



NEWS

news from the trunk

Thursday, February 10th 2011

Blue Bird Aviation

U14 and U18 Boys Soccer Championship at KAS

Tuesday, February 22nd, 2011 at 3pm



Letter From the Principal, Susan Boutros

Dear Parents and Friends,

It is a very exciting time of the year! The Bazaar was great! It was a real pleasure seeing so many of our parents, teachers, students and friends shopping, enjoying the delicious food and moving to the amazing tunes of Zumba and Capoeira.

At Khartoum American School, we are dedicated to providing the best possible education for your children and we believe that in order to do so, learning has to be extended beyond the classroom.

We believe in the educational value of field trips. Students learn about different professions, ideas and opportunities when they visit different places. A field trip can awaken the desire in a child to try new things and pursue previously unconsidered dreams. During community service-oriented field trips, students learn about helping others in the community. The community also benefit both from the work that the students do as part of the trip, and from any further volunteering that the students do as a result of the trip.

This week students from our school went on two different field trips. Our "Community Service Learning" class went to the Calcutta's Sisters Orphanage. The "Introduction to Mechanical Engineering" class visited the Blue Bird Aviation maintenance workshop at the Khartoum International Airport. Both field trips were very successful and our students came back with a better understanding of what they have already studied in class.

General Scott Gratton, the United States Special Envoy to Sudan, was our guest speaker on Tuesday. Grade 11 and 12 students had an opportunity to hear his informative and motivational speech and also ask questions. The students in our "Career and College Preparation" class also had a guest speaker. Mr. Ahmed Abdeltam gave a presentation on Architecture and outlined his personal career and college path. He was extremely informative and his experience was apparent in his knowledge and enthusiasm. At Khartoum American School we realize how guest speakers enrich our program and we are looking forward to inviting more guest speakers in the future.

I am sure that for many years to come our students will remember the many exciting things that have happened at Khartoum American School.

*Elementary Student Council Members Making Animals
Balloons and Preparing Face Paints*

A letter from the Elementary Principal, Ben Voborsky

Dear KAS Families,

One of the many reasons that we have a great school is the way that students, teachers and parents are continuing to improve how we work together to form an educational partnership. Evidence is growing that students do better not only socially but also academically when they feel safe and regarded as important members of a learning community. When this partnership forms, I have never found an issue that could not be solved. I appreciate the effort of students, parents and staff in working together!

While we work hard at the academics in Elementary, we equally value promoting positive character development in our students. We have many classroom activities reinforcing to our students the importance of positive character. We truly feel that developing positive character within our students, along with solid academic skills, will give our students the skills they need for future success. We truly appreciate the support our community provides in developing positive character within our students!

This week Mr. Dave Zakem, the head of Early Childhood, will be offering two sessions on Emotional Intelligence. This talk will further support strategies that we are using at KAS to promote social and emotional learning. KAS is where students are known and valued as individuals by other students as well as by teachers and staff. Please plan to attend one of these very informative sessions.

See you there on Tuesday or Wednesday at 7:30pm.

The 2011 KAS Science Fair (Grades 5-10)

Students in grades 5-10 have officially begun the Science Fair process for 2011. This year's fair is scheduled for the evening of April 6th. Please encourage discussions about the Science Fair, project possibilities, and experimental methodology over the next couple of weeks at home. Many of our young scientists have already chosen their project topics and are ready to start experimenting. Each student received a Science Fair hand-out designed to guide them through the whole Science Fair process. There are additional resources and Science Fair project ideas on Tony Paar's Science Fair Moodle page. Science Fairs provide valuable experience for students interested in careers in science related fields, are incubators



for innovation, and a great opportunity for students to showcase their inquiry and problem solving skills. Last year's 2010 Science Fair winners, Andrew Kim and Yousif Makram and runner up Carol Yu Shipei will be on hand to defend their titles; there is already a great deal of buzz and excitement over what they will do this year.

Middle School Exploratories and High School Electives

Our middle and high school students can choose from a variety of electives that promote active learning. Community Service Learning takes students out of the classroom, allowing them opportunities to learn about and serve their communities. Media Literacy students evaluate the media messages that permeate their lives and consider new ways to create them. Students become photographers in Photo Journalism and record and critique images of the world around them. Our middle school 'Exploratories' program allows students to explore new interests and gain skills in classes such as Hispanic Culture, Home Economics, Ping Pong, and Chess.

