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SPIRIT WEEK AT KAS

Superintendent's Message

Dear KAS Community,

I wanted to give you an update about the cafeteria – both the building itself and the plans for food service.

Firstly, I want to acknowledge how long many parents have been waiting, firstly, for this facility to exist and secondly for the building itself to finish. I can only imagine the impatience you have.

Thank you for completing the survey with your ideas about the food in the new cafeteria. Your input is very much appreciated. A food committee, made up of community members, will meet next week to review the results. If, as a parent, you are interested in joining this committee please let me know via email (bdavies@krtams.org) so I can send you the date and time of the first meeting.

Supplies for the cafeteria are arriving from Dubai and Australia and construction of the building continues. I can assure you that progress is being made and I am checking in regularly on the construction to ensure everything is completed as quickly as possible.

We are all excited about this new chapter in KAS' history and are planning to make it a reality as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

Bridget Davies
KAS Superintendent
bdavies@krtams.org

KAS UPCOMING EVENTS

December 11: Board Meeting

December 12: Cinderella - MS Performance

December 14: Junior Soccer and Senior Basketball at KICS

December 19: ECC/ES Holiday Assembly and 4Cs Awards and Early Dismissal

December 19: Winter Break

A Message From the SSS Department

With winter break right around the corner, things are getting pretty hectic. Routines usually get tossed out the window due to celebrations, travel, as well as having guests from out-of town. Please remember that as you prepare for the holidays do ensure that you keep your children engaged in reading and learning throughout the holidays.

Some strategies to ensure that your child is engaged include:

1. Making reading fun by reading holiday stories to your child. Read bedtime stories to your child daily and get into this routine throughout the winter break.
2. Borrow books from our school library. Assist your child in picking books they are interested in reading.
3. Use your travel time as reading time. Take this opportunity to practice reading skills. Read street signs and billboards along the way. Try to find the alphabet on the license plates, count the number of red (or white or green) cars you see.
4. Start a tradition. Have a winter break story time and make this a tradition. This will connect reading time with happy memories.

When you interact with your child around books, you are able to show them that books are important and worthy.

Some websites to help sharpen your child's reading skills over the winter break:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/family-life/parent-child/keep-skills-sharp-during-winter-break.html>

https://www.education.com/magazine/article/Ed_Keep_Your_Reading/

Ashika Chapman
Special Education Needs Coordinator

A Message from the Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

This year we have introduced a house system at Khartoum American School to help build character and community within our school. This has helped develop spirit and school pride throughout all grade levels. It has even given the older students at chance to work with and mentor the younger students. We have had small competitions throughout the year that range from wear your house colors to small team games and earning points for receiving monthly awards.

This week the elementary and middle/high school students have participated in a track and field day. The students have been participating in running activities, throwing events, and even a jumping event. The running events include; 40 meter sprint, mini hurdle race, distance and relay race. The throwing events are the shot put and hula hoop throw. The jumping event is the standing long jump. These are all modifications of real events that we would see in the Olympics. The

winners of each event are earning points for their houses.

As some students excel in some events such as sprints and hurdles, others are stepping up in the throwing events. The students are learning that they might not be particularly good at one event, but they might be good at another. This is the same in life. As we see some people excel in one area of academics it's important to recognize our own strengths and how to use them to be part of a team. This has been a good experience for all involved.

All house points are posted on the house bulletin board located across from the elementary playground. The results of the track and field competition will be posted there. GO KAS!

Jeremy Albright
Early Childhood & Elementary Principal



Learning Arabic at KAS

The Arabic language is at least 1,500 years old and is spoken by 422 million speakers around the world.

In Arabic class we learn how Arabic is used in real life and how it is used in writing, as well as the fundamentals of Arabic, such as verbs, nouns, and letters, which help when constructing sentences and writing.

The Arabic language includes sounds that do not exist in other languages that are used to differentiate between letters. Arabic also uses the roots of words to construct new words as well.

Arabic class is different for every student depending on his or her level. For example, non-natives work with the alphabet until they reach the level where they can read books. Everyone has a different level, native and non-native alike.

The Arabic language is a unique language that is fun to learn and I tend to enjoy learning Arabic.

Kareem Salah

Grade 11



Kindergarten

What shape has 6 sides, no curves, and no open spaces?

Grade 1

Which of your five senses tells you if something is hot or cold?

Grade 2

Which parts of the body are responsible for mechanical digestion?

Grade 3

Name at least 3 conjunction words used in a compound sentence.

Grade 4

Where does solar energy come from?

Grade 5

How can I create perfect images of my story setting in the readers mind?

Write your answer, your name and your grade on a paper and put it on the Quizmasters Box in the front office by Monday. The winner will be selected and announced on Thursday's morning assembly.

Good luck!

Saying of the Week

Get Out Of Bed On The Wrong Side is a phrase we use when someone is being grumpy or bad tempered during the day. An ancient superstition suggests that evil spirits lay during the night on a particular side of the bed. It is unlucky to emerge in the morning on that side as it would mean those evil spirits and their influence would possess the body during its waking hours and this would only be put right the following dawn by not repeating the mistake. The wrong side, incidentally, is the left-hand side.

Minette van der Bijl

High School English Department