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Happy Holidays!

Early Dismissal For All Students

Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 11:00 AM



Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

Yesterday I arrived back from my recruitment trip to Johannesburg, and as my flight in flew over the school I can guarantee you that there was no happier man on that airplane than me.

The trip itself was extremely successful as I was able to meet the second new teacher we have hired, and she is excited about coming to Khartoum and very pleased to becoming a part of our school community.

One of the great things about attending these events was being able to touch base with other Heads of Schools and gaining insight into what is going on elsewhere, and looking for ways in which we could bring in new ideas and dodge some of the mistakes made by others. While I also heard about one or two of the struggles and challenges being faced in other schools, I was relieved to report that our great little school is getting even better on a daily basis.

On that pleasant note, I would like to wish everyone a fantastic festive season.

I hope that everyone enjoys the break and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Letter from the Elementary School Principal, Ben Voborsky

It is great to be back at KAS and seeing all our students studying hard and excited about the end of the first semester. I was away on an accreditation visit to the American School of Antananarivo, Madagascar. It is always a positive experience to visit other schools. You get all sorts of creative ideas and new perspectives. On accreditation visits you are not suppose to compare schools but to evaluate what they are doing compared to the Middle States Association Standards. I must say that it is hard not to compare when you come from KAS that is exceeding the standards! Don't worry, the American School of Antananarivo is doing an excellent job as well and I am thankful for their hospitality and for welcoming me into their classrooms.

From Antananarivo, I traveled to Johannesburg to the first hiring fair in Africa. It was great to have teachers lining up at the KAS table and wanting interviews because they have heard what a good reputation Khartoum American School has. We look forward to welcoming some new exciting teachers for the 2012-2013 school year.

With the first semester at its end, I would like to wish everyone the best for our winter break. Whether you are traveling abroad or staying to enjoy Khartoum's wonderful weather, have an excellent holiday break. Keep a journal and read a book! It will definitely be a rewarding time. See you back at KAS for the start of the second semester.



Elementary French

Our students have been having a lot of fun playing with fruits and learning to connect what they have previously learned about fruits and vegetables. They have been learning how to pronounce, read and spell the most common fruits and vegetables, such as **Apple**, **Banana**, **Strawberry** and **Orange**. Along with learning the names of these fruits, they have been learning to say which ones they like and which they don't like. They also learned how to describe fruits using colors.

Des fruits et des couleurs



Technology classes at KAS

ICT Class for High School Students

ICT is an acronym for Information and Communication Technology. It is very popular in business, and is becoming very popular in education lately. With technology evolving and developing so fast, Educational Technology has become one of the main and important factor in enhancing students' learning and achievement. Our students, who are known as 21st century generation, will be applying for jobs that do not even exist now. We need to prepare them for the future by equipping them with 21st century skills.

I have started offering ICT class as an Elective Class for high school students since the last school year. The class focuses on:

- Keyboarding
- History of computers
- The major parts of the computer
- Input and output devices
- Operating systems and their differences
- Examples of some essential software. eg: (office application and Google Docs)
- History of the Internet
- Web 2.0 and how it is affecting our lives. (Blog, Wiki, Facebook, etc.)
- ICT and digital citizenship

This semester's class was a very interesting one. Students showed their learning in many different ways including assembling computer hardware, creating different types of presentations, and creating an iMovie to show what they have learned about Digital Law. I will be offering this class again for the next semester and I hope to see more students joining my class. Please watch the movie on our school website www.krtams.org to see what students have accomplished in this course.

By: Egbal Mohamed
Technology Teacher at KAS





This was the last week for the soccer season in 2011. When we return after the winter break, KAS will be starting the second half of the competitions. This is what happened last week. The U14 girls played against KICS and secured their first victory of the season. They won by a score of 2-0. The girls are currently undefeated and will play again on January 18th against NVA. The U19 girls also played KICS last week. They were able to draw 1-1. The U19 girls are also undefeated right now with one draw and one win. The U14 boys had an away game on Monday at the Syrian Club. They managed a good win against NVA by a score of 3-1. They play next on January 17th.