General Gration's visit to KAS

On Tuesday, February 8, KAS received a visit from Major General Scott Gration, the United States' Special Envoy to Sudan. On behalf of the U.S. government, General Gration has been actively involved in helping Sudan implement the terms of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement, and has worked closely with major Sudanese leaders throughout the recent referendum process. General Gration spoke with the 11th and 12th grade classes, focusing his comments primarily on his hopes for the future of both North and South Sudan. He responded to several excellent questions from students, and encouraged them to get involved and to be active participants in shaping the future of their countries, whether that be in Sudan or around the world.

Learning Center

Active learning places students at the center of the learning process, and allows them to independently develop opinions and attitudes about their education. In accordance with our student centered philosophy, our middle and high school teachers embrace active learning and believe it creates a lifelong interest in education.

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Dates to Remember

Tuesday, February 22nd, 2011 at 7pm	11th Grade College Night
Tuesday, February 22nd, 2011 at 3pm	U14 and U18 Boys Soccer Championship at KAS
Wednesday, February 23rd, 2011 at 11am	Early Dismissal
Wednesday, February 23rd, 2011 at 3pm	U14 and U18 Girls Soccer Championship at KAS



As the name suggests, active learners **actively** participate in the classroom. They don't simply sit back and listen to lectures. Instead, they question and analyze information, and work together in small groups to create meaning during lessons. Students also take action by debating, comparing, and playing games to enhance understanding.

Help encourage your children by being **active** parents! Ask them about their classes, and allow them to teach you new things they have learned. The learning process never ends, and your curiosity and support at home is an integral part of your child's education.

Soccer News

On Monday the U14 boys soccer team played at home against BES. The team was coming off good tournament play in the Khartoum Cup the previous Thursday, where they placed 2nd in the tournament. Gontse Kgwete scored one goal for KAS, but it would not be enough as BES scored 3 goals to give KAS a loss for the day.

On Tuesday, the U14 team was back in action, but this time against UHS at home. This time the boys came out stronger and Yousef Al-Harbi scored early in the first half. The team played well, but late in the second half UHS score an equalizing goal and at the end of the game the score remained a draw at 1-1. Next week KAS will play in the semi-finals in a rematch against UHS at KAS. The winner of that match advances to the Finals the following week. Go Team!

The U19 boys played a great match against UHS on Tuesday at home. It was a great game for KAS with only one sub for the day. The players were communicating well and playing hard. Goals in the match were scored by Basel Al-Harbi, Moumin El-Nefeidi, and two goals by Badr El-Nefeidi. Next week the team will play in the semi-finals against BES at KAS. The winner of that match will move on to the finals the following week. GO KAS!

On Wednesday the U14 girls team played their last home game against NVA. The team came out very strong and

played their best game to date. Each week this team puts into practice so much effort and it could really be seen in this game against NVA. Last time the teams met up, KAS had only one practice under their belt and lost by a big score. This week, KAS came out on fire, when NVA scored, KAS answered - twice by Amna Al-Hammadi. It was a great defensive game for the girls and goal keeper Yara Salama. Even though the final score ended 3-2 in favor of NVA, the KAS team were happy with their level of play. Great work team! Next week the girls will travel to KICS and play in the semi-finals. If the team wins that match, they will advance to the finals the following week. Good Luck team!

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The U19 girls traveled to KICS to play both BES and KICS in a round robin. The team has been practicing hard the past week and came out strong for the games. The first game was against KICS and KAS won by a score of 4-1 with goals scored by Lamease Phillips - 2, Iman El-Mahdi, and Almaha Al-Hammadi. The second game against BES the girls did even better and won by a score of 6-0 with goals by Martha Ayad - 3, Lamease Phillips, Iman El-Mahdi, and Sarah Saif. Excellent work ladies! Next week the U19 girls will play their final soccer games at KAS against KICS and BES again. Come out and support your KAS girls!

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The U11 boys soccer season has come to an end. KAS would like to thank Mr. Sanchez for all his coaching support during the season. A big thank you to the players: grade 4 - Mohanad Abdalmanem, Chol Atout, Gianandrea Face, Bane Grkovic, grade 5 - Bashir El-Nefeidi, Hamada Gamil, MJ Ibrahim, Mohamed Ibrahim, Mamoun Ismail, Moses Lominyo, James Park, Joyfred Ruano, and Mohamed Toure. Great season team!



Cookies and milk were sold by the community service class during lunch today as a fundraiser to buy formula for orphan babies.