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news from the trunk

Thursday, May 2, 2013



School Board

Long Weekend, Easter and Sham El Nasim

From Friday, May 3 to Tuesday, May 6, 2013



Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

Every year the school association (parent body) elects candidates to serve on our school board. This year as in the past our school board has done an outstanding job steering the school and from the general health of our institute it is obvious that they have excelled in a number of areas. Already we have a large number of new students enrolling for the next academic school year and a large proportion of this renewed enthusiasm in the general community can be attributed to their fine work.

On a personal note I would like to thank our current board for their support and I know that all decisions made throughout the course of this year have had our students' best interests at heart and for this reason alone, I am extremely appreciative.

In saying this we will be looking to recruit some new board members to serve for the upcoming school year and this process is carried out at our annual Association Meeting, to be held on Thursday, May 23, 2013. If you are interested in serving on the school board please send an email to me, along with a short biography that can be distributed to the association. The deadline for applications is the 16th of May.

Being a member of the school board can be an extremely rewarding experience in that your contribution can help shape the school and further enhance our wonderful institute. The board meets every month and discusses general matters of policy while also deliberating on issues relating to school finances, and facilities. If you feel you would like to contribute in this regard I would also be happy to speak with prospective candidates to outline the role further.

I look forward to receiving information from all candidates.

As always have a wonderful weekend and please remember school will resume next Tuesday.

Letter from the Middle and High School Principal, Susan Boutros

It seems that everyone is counting down the days. Whether finishing elementary school, finishing middle school, freshman year, graduating as seniors, going on a holiday or moving to another country this time of year is exciting for everyone. The hotter weather and longer evenings can become exhausting as we continue to have to go to school; however, we can always make the most of this. The weather and whole summer environment that it brings, usually makes students relax and be a bit more laid back regarding school work. In order to find inner peace as the end of the year slowly comes, one should follow these three tips.

First and foremost, one should be focused. Although the weather can give us a sense of relaxation, slacking off in one's schoolwork only ends up making one more stressed when finals come around. For this reason, continue to do your homework and assignments on time. The end of the year will be much less stressful if you maintain your grades now rather than later.

Second, one should get involved. Summertime has so many opportunities for students: swimming, basketball and soccer are just a few examples. Remaining active allows one to practice good time management and create balance within his life.

Finally, enjoy the weather! Living in Sudan can be a great experience. Try to enjoy the hot weather. There are many people living elsewhere who envy you right now for living in a hot country.

These may seem like small changes to implement; however, they will make a great change to your summertime this year. If one can find the balance between the three tips, one will be successful. Summertime is more than just the end of the school year; it is the beginning of what is to come during summer. It can be magical, if and only if, one knows how to deal accordingly.

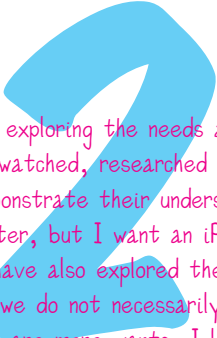


The Big Debate

This week saw a wonderful duel whereby our Arabic Language students debated a topic talked about in all corners of the globe; who is the best footballer in the world, Messi or Ronaldo? From all accounts the debate was fast and furious but one thing is for sure it really gave our students a chance to tackle a topic they love in Arabic. Mr. Abdulrazig moderated the debate and regardless of who gave the most persuasive argument it was fantastic to see students learning while being engaged in subjects that are close to their hearts. Well done Mr. Abdulrazig and his class of football fans.



Grade



Grade 2 has been exploring the needs and wants of human beings. They have read, watched, researched and have been using technology to demonstrate their understanding of needs and wants. I need water, but I want an iPad, I want a laptop, but I need food. They have also explored the difference between food needs and wants, we do not necessarily need McDonalds, Subway or Starbox, those are more wants, I like Big Macs, but I do not need them. The Croods provided good insight into the distinction between needs for needs and wanted needs. The family needed food, water, shelter, air and clothes to survive. They did not need nail services, fancy baked goods or designer clothes to survive. While those things are nice to have, they are not necessary for survival. We hope you were able to join us on Thursday morning to enjoy our G2 needs and wants morning assembly. A special thanks to Mrs. Lanario for her help this morning.

