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A Letter from the Elementary Principal, Ben Voborsky

The weather has started to heat up again in Khartoum. This week we had a series of exciting end of the year elementary swim days. Grades 1-5 all went to the Greek Club and spent time swimming, building community, and having fun outside of school. It is great to be able to get outside of the KAS campus and relate to each other in a different environment. Every student I talked to had an amazing time swimming, although some first grade students were more excited about the bus ride! I would like to thank all the parents who supported this event and all the chaperones for their help and enthusiasm! Our goal was to have fun and safe swim days and we know we did it! Some students had never swum before and got to experience a great sport, other students demonstrated their excellent abilities but at the end of the day everyone left with a smile on their face. Although the temperatures will continue to climb, there will not be any more trips to the pool so please make sure to send your student with a water bottle so they can keep smiling in the heat!

Letter From The Principal, Susan Boutros

As we are now in May, I am very surprised at how quickly this school year is coming to an end.

May is the busiest month of the school year. There are so many things going on at school. Many high school students are taking their Advanced Placement exams this week. This year AP Physics, AP World History, AP English Language and Composition and AP Chinese Language have been offered at Khartoum American School. Many colleges and universities in the U.S, Canada and other countries grant credits or advanced placement based on AP test scores.

Many of our senior students have been accepted in universities in the U.S. The school is organizing a trip for those students to the American Embassy, where they will have the opportunity to meet with USA Embassy officials and become more acquainted with the student visa application process.

The School's Annual general meeting and our musical production will be held on the same evening, which would be next Thursday, May 19. Please mark your calendars. Our students have been practicing and having rehearsals and I am sure that it will be a very enjoyable evening. I am looking forward to seeing many of you on this evening.

Friendly Soccer Match - Petronas Compound vs. KAS

Last weekend, on May 7th, the KAS soccer teams were invited to play in a friendly soccer match vs. the Petronas teams in three age divisions: 6-9, 10-12, and 13-15. All teams had a wonderful time in the games demonstrating their soccer skills and sportsmanship for their parents. Hopefully in the future there will be more soccer friendlies to be played at KAS. Thank you to all those families that made this event such a wonderful success.

The 6-9 team members were coached by Mr. Hughes: Hesham El-Mahdi, Hazim Gamil, Sami Mubarak, Mats Tummers, Frank de Jonge, Giorgos de Jonge, Hamadelnil Hamadelnil, and Agib Hughes.

The 10-12 team members were coached by Mrs. Shannon: Jairus Quizon, Hamada Gamil, Bane Grkovic, Chol Atout, Mamoun Ismail, Bashir El-Nefeidi, Mohamed Toure, Mohamed Ibrahim.

The 13-15 team members were coached by Mr. Sanchez: Elia Ayad, Hassabo Omer, Gontse Kgwete, Omer Ibrahim, Mohamed Salama, Ahmed El-Mahdi, Hamada Hamada Abdulhakim.

Hydration, H₂O, Hydration

The Sudan Summer is officially here. As the temperatures heat up, be sure that you are keeping hydrated by drinking at least 1-2 liters of fluids each day. Fresh juice and water are best as these will keep you well hydrated. If you only drink soda, coffee, and tea each day, these will only increase dehydration. Your body needs water to help with daily functions like: regulate body temperature, aide with digestion, and get rid of toxins in the body. If you do not drink enough water and are physically active when the temperatures are above 40°C or 100°F, you could risk dehydration, heat stroke, or heat exhaustion. Be smart and stay healthy by drinking lots of water each day as well as staying out of the direct sun when the temperatures are high.

If you have PE during the week and are outside for activities, be sure to bring a full water bottle, have a hat to shade your head from the sun, and a change of clothes for after class.

