

News

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Thursday, March 3rd 2011

Sudan Days

Early Dismissal

Wednesday, March 9th, 2011 at 11am



A letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Part of the joy of living abroad is learning about other people's religions, cultures, languages and lifestyles. When you live in a foreign country, opportunities like these arise all the time and we impress upon our students the need to learn beyond the classroom and to embrace the wonderment that exists beyond the walls of KAS. Of course, for our younger children this is not always that simple, so this week we have brought a slice of Sudan into our school as part of our Sudan Days Program.

Sudan Days is a celebration of our host nation and a chance for our Sudanese students to show pride in their country and to share their food, fashion and culture with the rest of our school. By exposing our students to some aspects of Sudanese life, we hope that they gain a greater appreciation of the country that we live in and a better understanding of the Sudanese people.

The activities that we have planned are diverse and, hopefully, spark the imagination of all our students. We have had artisans on show displaying their wares and we also had special food prepared by school chefs. One popular stall was our very own coffee and tea stand, where students congregated to sample some of the roadside coffee and tea that Sudan is famous for.

On my arrival back from the United States, I was fortunate enough to travel to Meroe and it was truly amazing to see how a mighty empire existed and flourished within Sudan hundreds of years ago. While the Sudan that we live in today may not be so grandiose, it still has much to offer all of us, and I hope that our Sudan Days brings this to the fore of all of our students.

The culmination of our Sudan Days Program will be an event that parents can come along and enjoy this evening. There will be a fashion parade, "Open Mic" and a variety of other presentations all with a Sudanese theme. As always, I hope to see you there.



Global Peace Quilt Drawing Contest

The Requirements for the drawing:

- We would like the children (ages 10-15) to draw what peace means to them, in color, on an A4 size (8.3" x 11.7") piece of paper. (Regular printer paper will be fine.)
- Then within the drawing, please add the sentence
- "We all wish for Peace because....." (We would like for you to complete this phrase accordingly).
- Incorporate the Sudanese flag into the drawing.
- You may use any medium to do the drawing with. (For example: markers, colored pencils, crayons, or paint.)
- The orientation is portrait (vertical.)
- The deadline to submit a drawing to Ms. Jamie (art teacher) is Sunday, March 20th.
- Student artists may sign their work.
- The winning drawing will be submitted, transferred onto cloth material, quilted, and joined together to form One Peace Quilt with other schools from around the world.
- Advise: Fill your space (good composition), be creative, follow the above instructions, and do a great job with coloring.

If you need any additional information or help, you can come and speak with Ms. Jamie. Good luck!

The Secrets of Memory Presentation

There will be a presentation on memory. The presentation will cover:

- Seven important aspects of memory; good and bad
- Ways to improve memory
- The truth behind induced memories
- How to keep memory functioning well

The presentation will be given twice: Monday and Tuesday, March 7-8 promptly at 7:30 PM. Dave Zakem will be giving the presentation in his preschool room. There is no charge. No childcare is available. Everyone is welcome including friends and neighbors.



How will this impact me in five years?

This is an important question that both middle and high school students should begin asking themselves.

Whether it is completing a homework assignment, or posting a message on a website, our students' decisions will impact their futures.

Middle schooler's grades are incorporated into their GPAs (grade point averages). Because of this, it is important that students are supported by teachers and parents, and reminded to work hard **STARTING NOW!** Establishing strong study habits from a young age will only benefit students in high school.

High schoolers will be faced with a completely different academic environment in five years: college. If students can begin imagining themselves in college, living away from home, it may help them to understand the importance of developing strong organizational and study skills **NOW.**

All students must also be aware that the information they post online, will stay with them forever. Personal data, pictures, and comments are stored online, and there may come a time that students are asked questions about this information. It is important that students realize this now in order to make smart decisions while using the internet.

Five years from now may seem far away; however, considering the future will help students make informed and smart decisions in the present.

KAS Science Fair That's Where!

As the April 6th Science Fair approaches you will be seeing a flurry of experimental activities around school and at home. Participants in this year's Science Fair are students from grades 5-10. Now is a great time to advocate for the Science Fair and the curiosity and innovation that it fosters. All participants have defined their investigation purpose or question, and are required to submit their hypotheses, variables, and experimental procedure. Background research for the project is due today, March 3rd. Experimentation and data collection should be completed by March 31st in order to have enough time to make the Science Fair display. Please take a minute to discuss a science fair project with a parent or friend and challenge each other on the validity of the experiment and quality of the data. Spring break is a great time to experiment.



