

WELCOME **in** **the** **NEWS**
news from the trunk
Thursday, May 19th, 2011

at the
WELCOME **Jungle**

and a musical extravaganza

Featuring Kindergarten,
Elementary classes
and Grade 7.

May 19th,
2011 7:00
P.M.

Graduation!

Thursday, May 26th, 2011 at 7 pm



A Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

The school is really abuzz at the moment as our Elementary students and some of our Middle School children prepare for the one-time only performance of "Welcome to the Jungle", to be held this evening. The event will follow on from our Association Meeting and I am sure that all parents will be proud of their children's accomplishments.

In international schools it often takes special people to drive a project such as this and as usual our wonderful Music Teacher, Mrs. Lanario has "stepped up to the plate" to plan, organize, encourage and in general bring out the best in our student performers. Who knows, this may turn out to be a spring board for someone's Broadway Career!

In terms of the Association Meeting we are looking for the support of all of our families by turning up and voting for our new Board Members. Having read through the brief biographies of the six candidates who have been nominated to serve on the School Board it is really pleasing to see the depth of the candidates and regardless of who is elected I am sure that the future of the School Board will be bright.

Just as a final reminder the meeting itself will commence at 6 pm but parents can share a drink with the candidates at 5:30 pm as a means of getting to know them a little better prior to the meeting.

The meeting will also contain some information about the school, with the Board President, Board Treasurer, PTA President and the Superintendent all giving updates on the status of the school.

It really promises to be an evening of information and entertainment, so I look forward to seeing you all there.

ASAP After School Activities Program has ended

After School Activities have ended for this school year. Please make sure that children are picked up after regular school hours.



A Letter from the Elementary Principal, Ben Voborsky

Summer vacation is around here somewhere and I believe we will find it soon! It has been a busy and exciting week around KAS and the next week and half will not be any different! Grades 1 and 4 toured the Sayga Flour Mill and even got to make their own pizza! The elementary students have been rehearsing for the end of the year *Welcome to the Jungle* musical to perfect this performance for all parents to see. I hope to see you at the KAS general association meeting followed by *Welcome to the Jungle* tonight! There are many more activities scheduled to end our school year on a high note so please ask your students what is going on around KAS.

Symmetry (Grade 2)

Recently, Grade 2 finished a math unit of lines of symmetry. A figure or image has symmetry when it can be folded so two halves match or are identical, the fold line is called the line of symmetry. In Grade 2 we looked at different images and objects around us that had lines of symmetry such as butterflies and shapes. We experimented with different ways of showing the line of symmetry. For example we drew a line of symmetry on coloured paper and then painted on one side of the line, when we folded our painting in half we had an identical image on the other side.

Check out these websites that we used when learning about symmetry: http://www.linkslearning.org/Kids/1_Math/2_Illustrated_Lessons/4_Line_Symmetry/index.html

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/>

From the library

All library books should have been turned in by now. Bills have been sent home. The librarian will be calling parents to remind them missing book are billed at 150 SDG each. Please take the time to search for the missing books. We prefer to have books returned to collecting 150 SDG. Thanks to everybody who brought back their books promptly.

This summer

The time your children spend **not** watching TV is time that can be spent on reading! Don't forget to read to your kids, from stories, they can broaden their vocabularies and understanding of the world and other people. They can learn to feel empathy and compassion for others. Through books, your children have the world at their fingertips.



Don't stop reading this summer!

Students read a lot during the school year. Reading is the key to success in **any** class, whether it is Language Arts or Chemistry. Students cannot afford to take a two month break from reading. Please help encourage your students to keep reading, as it will only benefit them in August.