Child and Adult Behavior: New Understandings Repeated

There will be repeated presentations on two Tuesdays, May 10th and 17th at 7:30pm by Dave Zakem in his



Preschool room. This is a repeat of the April presentation which was very well received. There will be information covering many areas including:

- Do good parents have good children?
- Do parents or schools have more influence?
- Simple ways to have successful children
- What do children learn from parents?
- Why teens often seem so negative
- Why are some children and parents always at odds?
- New ways to get desired behavior
- Different behaviors at home and school; Why?

No charge, no childcare available, everyone welcome, family and friends.

Elementary Swim Party

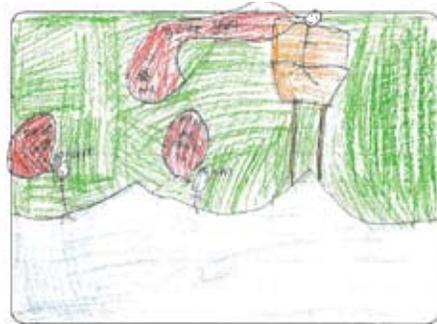
This week each elementary class took a trip to the Greek Club for an end of the year swim party. Grades 1 and 4 went together on Tuesday. On Monday before the trip G1 wrote about what they thought they would do while at the pool. Wednesday after the trip we discussed what we did and whether or not our predictions were correct. We also talked about our favorite part of the trip and how much fun we had! We hope you enjoy our journal entries and pictures, which will be added to the digital copy of Enews, so don't miss out!

Ensure Success!

What is the single-most important activity you, as a parent, can do to ensure your child's reading success? The answer? **Reading aloud to your child.**

Reading aloud will have the greatest and most lasting effect of anything you ever do to instill a love of reading in your child. Children who love to read become good readers and are likely to achieve academic success.

If your child doesn't want to read to herself, read to her. But, even when she has made the leap to reading by herself, don't discontinue your read-aloud sessions. This is top-notch "quality time."



Dates to Remember

Graduation—7pm	Thursday, May 26th, 2011
9:30am High School Swim Party	Wednesday, May 25th, 2011
9am Middle School Swim Party	Thursday, May 26th, 2011
Last Day of School Early dismissal—11am	Wednesday, June 1st, 2011



A Message from the Learning Center

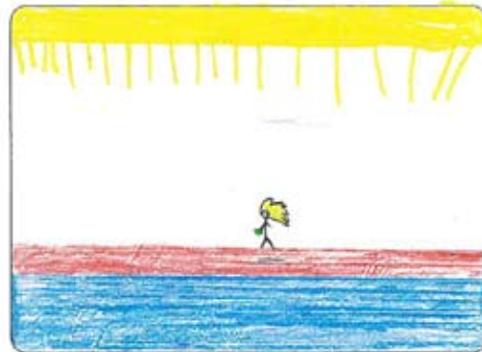
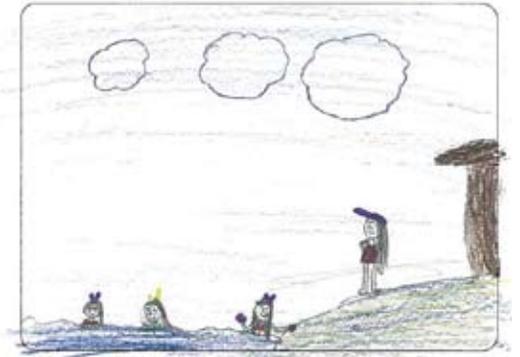
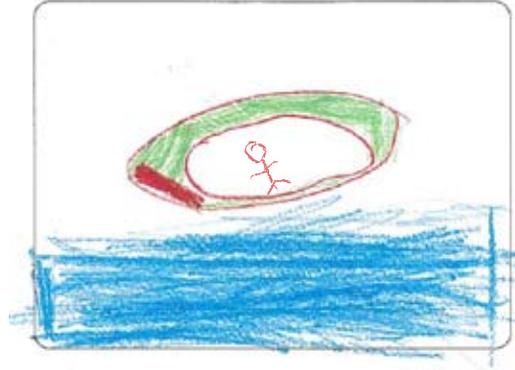
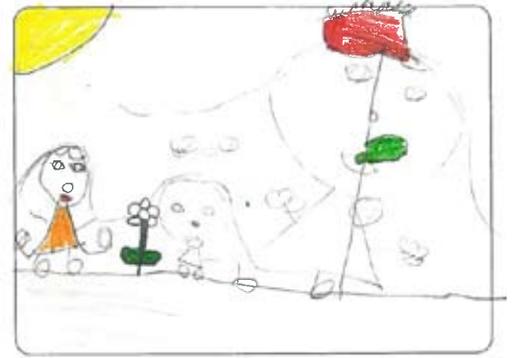
Organize your life! The school year is winding down and it is time to organize your school days and school work.