Dates to Remember	
Thursday, March 3rd, 2011 7 - 10pm	Sudan Days Open Mic Night
Monday and Tuesday, March 7th and 8th, 2011	Memory by Dave Zakem at KAS
Wednesday, March 9th, 2011 at 11am	Early Dismissal
Thursday, March 10th, 2011 - Saturday, March 19th, 2011	Spring Break



Soccer Results

Soccer season is officially over with the boys playing the finals game on Sunday at KAS. This was a very successful soccer season this year. Congratulations to all the players and a BIG THANK YOU to all the Coaches. Here are the results for each team over the season:

U14 Boys - Second place in Regular season, Finals, and Khartoum Cup - best finish yet by KAS in Soccer. Your team was represented by: grade 6 - Mohamed Salama, Gontse Kgwete, Hassabo Omer, Thaqif Rommil, Hanafi Shamsul Irwan, Afiq Sahabudin; grade 7 - Elia Ayad, Matias Barrios Caballero, Lance Phillips, Danial Ramzi, Abid Bin Wahab, Yousef Al-Harbi, Sem Haile; grade 8 - Arif Abayazi. The coach was Mr. Adani. Way to go TEAM!

U14 Girls - 4th place in Regular Season, 3rd place in Khartoum Cup. KAS was represented by the following girls: grade 5 - Ayesha Saeed, Yara Salama; grade 6 - Hiyab Tafere; grade 7 - Amna Al-Hammadi, Mariam ElSanousi, Deena Elomarabi; grade 8 - Lina Babiker, Nabihah Bukhari, Rania Hassan, Rawan Omer, Hana Shamsul Irwan, and coached by Mrs. Paar. Best season yet Ladies! Well Done!

U19 Boys - Second place in Regular season, Finals, and Khartoum Cup - best finish yet by KAS in Soccer. The team was represented by: grade 8 - Ahmed El-Mahdi, Omer Ibrahim; grade 9 - Juan Jose Barrios Caballero, Moi ElBashir, Adil Bin Wahab, Bader Al-Harbi; grade 10 - Hussein ElNefeidi, Basel Al-Harbi; grade 11 - Badr ElNefeidi, Moumin ElNefeidi, and the team was coached by Mr. Houidi. Good Season.

U19 Girls - Tie for first in Regular season, second place finals in OT - no Khartoum Cup. The following player represented your KAS team: grade 9 - Lamease Phillips; grade 10 - Sarah Saif Omer; grade 11 - Iman El-Mahdi, Hayam ElSanousi, Thabi Kgwete, Waad Mukhtar; grade 12 - Alamaha Al-Hammadi, Martha Ayad, and the coach was Ms. Shalash. Great work Girls!

****IMPORTANT - ALL players that are NOT on the Volleyball teams, please return your Uniforms ASAP to Mrs. Paar in her office. Thank you.**

Volleyball Season is HERE!

Games this week:

On Tuesday the U19 Boys played against the Staff in the best of 5 sets. The team started off strong and was winning the first set by 10 points but slowly the staff chipped away at their lead to come back and win the first set. The team came out stronger and played better to win the second set, but that would be the only set they would win against the staff and the final set score was Staff 3 sets to the U19 Boys team 1 set. Look for a rematch later in the season.

The U14 boys traveled to KICS to play and played very well as reported by coach Ms. Kelley. The team played well in

their first set and beat KICS. The second set KICS came back to win and force a third and final set. KAS came back to win the final set and win 2 sets to 1 set. Good Work Team!

The U19 girls were supposed to play KICS on Wednesday, but KICS had to cancel the game - was it due to fear of the mighty KAS team? Who will ever know... anyways the girls quickly rallied to play the staff at KAS. The match started off close, but soon the faculty found their rhythm and beat the KAS U19 girls team in 3 sets. A BIG thank you to all the teachers that came out to play against our U19 teams this week. They all look forward to a rematch later in the season.

Next week all the games for Volleyball will be at KAS against UHS and KICS. Come on out and cheer on your teams. The boys play Tuesday at 3:15pm and the girls play on Wednesday at 3:15pm. GO KAS!

PTA Lunchtime Bake Sale!

Something wonderful happened last Thursday at KAS! The PTA lunchtime bake sale was a sweet, delicious success. All treats were immediately sold out. We are looking forward to repeating this event after spring break.

Anyone who wishes to donate freshly prepared baked goods for the next bake sale is very welcome to do so. More details will be available after spring break.

