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news from the trunk

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A Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Welcome to the 2010/2011 school year at Khartoum American School!

I sincerely hope that all our returning families have had a relaxing break, and our students are all set for an excellent year ahead. For all of our new families I would like to give a special welcome, and I hope that your transition to Khartoum has been as happy and peaceful as I have experienced with my family. Even though we have now been in the country for only four weeks we are amazed at how friendly the Sudanese people are and the hospitality that we have received from both the local people and members of the expatriate communities has been phenomenal.

Our school is already in full swing and the new teachers who have just arrived have brought with them a real energy and enthusiasm that I am sure will be felt throughout the school for many weeks to come. As with all school years, we began with a fantastic orientation session which prepared our staff well for the year ahead and one of the key points to come out of our work was the total commitment by all to continue to make Khartoum American School the most friendly, student-centered school in Africa.

During our brainstorming sessions we identified ways in which we could really build school spirit and develop an even stronger sense of community, and in the days ahead I am hopeful that we will be able to launch many new initiatives that will really make Khartoum American School the focal point of our community.

Even in these early days I can sense the fact that we are really building a special school here in Khartoum, and I am sure that as your children give their daily reports back about life at school they will be relaying the same message.

It is my wish to make this section of the newsletter a weekly celebration of life at Khartoum American School, and over the coming weeks I hope you enjoy reading it as much as your children experience it firsthand.



New Teacher and New Staff Short Biography's

Questions the new staff and teachers were asked for their short biographies: What is your name? What grade or specialty are you teaching? Where are you from? What do you like about Khartoum, Sudan so far?

Mr. Cronin

- I teach the Grade 11 and 12 mathematics which include AP Calculus, AP Statistics, Algebra 2, and Pre-Calculus.
- I grew up in Wilmington, North Carolina, USA, and spent this summer teaching in Front Royal, Virginia, USA.
- I have enjoyed learning about Sudan, exploring Khartoum, and meeting all the people who make our school possible.

Ms. Erris

- Elementary ESL
- I was born in the United States, moved to the French Congo when I was three, Dakar, Senegal when I was 6, then to Washington DC, and did high school in Rome, Italy, various places in the States, and most recently Boulder, Colorado in the United States.
- I like the friendliness of the people, the warm weather, being back in Africa, and of course Khartoum American School.

Mrs. Bouta

- PE Assistant
- I'm coming from the land that became sadly second at the last soccer World Cup, were we eat a lot of cheese and walk in wooden-shoes: The Netherlands.
- The best thing I like about Sudan are the friendly people here.

Ms. Fredericks

- Grade 1
- Portland, Oregon, USA
- My favorite thing about Sudan so far is the Khartoum American School community. Everyone at the school has made the transition to Khartoum and Sudan as smooth as possible. I am looking forward to getting to know the Grade 1 students and the rest of the Khartoum American School community.



Mr. Brodie

- Marketing and Graphic Design Administrator
- Portland, Oregon, USA
- I have enjoyed the warm welcome to Khartoum from the Khartoum American School community as well as the friendly nature of people in day to day life in Khartoum.

Ms. Greenall

- Grade 2
- Nelson, New Zealand
- I like exploring the markets for interesting things, and learning new Arabic words and phrases. And I like the heat!!!

Ms. Kelley

- Grade 6, 7, 8, 9 Language Arts and High School Creative Writing
- Cordova, Alaska, USA
- I LOVE the mangoes here in Sudan - they taste like the sun! Fruit has to travel halfway across the world to make it to Alaska, and I'm sure you can imagine what it looks and tastes like by the time it lands. I'm hoping to make up for lost time and eat my weight in fruit here!

Mr. Kessler

- Middle School and High School Social Studies and History
- Auburn, Indiana, USA (originally), Washington DC, USA (most directly!)
- I love how warm and welcoming everyone has been since I arrived in Khartoum.

