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Parent Teacher
Conferences
Wednesday,
September 22nd, 2010

Thursday, September 16th 2010



A Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

Campaign fever has really hit Khartoum American School with many students battling it out to take up positions on our revamped School Council. A School Council is an important component of any school as it gives students a voice in the decision making process while also adding a wonderful pool of ideas to draw from to make our school an even better place.

As for the structure of this year's Student Council, we will be having two sections one for Elementary and one for Middle and High School. Voting will take place today for our Middle and High School representatives and competition is also intense in that several candidates are vying for key positions. Already, I am being met by students in the playground coming up with fantastic ideas for building school spirit and from their enthusiasm, I believe that they will have no problem translating this into some fantastic initiatives. Some of their suggestions included spirit weeks, school dances, and various other activities designed to promote our sporting teams, all of which will no doubt make us all feel proud of our wonderful school.

Some of the off-shots that come from having a strong and vibrant Student Council include the empowerment of students, the promotion of democracy and the democratic process and also the opportunity for students to develop the leadership skills necessary to affect change.

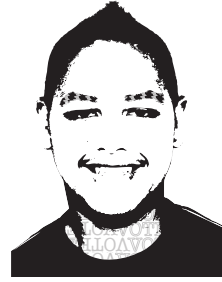
Apart from our Student Council elections the school will also be busy next week with many other activities taking place with the most prominent being our first Parent/Teacher conference for the year. This will take place next Wednesday, and letters have been distributed with details of the day. Parent/Teacher conferences are an ideal forum to discuss concerns, raise issues and to develop strategies for solving any potential problems that may exist. Importantly too, parents and teachers can also use this occasion to celebrate student achievements and to focus on the good work that has been accomplished thus far.

On the sporting front, our Basketball teams take to the court for the first time on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week with the Boys U14 and U19 teams playing on Tuesday from 3:15pm, and the Girls U19 team playing on Wednesday from 3:30pm. Everyone is invited to come along and cheer for our teams. What better way for us all to demonstrate our school spirit, and I am sure all of our teams will do themselves and the school very proud. Go KAS!

I hope everyone enjoys the weekend and please do not forget the Parent Teacher Association Picnic this Friday.

Who Will You Vote For?

Presidential Candidates



Luanray grade 11



Majid H. grade 12



Almaha grade 12



Ahmed grade 12



Daoud grade 12

Do You Know Candidates

Secretary

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| 1. Saba | grade 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Yusra | grade 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Thabi | grade 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Treasurer

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| 1. Zhu | grade 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Xianli | grade 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Majid F. | grade 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Muwaffag | grade 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Anna | grade 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Lucy | grade 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Meng | grade 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Voting for President, Secretary and Treasurer is today. Then on Sunday, in advisory, grade representatives will be determined. Those running for President, Secretary or Treasurer who do not get elected will then be able to run for representative for their respective grade. This will also be done by way of a vote. So, on Sunday we should know all the grade representatives as well as President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the brand new Khartoum American School Student Council. The following Monday, the 20th, will be the first meeting of the Council. This will take place after school from 2:10-3:00 in Mr. Cronin's room. In that meeting we will begin to discuss our agenda for the year as well as determine suitable meeting times and get to know one another.

Ready for Parent Teacher Conferences?

Before attending parent-teacher conferences next Wednesday, the Learning Center has the following advice to make sure you are prepared for your parent-teacher meeting.

1. Develop 5 Questions Specific To Your Child.

2. Make a list of positives and negatives your child is having.

3. Introduce yourself to the teacher, and let the teacher know where you can be reached. Email is often the most convenient means of communication for both parents and teachers.

4. Ask questions. What is the class going to cover this year, and how can I help? What can we do at home to help?

5. Say a few words about your child's special interests and positive qualities, but you don't have to go into every dark secret. Your child may behave differently with his teacher; talking about negative qualities at this stage could put those expectations in a new teacher's mind.

6. Volunteer to help out. Let the teacher and the principal know when you're available. You could help chaperone a field trip, read to kids for an hour a week, or print the class newsletter on your home computer. But don't bite off more than you really have time for. Be consistent. Be someone the teacher can count on.

7. Remember to take notes and discuss them with your child.

8. Please stop by the Learning Center! We would really like to meet you.

Basketball Season is Here!

Khartoum American School will play Khartoum International Community School in the season opener for both boys and girls next week at Khartoum American School's home court.

The boys will play on Tuesday, September 21st. The U14 team will play at 3:15pm and the U19 team will play at 4:15pm.

The U19 girls will play on Wednesday, September 22nd at 3:30pm.

Come on out and cheer on your Khartoum American School Basketball Teams!

Go KAS!

How Your did dates?

The Breakdown

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

Middle School / 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

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

Save the Date

Thursday, September 16th 2010 | PTA Meeting

Friday, September 17th, 2010 | Family Picnic

Wanted

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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