

# KAS PTA Handbook 2018-19



## KAS MISSION AND VISION

Khartoum American School provides an outstanding learning environment to promote an open, inclusive, and student centered program. We are devoted to fostering educational growth and development for our internationally diverse student body.

The Mission is supported through the KAS Vision of building the 4 Cs of:

### Character

By helping students develop self-discipline and a positive self-image, Khartoum American School encourages students to explore their potential and to develop a rich and broad understanding of today's world. Khartoum American School fosters in students a strong sense of personal commitment and dedication to their own learning.

### Curriculum

Khartoum American School follows an American Curriculum based around internationally recognized standards. Our student-centered program offers a technology-rich and inquiry-based approach. Khartoum American School offers a program of study that allows all students to reach their potential.

### Community

Khartoum American School actively pursues a sense of community characterized by students who are cooperative, communicative, productive and responsible. Students are encouraged to view themselves and their school as integral parts of the global community. Our community is a partnership of stakeholders who are actively engaged in the school and collectively shape its direction and ethos.

## **Citizenship**

We promote global citizenship and the expectation of our students is to reflect upon their own world and the world around them and to develop the skills required to make positive changes worldwide. We encourage students to embrace the diversity present at Khartoum American School and to celebrate the fact that it makes us a richer school community.

## **Global Citizenship**

The Khartoum American School maintains Global Citizenship to be the responsibility of all of its members. Every person will develop an awareness of themselves and an understanding of their own impact on both their community and the broader global reach. As Global Citizens, KAS expects and accepts that all people are different with unique experiences, customs, and values. We are interconnected and strive to better understand global issues. KAS embraces difference and takes a stand against social injustice. We at KAS know we are the caretakers of the earth and are committed to taking action and persevering in our service to others. We embrace the unknown with a sense of humor and an adventurous heart knowing that through our dedication as global citizens, we will make a positive global impact for future generations to advocate for others who cannot advocate for themselves.

## **KAS PTA Purpose**

The purpose of Khartoum American School Parent Teacher Association (KAS PTA) is:

- To participate in school organized activities
- To organize activities to fund raise or promote social interaction, and additional after-school activities
- To promote a positive and international image of the school
- To model school values
- To facilitate communication between the various groups within the school community
- To support KAS Safeguarding policies and promote KAS Parent Code of Conduct

## **KAS PTA will function in a collaborative manner so that:**

1. Communication is fostered between parents, teachers and students in concurrence with the school's aim to form a strong and harmonious home-school partnership to support the development of each student.
2. KAS PTA will be a forum for discussion of
  - Ways to fostering and encouraging school spirit
  - Means of promoting a positive international image of the school
3. KAS PTA will encourage parents' participation in school activities in the belief that it has a strong positive impact on a child's performance. Strong parent involvement will be promoted in the following areas of the school's program:
  - Education programs; e.g. by providing resources, time or special expertise
  - Extra-Curricular program; e.g. by supporting school activities, assisting with teacher-run activities and providing 'special' activities within the academic program
  - Social program; by organizing student events and celebrations, family and community events such as Family Picnics, Bake Sales, Family Game Nights, and the provision of orientation to new parents
4. KAS PTA will develop a family community service program that will:
  - Promote a culture of volunteering among the school community
  - Model the commitment required of the students by the school's mission and vision supported by the 4Cs
  - Raise funds for community service activities.
5. KAS PTA will encourage parents to engage in organized activities to raise funds for use within the school and community to promote learning for all students.
6. KAS PTA will model for students a constructive and positive role by:
  - Providing educational support and parent involvement where required
  - Sponsoring events and activities that promote the social well-being and international image of the school
  - Enabling better communications through cross cultural representation to bridge the constituent parts of the school.
  - Promoting community service in all areas of social interaction.

## Defining PTA role:

In all its activities KAS PTA will be guided by a respect for the rights of the individual within the cultural diversity of the community, a respect for law and orderly-process and a belief that the community is best served by parents and teachers selflessly giving of their time and talents to make the most of the school and the environment and community in which their children grow and learn.

- 1 KAS PTA will have defined areas of work so as to not interfere with the activities of teachers, staff and management in running the school. It will work as a support group with a level of involvement agreed upon with the school
  - 2 KAS PTA will not operate as a pressure group
  - 3 KAS PTA will not be used as a vehicle for personal, social or political gain by members, parents or teachers
  - 4 KAS PTA will operate along the lines laid down by rules and regulations agreed upon by its members and approved, from time to time, by the School.
- Parents will adhere to a clear channel/policy of communication to raise matters of concern or dispute directly with the school.