Ms. Marsh

- I am the new librarian for Khartoum American School.
 - My home is in the USA state of Texas.
 - Sometimes I live in Austin, sometimes in Houston.
- All of my experiences in Sudan have been good ones! So, I'm very happy to be here.

Ms. Abdullah

- Middle School Math and High School Chemistry
- St. Louis, Missouri, USA
- I love the sense of community here in Sudan.

Mr. Abdullah

- High School Math and Team Sports
- Chicago, Illinois, USA, St. Louis, Missouri, USA, Khartoum, Sudan
- I was born in Chicago, but lived in St. Louis for most of my life. I have been working and living in Khartoum for the last two years. I'm looking forward to a fun and exciting year here at Khartoum American School!

Mr. Sanchez

- ESL Middle School
- Originally from Bogota, Colombia. I hold a Virginia state certification in ESL. Earned my Masters in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from Greensboro College, North Carolina.
- I like the hospitality of the people and learning about the Sudanese culture.

Mrs. Sanchez

- Visual Arts for grades K – 12
- Upstate New York, USA
- In the short time that I have been here in Sudan it has been obvious how caring the people are both in the school and in Khartoum. I am looking forward to working here and exploring art with my new students.

Ms. Shalash

- Middle School and High School Learning Center Support
- Just moved from Cairo, Egypt
- Khartoum has great restaurants, galleries and community activities. Some are hidden treasures and finding them is half the fun!

Ms. Wood

- Grade 5
- Woodland Park, Colorado, USA
- Although I've only been here for a week or so, my favorite thing so far is the optimism that seems to radiate from this country and its local people. I've seen more smiles than I could easily count.
- I can't wait to meet my students and to get started on what I'm sure will be an incredible year!



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Elementary Schedule

Period 1	7:20 - 8:10
Period 2	8:12 - 9:02
Break	9:02 - 9:12
Period 3	9:19 - 10:09
Period 4	10:11 - 10:58
Period 5	11:00 - 11:46
Lunch	11:46 - 12:16
Period 6	12:18 - 1:08
Period 7	1:10 - 2:00

2010/2011 Academic Calendar

New Teacher Orientation | August 1st - 4th

Teacher Workdays | August 5th - 9th

First Day of School | August 10th

Eid el Fitr Holiday | September 9th - 12th

Fall Break (Eid al Adha) | November 12th - 20th

Winter Break (Western Christmas; New Years; Coptic Christmas) | December 19th 2010 - January 8th 2011

Spring Break | March 10th - 19th

Long Weekend (Coptic and Western Easter; Shem el Nessim) | April 21st - 25th

Last Day of School | May 25th

Graduation | May 26th

Teacher Work Days | May 27th - 29th

Middle School and High School Schedule

Period 1	7:20 - 8:10
Period 2	8:12 - 9:02
Break	9:02 - 9:17
Period 3	9:19 - 10:09
Period 4 Block	10:11 - 11:26
Lunch	11:26 - 12:16
Period 5	12:18 - 1:08
Period 6	1:10 - 2:00

Need Support?

The Learning Center would like to welcome all new and returning students and parents to the 2010/2011 school year. This year we are offering a variety of support services and look forward to working with everyone in the Khartoum American School community.

We would like to highlight a few of our programs.

Check in and Academic Support will start in the Learning Center on Sunday!

Academic Support will be available from 2pm to 3pm everyday after school for all students. Academic support is an after-school academic assistance program. The program is designed to guide and assist all Khartoum American School students in achieving greater success at school by providing a structured and supportive environment to complete homework and sharpen skills. Our Elementary space is the same but our Middle School and High School has multiplied. We have moved upstairs so come by and enjoy our new space and study in a quiet, comfortable air-conditioned environment.

If you need advice drop by!

If you have a homework question stop in!

If you need a structured study time we have room for you, even during Elective blocks!

We hope to see you soon.

Ben, Kris, Dina, John, and Robel.

Wanted

Administrative Assistant

Substitute Teachers

Teaching Assistants

Please submit your curriculum vitae by email to kas@krtams.org. We will only accept applications by email.

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