Start with your schedule:

- Figure out when you have final exams. Make sure you leave plenty of time to study for them, and go to your teachers before hand to get extra help.
- Even though you might be overwhelmed with work, make sure you get plenty of rest.
- Study first, socialize later. This is hard to do, especially for those of you who are graduating or traveling this summer. But remember, you only get one chance to take that test.

Next, organize your school work!

- Start by throwing out any old papers that you are sure you won't need for your exams. If you aren't sure about something, double check with a classmate or teacher.
- Return all library books!
- Separate your study materials by class.



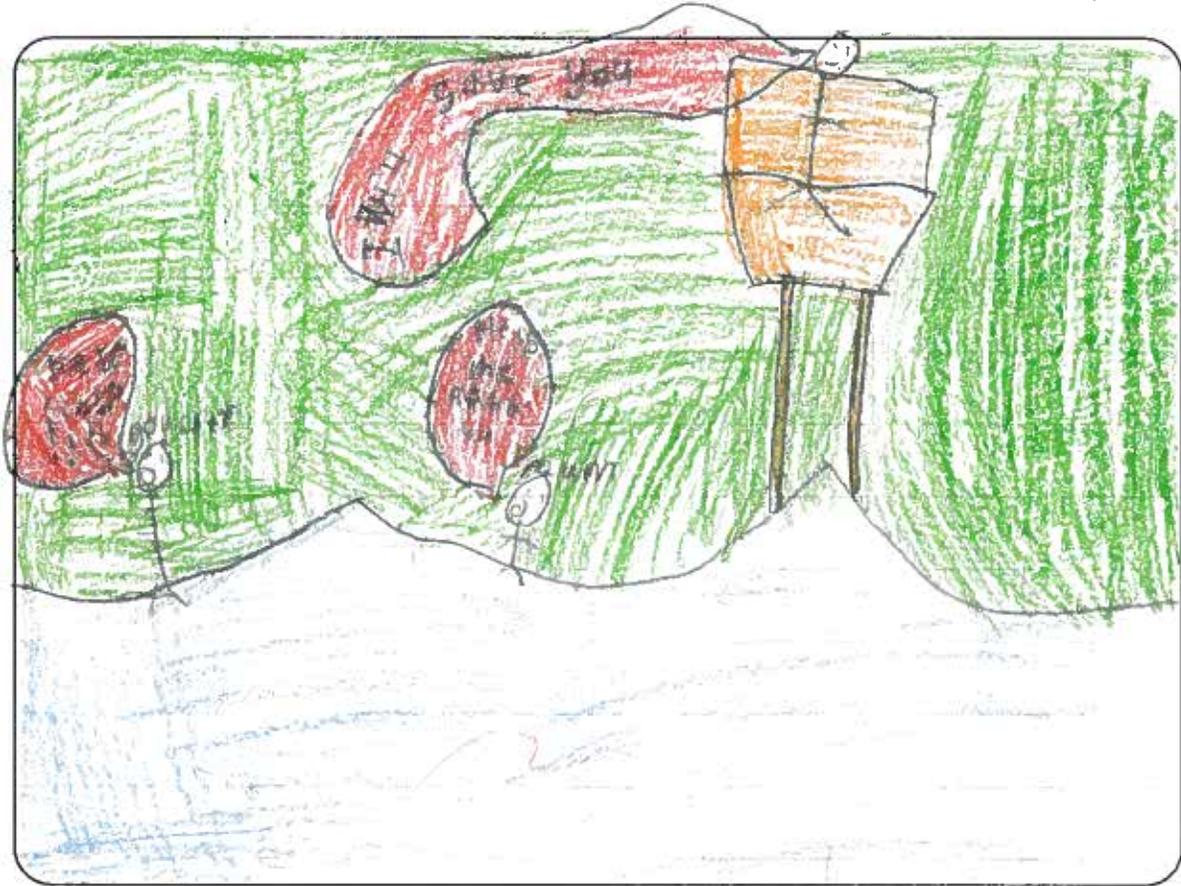
Teachers Wanted

- **High School ESL**
- **Special Needs Teacher**
- **Part-time Biology Teacher**
(at Advanced Placement Level)
- **Teaching Assistants**



Name: Adam

Date: May 9 2011



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I'm gonna count down 10-1 and

