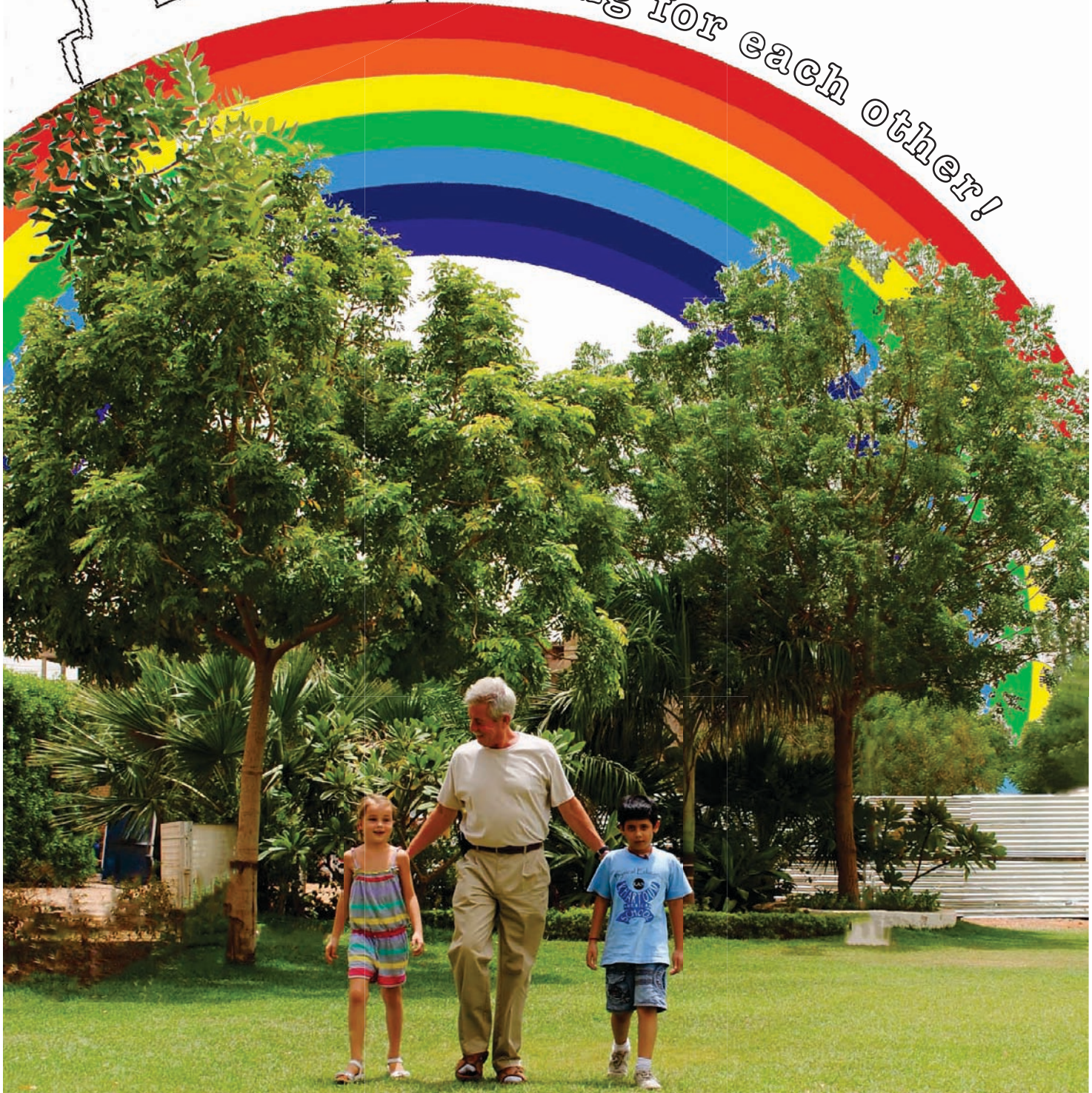


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news from the trunk

Thursday, August 25, 2011

Caring for each other!