Spirit Week at KAS

This week was declared Spirit Week by Mr Don's GOAL group of Iris, L.J., Rawan, Hasan, Jihong and Ahmed. The students organized and publicized themes for each day, with many students participating by dressing up in costume.

Sunday was Nerd Day, and the campus resembled an episode of Big Bang Theory. Monday was Mismatch & Crazy Hair Day. The girls put much more creativity into their costumes than the boys, and the results were dazzling. It was amazing to observe some of the bizarre attire that can be found in closets here in Khartoum!

Spirit Week was a good opportunity for students to "blow off some steam" before preparing for their final exams. It also allowed them to express their individuality and imagination.



Senior Trip to Port Sudan

To celebrate the end of both their time at KAS and their high school career, the Grade 12 students traveled to Port Sudan this past weekend for a senior class trip. Thanks to the professional development day on Thursday, the students were able to spend three full days and nights relaxing at the Red Sea Resort. Along with the three chaperones, the seniors filled their time with lots of snorkeling and swimming in the Red Sea, visiting Port Sudan and sampling some fresh fish, and just enjoying some time with their friends, listening to music and playing games. Everyone had a wonderful time, and it was a great chance for the seniors to relax before facing AP tests and final exams.





Cameron-KG, Boki-G1, Lina-G2, Aayan-G3, Tawfeeg-G4, Malak-G5, Ali-G6, Haider-G8.

Elementary School Math problem:

Kindergarten: $6 + 2 = ?$

Grade 1: When the time is 'quarter past', where does the minute hand point? When the time is 'quarter to', where does the minute hand point?

Grade 2: $10+40=$ ____, $12-2=$ ____, How many days are in November?

Grade 3: There are 10 students in our class.

- 1) What fraction of our students are boys?
- 2) What fraction of our students are girls?
- 3) What fraction of our students have names that begin with a consonant (not Y)?

Grade 4: Ava and her three sisters shared 24 candies equally. How many candies did each get?

Grade 5: Anne Myrthe was baking two different kinds of bread. One recipe called for $3 \frac{1}{2}$ cups of flour. The other called for $2 \frac{1}{3}$ cups of flour. How much flour did Anne Myrthe need in all? Please show work.

Middle School Math problem:

Naomi had an average score of 70 on her science tests. On her next test, she got a 90 and her average jumped 5 points to 75. How many science tests has Naomi taken?

High School Math problem:

A pond contains 100 migratory birds. Each week the population of birds increases by 15%. How many birds will be in the pond after eight weeks?



AISA Art Challenge

The AISA Art Challenge is back at KAS! Kindergarten through Grade 12 are invited to participate. AISA is looking for 12 works of art from international schools all around Africa to exhibit in their 2014 calendar. The winners will have their artwork displayed in the calendar and will receive an iPod Shuffle. Last year Lekë who is now in Grade 1 won in the contest. A panel of teachers will choose 3 or 4 pieces to represent KAS in the contest. The theme is fairly open, but should focus on Africa and making connections. The judges are looking for well-crafted creative drawings, paintings, or computer generated art. Please submit entrees on A4 paper to Ms. Jamie by Thursday, May 16.

High School Exam Week Schedule – May 2013

	Monday, May 27	Tuesday, May 28	Wednesday, May 29
8:00 – 9:30	Geometry 9 Business Math Consumer Math Modern History 10 Pre-Calculus 11 Physics 12	Physical Science 9 Algebra II 10 African Studies 11 English 12	Ancient History 9 English 10
10:00 – 11:30	Biology 10 African Literature 11 Comparative Govt. 12	English 9 Chemistry 11 Statistics 12 Calculus 12	(make-up exams)

Solutions from the last week: **Kindergarten:** 9; **Grade 1:** Adalia has more by 15 cents; **Grade 2:** 102, 15; **Grade 3:** No; **Grade 4:** Jack wins with 6, 192. Jill lost with 4, 794; **Grade 5:** $7/16+5/16=12/16$; $16/16-12/16=4/16=1/4$; $1/4$ of the tray was left unplanted; **Middle School:** 6 hens; **High School:** There is a 90.3% chance that in a room with forty random people at least two people will have the same birthday;

Long Weekend Pool Shedule

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
9am – 7pm	9am – 7pm	9am – 3pm	9am – 7pm
		Pool Open for School Community	
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Circle one:

High School Middle School Elementary School

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Answer: _____