yourself will jump in he will sink

I will not sink I think I will

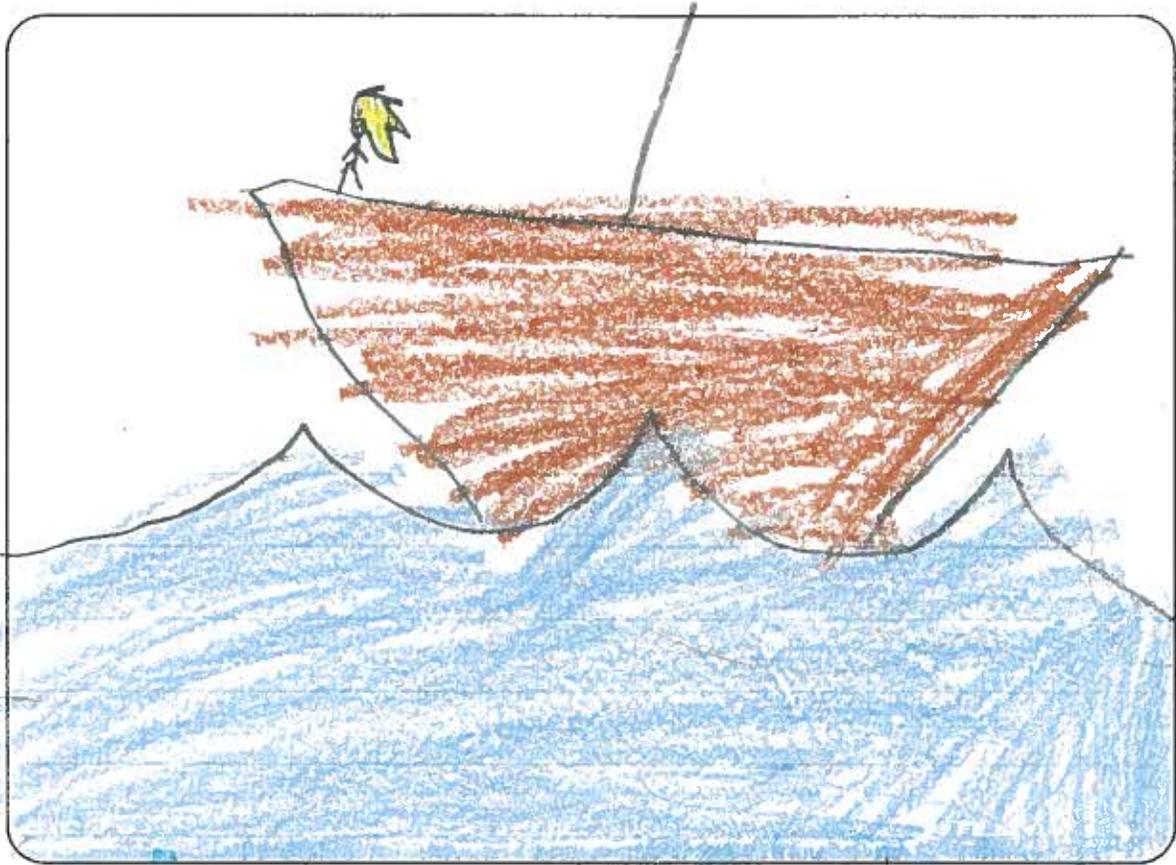
sink, I will say Help Help!! I'm

sinking ahhh!! and then I will float

up back.

Name: Ben

Date: May 9, 2011



When I come to
The Greek club. I will
Jump and do ~~triss~~
~~apross~~ apple sauce.

My friends are going

to see me.

Name: Maella

Date: May 9, 2011



I will swim in the deep pool.

When will we go to school?

What will I do? I will swim we went to the swimming pool.

Then my business will be so long,
Then long

then I am going to go in the bus,

with my friends.

And I so excited to go with my class.

