

TRUNK NEWS

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Thursday, May 26th, 2011



Graduation!
Thursday, May 26th, 2011 at 7 pm



A Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy and exciting year for the school. In every international school I have worked the years fly by so fast; but this year more than any, seems to have breezed by quickly. At the Association Meeting last week I outlined some of the wonderful achievements that the school has accomplished since August and, without going into details, the hard work of our teachers and administrators have to be acknowledge as the driving force for much of this positive change.

As the year winds down it is that sad time when we have to say goodbye to our departing students and staff, all of whom we will miss so much. One special group leaving us is our Graduating Class of 2011. We will be hosting a Graduation Ceremony this evening where traditionally we present our graduates with their high school diplomas and wish them best wishes as they move onto the universities, colleges and other adventures that lie ahead.

For those people returning to KAS I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. I know that the Summer vacation is a great time for most families and I am sure that everyone will come back in good spirits ready to start the new year fresh.

School is scheduled to restart on the 8th of August for Nursery and Pre-School, and the 9th of August for the remainder of the school. I look forward to seeing you then.

Have a wonderful vacation.



...and the Records go to...

The MS and HS students worked hard this year during the fitness testing to improve their own personal best scores, but there are a few that went above and beyond to actually hold school records. All the MS and HS records are listed in the electronic version of the newsletter, but they are also posted on the PE board near the kiosk for all to see the records set and broken this year.

Listed here are the "Best of the Best" for each testing category for the All school records:

Distance Run - 2:55 minutes: Basel Al-Harbi (gr 10), Sprint Run - 6.27 seconds: Yousif Makram (gr 10), Push-ups in 1 minute - 53 from toes: Andrew Kim (gr 10), Plank Hold - 11:07 minutes: Nabihah Bukhari (gr 8), Sit-ups in 1 minute - 67: Lamease Phillips, Wall-sit - 30:02 minutes: Nabihah Bukhari (gr 8), Flexibility - 20 inches: Thabi Kgwete, Stork Balance - 12:55 minutes: Hanafi Shamsul Irwan (gr 6), and Standing Long Jump - 2.28 meters: Badr El-Nefeidi.

Congratulations to you all and keep trying your best for next year.

Grade 7

On Wednesday, May 18, the Grade 7 Social Studies class traveled more than 10,600 km (~6,600 miles) without ever leaving Khartoum.

They participated in a Skype conversation with the Grade 6 students of Sewickley Academy, a private PK-12 school in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (<http://www.sewickley.org/>).

This conversation was the culmination of several months of global, collaborative learning between the two groups, during which they corresponded on a web-based discussion board. The focus of their studies was the experience of women and children in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

As part of the project, the two groups read Three Cups of Tea and learned about the work of Greg Mortenson to build schools in the two countries. They agreed to participate in Pennies for Peace, for which they collected spare change to contribute to Mortenson's non-profit, the Central Asia Institute.

However, in the midst the fundraiser, a 60 Minutes episode aired challenging both the story behind Three Cups of Tea and the use of funds by the Central Asia Institute. The KAS Grade 7 students and their Sewickley Academy partners decided collectively to re-examine how to use the money they had raised.



During their Skype session, the students came to an agreement to donate the money to National Geographic's Afghan Children's Fund (<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/donate/afghan-childrens-fund.html>). This means that the money will go to a cause closely aligned with their original plan, one focused on educating boys and girls in Afghanistan.

The final tally for the fundraiser was:

KAS: 244 SDG (\$85)

Sewickley Academy: \$73

Total: \$158

Please congratulate the Grade 7 students on their impressive achievement during this wonderful example of global teamwork!

Letter from the Principal, Susan Boutros

Dear Parents, students and friends,

I am delighted, as always, to be a part of this wonderful KAS community. It has been an absolutely fantastic school year. I would like to thank each and everyone one of you for a great school year. You have definitely helped in making KAS one of the best schools in Sudan.

It has given me great pleasure working with all the students and seeing them engaged and actively involved in whatever they are doing.

It has been an interesting year. We have had our challenges (but without any big earthshaking events) on campus, but on the other hand we have also had many more satisfying accomplishments.

We are truly an international school where students and teachers come from many different places, so it is quite normal that many students and teachers are coming and going. It is very sad to be saying goodbye to those who are leaving. On behalf of all of us who are staying I would like to wish our graduates and those students and teachers who are leaving a lot of success in everything you do.

Thanks again for making this a great unforgettable year!

A Letter from Ms. Jones

Living and working in Khartoum has been an amazing experience; one I will never forget! I have had the opportunity to teach the majority of my students for over two years. I would highly recommend this. I have had the

Class of 2011



Dates to Remember

Graduation—7 pm

**Thursday,
May 26th, 2011**

**Last Day of School
Early dismissal—11 am**

**Wednesday,
June 1st, 2011**



chance to watch them grow and mature into wonderful young students. I want to thank the students in Grade 3 for a fantastic year filled with great memories. I have learned a lot from you all, and I will remember this time for many years to come. I wish you all the very best for next year in Grade 4.

I would also like to thank Greg Hughes, Susan Boutros, Anna Garcia, Ben Voborsky, The Elementary Team and everyone else who works at KAS. Thank you for your support and friendship over the past couple of years. I have enjoyed my time here and feel honored to have worked at KAS.

*Thank you all,
Hannah Jones (Miss Jones)*



Teachers Wanted

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