Learning Center Corner

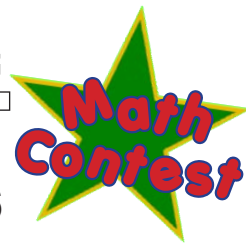
Congratulations on making it through exams and on making it to a well deserved three week vacation. At the Learning Center, we are eager to have you retain the information you have learned over the first semester. As a rule, all students are encouraged to daily review what they have learned. Attending a lesson at school, you will usually learn at least one new thing. If you don't think about it again until the next day, chances are you will have forgotten how to do it. If you review your notes from the day or tell someone what you learned in each subject, studies show that you will retain 70% more information than if you had not reviewed. Reviewing your notes simply means reading them over again at home. This will take very little time. If you then tell someone what you have learned, you will remember even more. If you do this daily, when it comes to test time, you will spend much less time studying, because you will remember so much more.

In order to be able to look through your notes from the day, you'll need to file them in such a way that they are accessible and readable. Please make sure you come back after the holiday with a file or binder that can house all your papers. Section it off, and add each new paper to the back of each section, making sure to date every piece of paper. This takes very little time and effort in class, and has a huge payout when it comes to knowing where your things are, handing assignments in on time, and having notes accessible for study for tests.

Over the vacation, we want you to rest and have fun. Don't forget, however, that you are a student and that you will be coming back to KAS. Get that file ready to come back to school with a fresh start for the fresh new year, and read over all your notes from each of your subjects. One day, when you're in the car on a long boring trip, read your science notes. Another day, when you're at the doctor's office, waiting for your appointment, read your math notes. The day you travel, spend some of that boring airport waiting time, or airplane flying time, reading your English and social studies and foreign language notes. Get the idea? Have a Great Break! See you in 2012.



MR. HOVDE'S
AMAZING



Winners:

- Mu Feng - Grade 1,
- Zaiti - Grade 2,
- Asher - Grade 3,
- Nita - Grade 4,
- Mira - Grade 5
- Jamal - Grade 8 and
- Mengfei - Grade 12.

Elementary School Math problem:

Grade 1: Write your own addition problem, and tell if the answer is odd or even.

Grade 2: Ben weighs 54 lb. Salam weighs 48 lb. They step onto an elevator together. How much do they weigh altogether? Show the start, change, and end.

Grade 3: Hector wants to put chalk lines around the soccer field for the afternoon game. The soccer field is in the shape of a rectangle. The longer sides measure 70 meters, and the shorter sides measure 35 meters. What is the perimeter of the soccer field?

- a) 210 meters c) 155 meters
- b) 200 meters d) 110 meters

Grade 4: Make a true sentence by inserting parentheses. $56/8+48=1$

Grade 5: Label the polygons below (being as specific as possible), and write the number of obtuse angles each one has.



Middle School Math problem:

Express $5/12$ as the sum of two fractions, both having the number one in the numerator.

High School Math problem:

An old car has to travel a 2-mile route, uphill and down. Because it is so old, the car can climb the first mile (the ascent) no faster than an average speed of 15 mi/hr. How fast does the car have to travel the second mile (the descent) in order to achieve an average speed of 30 mi/hr for the trip? *Hint: This problem isn't as simple as it may seem at first glance*

Solutions from the last week: **Grade 1:** 18; even **Grade 2:** 160 lb; $144+16=160$, **Grade 3:** $7+2.59=9.59$; $10-9.59=0.41$, **Grade 4:** $p=44$, **Grade 5:** a) acute; b) acute; c) obtuse; d) right; *Estimates will vary*, **Middle School:** $k = 3/4$, **High School:** There are three people present; a grandfather, a father, and a son.

Circle one:

High School Middle School Elementary School

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Answer: _____