And I got the push sweater, ^{an going to} sitting

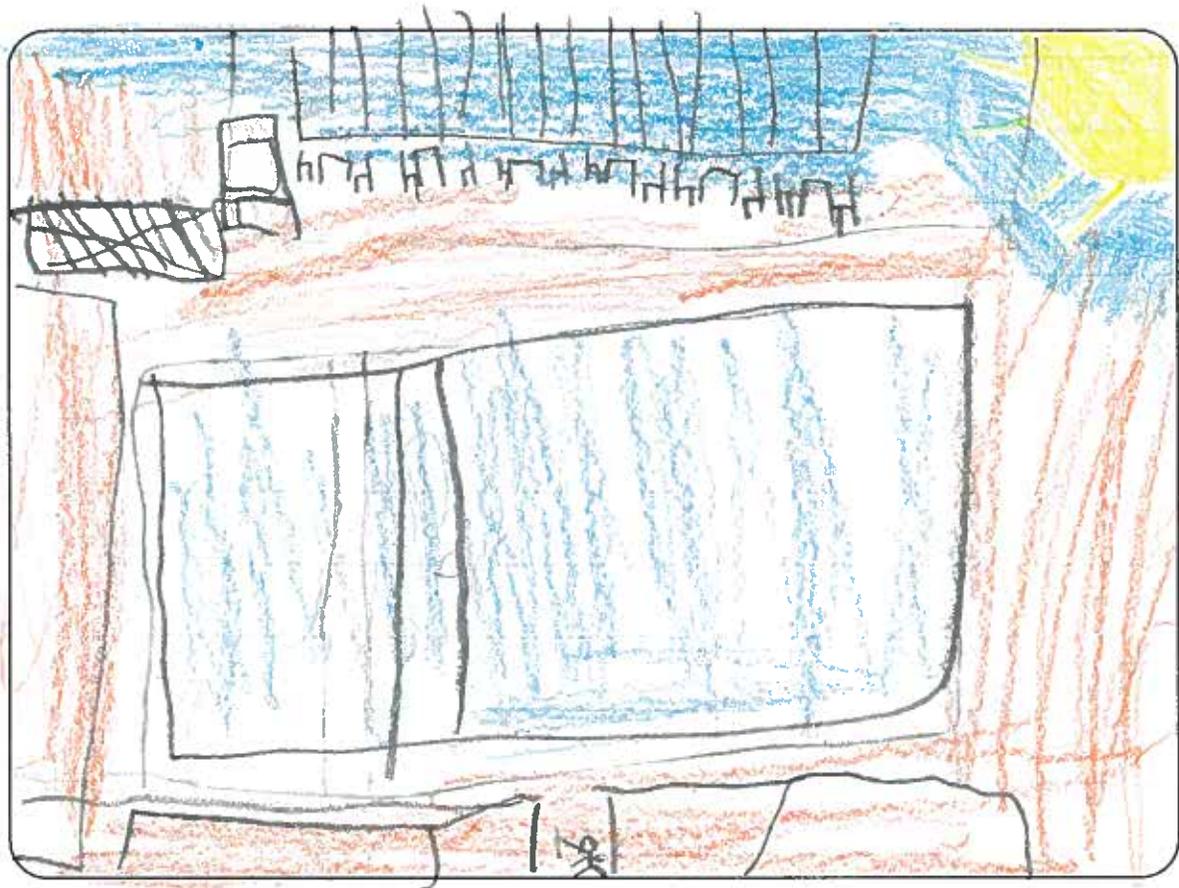
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