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Reading Morning

Thursday, October 14th 2010

A Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

Being a parent is not always easy, but there are so many really fun and enjoyable things that go along with parenting that make these small challenges pale into insignificance. One of my favorite part of being a parent is snuggling up with my son and enjoying a good book together. In our household part of our bed-time ritual involves recapping the day's schooling and then reading about the important things in life such as dinosaurs, talking animals, kings and queens, knights and dragons, spaceships, astronauts and of course the occasional transformer.

Last week we had a reenactment of bedtime reading when our Elementary School, held their Annual Reading Morning. This is a yearly event and this time Ms. Jones took the lead in getting the program off the ground and it was so good to see all of our teachers and students interacting in such a fun and positive way.

Children dressed up in pajamas and then took part in a variety of fun reading activities that lasted the whole morning. Special guest readers joined them from the High School and the Administration in reading some of their favorite books, and the atmosphere was made complete with the addition of some hot chocolate.

The breadth of stories read was immense and students were also given the opportunity to share their favorite books as part of the "Buddy Reading" session. While the interaction and sharing were highlights of the day, the message that really got through to all of our students was that reading is fun, beyond also being one of the cornerstones of our academic program.

It is our hope the Reading Morning will inspire children to read more and to make use of our fantastic library facility. We have a huge selection of books that cater to all of the students in our school, on a plethora of topics. Finding a book that suits someone's taste is not hard, but getting the motivation to choose the book and actively go and check it out are often the stumbling blocks.

My advice to all parents of young children is simple. Enjoy those special bedtime moments together, keep reading and I can guarantee the books will keep coming home.

Important Notice Change of Calendar

Winter Break	December 17, 2010 - January 15, 2011
Last Day of School	June 1, 2011

Make Reading an Important Activity in Your Home

Children tend to model adult behavior. If your child observes family members reading during leisure time (books, newspapers, magazines), he/she will learn to imitate that behavior. Conversely, if little or no reading takes place, (with television occupying much leisure time), there will be little reading initiative derived from the home environment.

Reading is All Around Us

There are many opportunities for your child to read every day in addition to reading books.

- Write notes to your children. Try slipping one into a lunch box or leaving a note in their room.
- During vacations or camp time, write more often and call fewer times.
- When you go to the market, have your youngster read the shopping list to you and help you check the ingredients on labels. Point out sizes on food containers and signs in the store.
- Reading a television schedule has its own built-in reward.
- Have your child read road signs, license plates and maps, when traveling.
- Have your child read directions to games, model making kits and other activities.
- Have him/her read recipes when baking or cooking together.
- Encourage your child to read the menu in order to make selections, when eating in restaurants.
- Buy word games as gifts.
- Give a subscription to a children's magazine as a gift. (Check with the librarian for suggestions.)

This is a partial list of ideas. I'm sure you will think of other ways to extend it. By taking advantage of these opportunities, you will provide your child with many valuable learning and reading experiences.

Please keep in mind that your praise, encouragement and support are integral components of all the suggestions herein.

Students on Basketball Teams

Attention all KAS parents of students playing on a KAS basketball team: All basketball players must be picked up in



a timely manner from practices and games. Please check with your child to see when their specific team practice and game are over each week. Players that are not picked up on time run the risk of not being allowed to play on the KAS sport teams. Thank you for your assistance in picking up your child on time from school each day.

Basketball News

This week all of the basketball teams traveled to KICS for their games. The U14 boys played their best game to date. The team is really coming together and working well to score more points. Lance Phillips came down with numerous offensive rebounds to score points for KAS. Once again the leading scorer for the team was Daniel Msangi, helping his team by bringing down defensive rebounds. Unfortunately, the KAS team was short one basket at the final buzzer and lost the game 22-20.

The U-19 Boy's met up with a hostile crowd as they traveled to KICS for their first away game of the season. KAS had their first close call of the season with a 27-18 victory. The game was much closer then the final score indicates. KICS took advantage of sloppy play by KAS and converted too many KAS turnovers into unearned points. KAS couldn't get anything going until the fourth quarter when they rallied from a slim 18-16 lead. Senior point guard Ahmed showed leadership and poise as he captained the ship down the final stretch. His main target was Junior center Gerald whose strength and tenacity under the basket was too much for the tired legs of KICS to stop. The game ball this week goes to Hussein for hitting 7/8 clutch free throws in the last quarter to seal the victory. Let us hope the boys learned a valuable lesson on how efforts in practice can manifest themselves into the game. KAS is now 4-0 and will be at home next Tuesday at 3:15 against BAS. Come and check out the action, it's Faaaaaaantastic!!!

The U19 girls' team came out strong and took many shots on the hoop, but the ball would just not fall into the basket. The team was happy with their play against KICS. They passed well, ran their plays, played defense, and took lots of shots. Unfortunately in the end the girls could not come up with a win against KICS.

The U11 boys will play their final round robin tournament this week at KICS. Next week the boys will have their last game of the season. Based upon their overall record for the season, they could be playing for 1st or 2nd place next week! Go KAS!

Swim Team News

Next week on Monday, Oct 18th the girls swim team will head to KICS for their swim competition. Your KAS team is represented by four fantastic swimmers: Grade 5 - Adila Montijano, Alyssa Bernard, Grade 6 - Hiyab Tafere, and Grade 9 - Lamease Phillips. Good Luck girls!

Current Student Sports at Khartoum American School	
Basketball	U11, U14 and U19 boys and U19 girls
Swim Team	boys and girls
Adult Sports Schedule at Khartoum American School Door opens at 5:30pm and games start around 6:00pm All children must be claimed by an adult at the door otherwise they will not be able to enter door to play.	
Sunday	Volleyball
Monday	Basketball
Tuesday	Ultimate Frisbee
Wednesday	Soccer and Touch Rugby

Save the Date

Tree Planting and Fun | Saturday, October 23rd, 2010 from 4-7pm

International Potluck Dinner | Thursday, October 28th, 2010 at 7pm

Parent Teacher Association Events Schedule	
October	Tree planting day
November	Parent Dance
December	Auction
March	Garage Sale
April	Nile trip
Specific dates to be announced For more information please contact pta@krtams.org	

Wanted

Substitute Teachers
Part-time French Teacher

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





Artwork by Grade 2 (from left to right) | Zoe, Hazim, Yahya, Hamadelnil, Yasmine, Elbashir, Shahd, Brooktawit, Eimen, Arjun, Nada, Adam, Ashir, Ruba

Admission
Adult 15 SDG
Child 10 SDG

Tickets available at Khartoum American School
 Please call +249.15.577.0105, +249.15.577.0107 or email us at kas@krtams.org for more information.

Please bring a main dish and dessert or salad to share.

- Groups of 4 = 1 main dish + a salad or dessert.
- Groups of 10 = 2 main dishes and 1 salad or dessert.
- Groups of 15 = 3 main dishes and 1 salad or dessert.