Eid el Fitr Break

Friday, August 26th - Saturday, September 3rd, 2011



A Letter from the Superintendent Greg Hughes

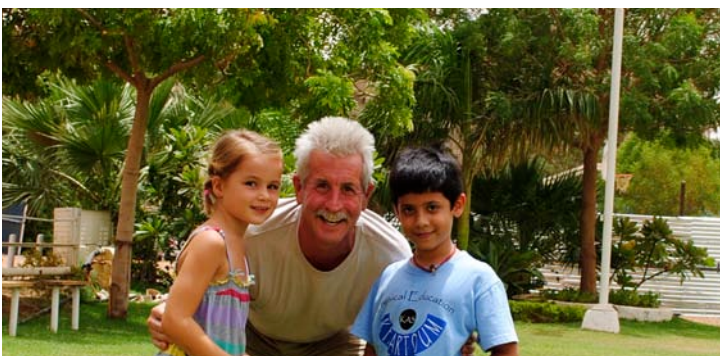
Dear Parents,

We pride ourselves at Khartoum American School as being the friendliest and most caring school in Khartoum. This premise manifests itself in a number of ways throughout our campus. It is obvious that we have instilled these principles within our students simply by watching classmates interact both in the classroom and outside. Our after school program contains an array of activities that provide fun things for students to do once school has finished while we also have many different help centers including the Learning Center and the Math Help Center that cater to students who need that little bit of extra academic support.

One of the biggest ways in which we care for our students is through our Counseling Program, headed up by Mr. Greg Collins. As the school counselor, Mr. Collins plays a significant role in dealing with student welfare issues throughout the school and is always available to talk with students, parents, and teachers on a range of issues. In general, his role involves making sure that we are all happy and well balanced individuals. In terms of the College Counseling component of his job, he works hand-in-hand with senior students and their families to ensure that they get the best chance possible to gain acceptance into the finest universities and colleges both in the United States and the rest of the world. Our school has a tradition of graduating students to exceptional institutes the world over and I am confident that this will continue to be the case for many years to come.

Mr. Collins has been extremely busy getting to know our graduating class of 2012 and he is slowly getting an understanding of their hopes, dreams and aspirations. On Wednesday, the 7th of September (the first Wednesday after the Eid holiday), he will be giving his first information evening of the year. This evening will give families some broad information relating to his role and will also focus on the school transcripts, application materials, college selection, and the general timelines associated with the application process. We hope that this evening will engage families and be a springboard for a lot of dialogue and communication throughout the year.

I wish all of our families a peaceful and relaxing Eid break and, like you, I am anxiously waiting to get back to school and continue on from our excellent start to the 2011/2012 school year.



Letter from the Middle School and High School Principal Susan Boutros

Dear Parents,

Our school is special and as we begin this year, I would like to emphasize to all parents that this is your school and we welcome your involvement. In fact, your involvement is vital to the success of our school. There are so many ways that you can become involved in the school and your child's education. I would now just like to mention a few.

One of the best ways to know what your child is doing in his/her classes is through Moodle. Moodle is a virtual class that allows teachers to communicate better with students and parents. It is a tool our teachers use to make their class available online. Teachers post their units, homework, assignments and give quizzes through it. Moodle has now become very popular among educators around the world as a tool for creating online dynamic web sites for the students.

We now have beautiful student planners. All the students from grade 1 to 12 have received one. The student handbook is at the front of this planner. Students are required to write their homework, assignments, quizzes, tests and other important information in them. Please make sure that you check their planners everyday. You can also write a note in the planner to the teachers.

Another excellent way to keep informed about everything that is happening at KAS, is to read our weekly newsletters that go home every Thursday. You can also visit our website, which keeps a variety of information completely current throughout the year.

Another very good way of becoming more involved in our school is by joining the Parent Teacher Association. The PTA plays an active role in supporting the school community. The main goal of the PTA is to organize activities to bring our school community together. Last year the PTA organized several bake sales, family picnics and a parents' dance. The PTA helped support the playground for the nursery. If you would like to join the PTA, please contact us or see Ms. Haska.

We always welcome parent volunteers. If you would like to volunteer in the library or around school, offer an after school activity or coach a sports team, please let us know.