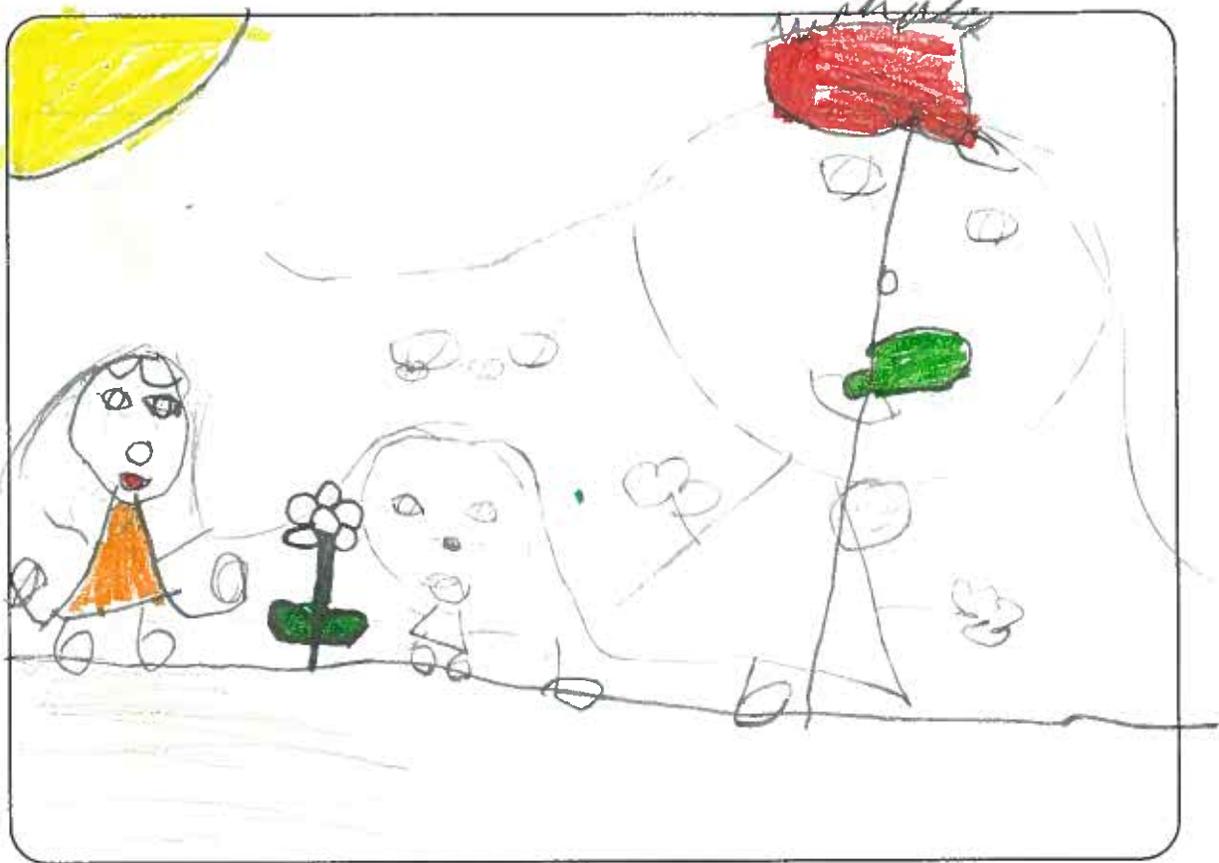
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I like to go swimming