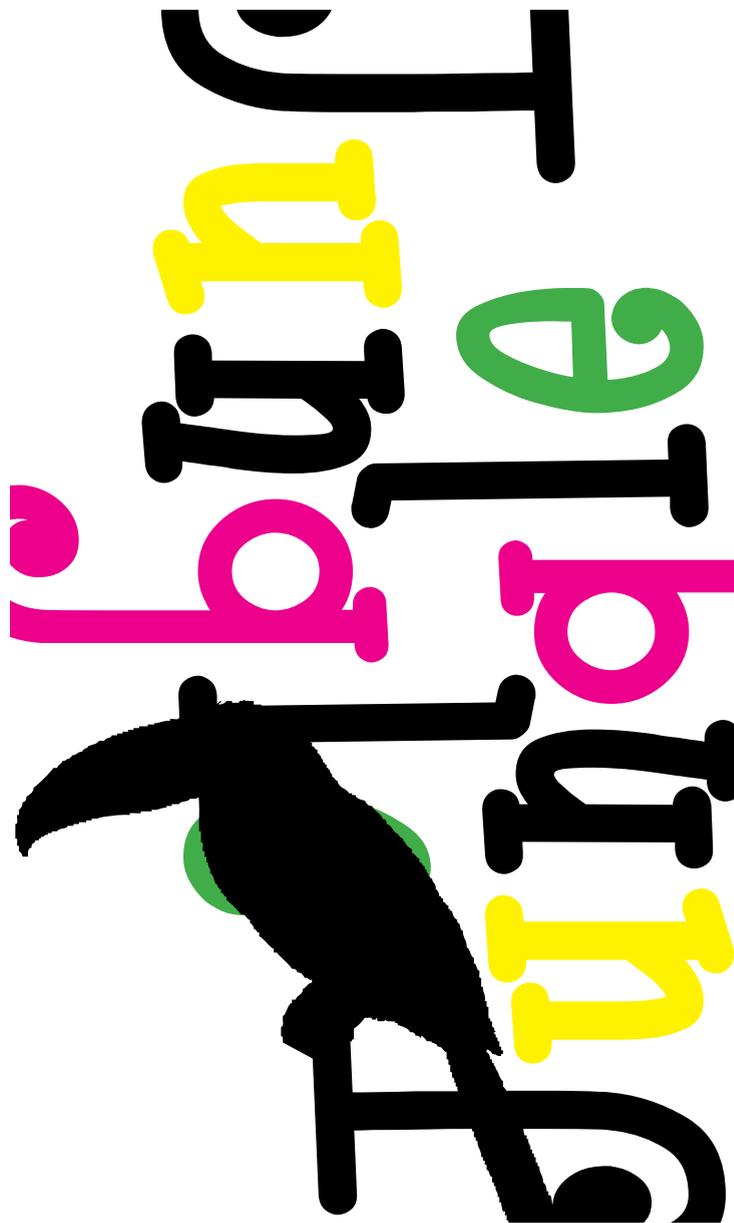
- Visit your local library! You can check out your favorite books, or stay for a few hours and read.
- If you don't have a library in your area, try to borrow some books from a friend before you leave for summer break.
- Go to a bookstore! Even if you don't buy anything, it is fun to just look around and skim through books. In a bookstore it is ok to judge a book by its cover.
- You can buy books online! If you are traveling a lot and don't want to be burdened with extra weight, you can read a book right on your computer.
- Read signs, directions, instructions and anything else you come across!
- Read the news! Whether you read online or from a newspaper, reading the news is great practice, plus you will be well informed when you return to school.

Parent Meeting

The parents of grade 10 students are invited to a short presentation by Ms. Linda on Tuesday, May 24th, at 2:15 in the library. The presentation will familiarize parents with the information and understandings that have been shared with the students in the Career and College Preparation class.

Chemistry (Grade 11)

Some people become teachers so that they may continue their own educational learning. However, students are rarely put in the situation where they get to teach. In 11th grade chemistry, students are given the opportunity to chose a topic of their choice, research it, and then teach it to their classmates and teacher. This week, the students taught electrochemistry, biochemistry, organic chemistry and nuclear chemistry. They got to put themselves in place of the teacher; and had to deal with the responsibility of the learning of others. As teachers, we are placed in the students' shoes. It was an excellent learning opportunity for the students, as well as for the teacher.



Dates to Remember

Association Meeting at 5:30 pm	Thursday, May 19th, 2011
9:30 am High School Swim Party	Wednesday, May 25th, 2011
Graduation—7 pm	Thursday, May 26th, 2011
9 am Middle School Swim Party	Thursday, May 26th, 2011
Last Day of School Early dismissal—11 am	Wednesday, June 1st, 2011



Field Trip! (Grade 1 and 4)

On Tuesday Grade 1 and Grade 4 partnered up, hopped on the bus and took a field trip to the Sayga Flour Factory. While there we practiced good hygiene by washing our hands and wearing hair nets. We saw where bread is made, the ovens it is cooked in and where Ozone bakes delicious treats, like cookies! Since everyone knows grade 1 and grade 4 students love pizza we were given a demonstration on how to make pizza. We know that you add the oil at the end, after everything is mixed together, so that the dough is less sticky. We also know that the basic ingredients are flour, water and yeast. Oil, powdered milk and sugar are optional but make for delicious pizza crust. We even got to help knead the dough. After making the dough we got to add ingredients to make pizza. We used ketchup, sweet corn, peppers, mushrooms and mozzarella cheese. They baked the pizzas for us, boxed them up and sent us on our way. When we arrived back at school we got to enjoy our delicious, made by us, pizzas!



Teachers Wanted

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