word for spine, or vertebrae, is 'spondylo' and a stack of coins could resemble a spine. This suggestion is supported by John Mitchell in his book *A Manual Of The Art Of Prose Composition*, first published in 1867, in which he lists 'spondulics' as a 'coin pile ready for counting'.

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