Name: Lilly

Date: May 9, 2011



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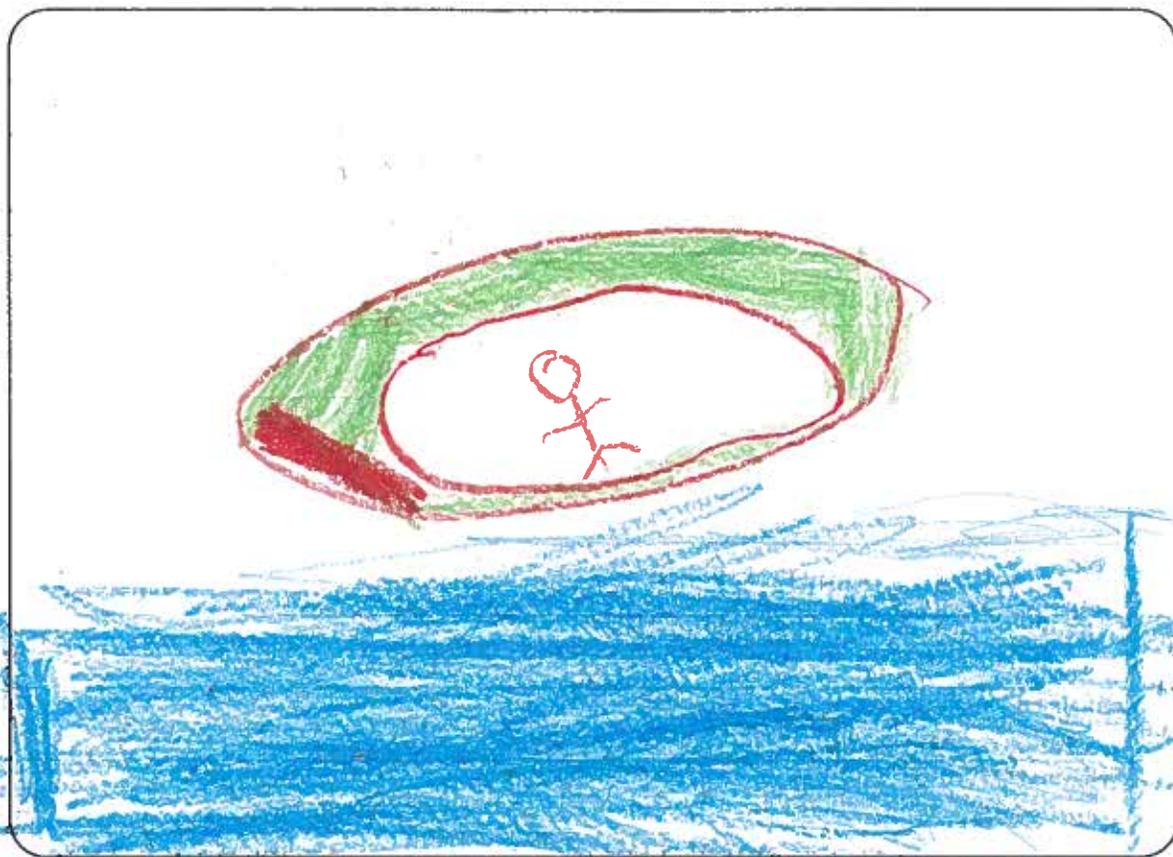
How to

swimming

Name: Mahanad



Date: May 2011



When I come to The

Greek club and

I will get my swimming

suit and I will

Jump in The water.