After school activities are offered on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:20 to 3:00. Please make sure that you arrange for your child to be picked up on time at the end of the school day or at the end of after school activities, classes, sport practices and games.

We would love to see as many of you as possible this school year during conferences (that happen twice a year), during school events or just drop by and have some coffee and cake with us every Thursday morning.

Let's work together to make this a FANTASTIC school year!



Message from the Early Childhood



What a great start in Early Childhood!

We had many fun activities in the classroom, we did a lot of tracing and cutting and used play dough to make shapes.

We made necklaces, painted Baby Beluga, our favorite song, danced a lot and had some yoga to relax!

We even had cooking lessons and made a very special sandwich.

And out in the playground we fed the tortoises and exercised with the hoola hoops. We also baked yummy cakes in the sandbox!

Ms. Katia and Ms. Tess would like to invite our parents to come and join us in class and share their skills: come and read a story, play an instrument or tell us something about your country!

Have a wonderful break!



Message from the PE department

Sport Sign Up Basketball/Swimming

The first sport season is just about here!

Now is your chance to sign up if you are interested in playing basketball, or swimming on the KAS teams.

Sign up sheets have been posted on the Kiosk bulletin board since Monday, August 22nd. There is still time to join the teams. Remember to sign-up when we return from the break on September 4th!

We want you!





MR. HOVDE'S
AMAZING



Here are the winners from last week:

NATHANAEL in Grade 1 had the correct answer of 24
MOHANAD in Grade 2 had the correct answer of 2 km
EL BASHIR in Grade 3 had the correct answer of tens place
NITA in Grade 4 had the correct answer of 19 sides
ALLI in Grade 5 had the correct answer of 49
 Oh No! No Middle School students had the correct answer of 15 minutes.
FU XIANLI had the correct answer in High School:
 "Take the goat to the far side of the river and return alone. Then, take the wolf across the river and return with the goat. Leave the goat on the original side of the river and take the cabbage across and leave it with the wolf. Return to pick up the goat and once again cross the river. Now all three (goat, cabbage, and wolf) have been transported safely across the river."

Thanks to all students who turned in an answer. This week we continue with the **Math Contest**. Find the Math Problem's solution for your grade and turn it in the box outside Mr. Hovde's classroom at break time on Sunday, September 4th, between 9:07AM and 9:22AM. This is the only time solutions will be accepted. Once the answers are collected, one paper will be pulled from the box at random. If the answer is correct, the student who submitted that answer is the **winner** for the week. If the answer is incorrect we will keep drawing until a correct answer appears. Winners will receive **Unbelievable prizes** to be announced in next week's newsletter.



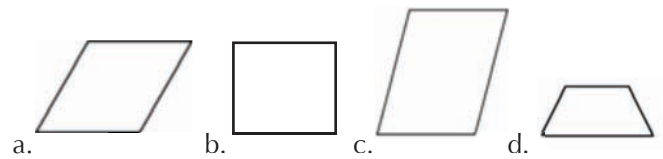
Elementary School Math problems:

Grade 1: What is the missing number?
11, 12, ____, 14, 15

Grade 2: Identify the pattern.
2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14

Grade 3: 1,704 which digit is in the...
a. ...hundreds place?
b. ...ones place?
c. ...thousands place?
d. ...tens place?

Grade 4: Which of the following shapes is a RHOMBUS? Explain how you know for sure.



Grade 5: Identify the number in the following list that is PRIME and EVEN.
0, 2, 8, 11, 20, 31, 32, 77

Middle School Math problem:

How many years in the 20th century (1900-1999) are palindromic numbers? List all answers.

High School Math problem:

Chip said to Dale "If you give me one acorn, then we will have an equal number of acorns." Dale replied with delight "If you give me one acorn, then I will have double the number you have!" What was the total number of acorns they had in their tree? How many did Chip have and how many did Dale have?



Circle one: _____

✂ High School Middle School Elementary School

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Answer: _____ ✂

Message to the parents
Moodle Password

Moodle usernames and passwords have been sent by email to all parents. Moodle is an online e-learning software that allows parents the opportunity to view their child's class pages.
If you do not receive this information please contact the school.