Name: Sarah

Date: May 9, 2011

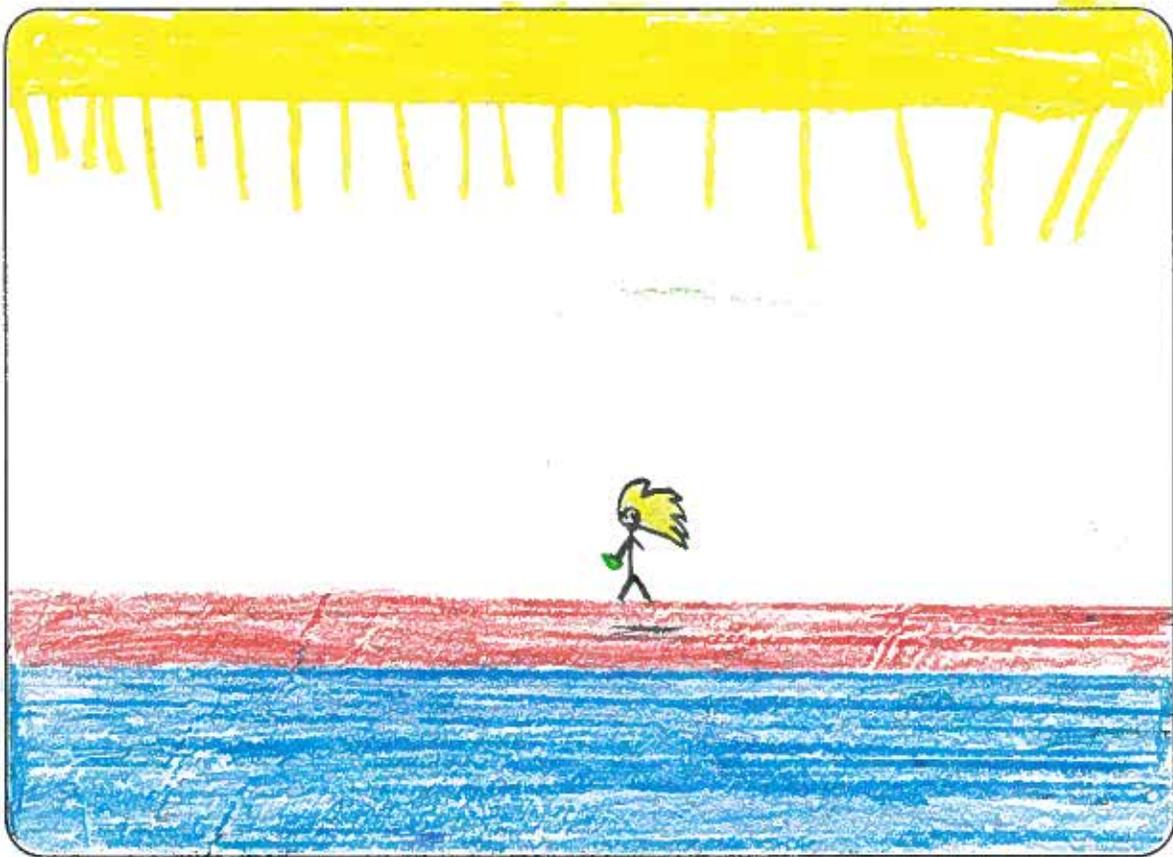


I am Sarah and I am at the swimming pool and my best friend is Maëllia.
Hello Maëllia did you have a great day?
No you did not wow you have to have a great
day that is bad and it's not fun to be sad
because I am sad.
I am going to see Maëllia in the water.
I am sad.
I am going home.

Name: Youssef



Date: May 9 2011



When I go to the Greek club I will
get a 20715 and a hat and
a Hamburger and Ho.

Name: Zain

Date: May 9, 2011



On Tuesday the grade 1 are going to the
Greek Club

I think I will bring my swimming suit.

I will see my friend Noella, & Sarah.

And I will push Sarah in the water.

And I will push Maëllia in the water too.

Maybe I will get push 2 times because I push Maëllia & Sarah.

I am scared of water.

I think I will eat on the water.

Also I will jump over the water because no one push me.