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Thursday, September 5, 2013



After School Activities Program

Starts this Sunday, September 8, 2013

Book Fair Scholastic Books in English and Arabic

Sunday to Thursday, September 15 to 19, 2013, from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm



Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

One of the most unique questions that we face at Khartoum American School on a daily basis is; "How do we get kids to go home?" It is a perplexing problem as it also bears testament to the way in which we have made KAS a home away from home, a place where students feel welcome, cared for and perhaps most importantly a place where they belong.

While we continue to grapple with this problem, a partial solution is in sight in the form of our After School Activities Program (ASAP). This program, which starts next week lengthens the school day by adding interesting, exciting and fun activities that allow students to explore numerous extra curricula pursuits. The activities on offer are generally supported by the teachers who commit and dedicate themselves to our ASAP; helping students gain that little bit extra beyond their regular school program.

It is our pleasure to offer such an extensive after school program and we hope that your children take pleasure in enjoying these activities.

As always have a wonderful weekend.

Letter from the Middle and High School Principal, Susan Boutros

It was a great pleasure seeing so many of you at the Back to School Day.

Every year Khartoum American School offers after school activities and classes. We are dedicated to providing and expanding after-school time and opportunities for students, to support their learning and development across the day, throughout the year, and from kindergarten through high school.

Our after school program is successful because the focus is not just on academic support, but also offers other enrichment activities. Thus, balancing academic support with a variety of structured, engaging, and enjoyable extracurricular activities to improve academic performance.

After school activities for elementary school will start on Sunday. A range of sport activities are offered such as swimming, basketball, soccer, frisbee and outdoor games. Other more academic activities are also offered such as Homework Help, Computers, Religious Studies and Art.

After school homework help for middle and high school students is offered everyday except on Tuesdays. The Math Help Center is also open to middle and high school students three times a week after school. AP classes and MUN (Model United Nations) classes meet once a week after school.

Middle and high school students can also join our different clubs, which help students to explore their diverse interests. These clubs focus less on academics and more on improving students' social skills, self-esteem and leadership skills. The clubs on offer right now are the Debate club, the Fitness Club and the Community Service Club. Our sport practices and games will be starting soon.

We hope too that our students take part in the after school classes and programs. Research shows that those students who participate in after school programs can reap a host of positive benefits in a number of interrelated outcome areas - academic, social - emotional and health and wellness. These are the skills that are necessary for youth to succeed in the 21st Century global economy and world.

Have a great weekend!



Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Library is open from 2:05 pm to 3:00 pm			
Middle School Homework Help Center in the Learning Center from 2:05 pm to 3:00 pm			
High School Homework Help Center in Ms. Shalash's Room from 2:05 pm to 3:00 pm			
Math Help with Mr. Khalid	Math Help with Ms. Lyn	Math Help with Mr. Joel	
AP English	AP Calculus	AP Chemistry	MUN

WE ARE THE BUTTERFLIES



WELCOME TO THE BUTTERFLY CLASS

A new year has just started, bringing along excitement and challenges in the many daily interactions between our children and teachers. We are very proud of what our class has achieved in such a short period of time. All children have settled in and are making friends. Preschool children learn best through play so we try to keep our activities as interesting and fun-packed as possible. We spread age appropriate activities throughout the day, alternating between engaging the children in large groups and quieter small groups activities. Such approach provides the opportunity to balanced and diversified instruction. Art activities are open-ended to encourage development of children creativity. We have started exploring colors and shapes, which are taught through play, books, art activities and songs.

How did we become the Butterfly class?

The idea of the class was to promote a sense of belonging. On the first day of school we brainstormed about animals, and insects. We quickly came up with our choice, which was the wonderful and colorful butterfly. We started the first investigation of this year by discussing what we know about butterflies, we talked about the colors and different types of butterflies. Afterwards we had craft activity in which the children enjoyed choosing their butterflies and decorating them.

The Butterfly Class Team,
Ms. Haska and Ms. Tess



Note Taking Suggestions

I'm sure many of you have already started taking countless notes in your classes. Some of you may have notebooks, others just a book bag full of papers from all of your classes. Here are a few note taking tips that can help ensure success for this upcoming year, it's never too early or late to start!

- If the instructor writes something on the board or repeats an idea then it is usually a key point and you should write it down!
- Try to use a three-ring binder, it allows for more flexibility in rearranging your notes and any handouts that you may receive.
- Don't always rely on someone else's notes, you may not understand everything that they write down.
- If your instructor talks fast, it may help to bring an audio recorder and record the lecture while taking notes. After the lecture is over you can replay the lecture and fill in any parts that you missed in your notes.
- Do reading assignments or homework questions before class! It is easier to take notes when you know what the instructor is talking about.
- Date your notes. Add titles and subtitles when you move onto a new topic for easy referencing.
- Compare notes with a classmate to make sure you didn't miss any important points.



Learning Center Corner

So Your Class Is Boring?

It's the first week of September and you're already starting to fall asleep in class. How are you ever going to make it through to December? Try avoiding the brain drain by learning on your own.

- Perhaps reading about World War II is kind of boring, but do you know how your home country was involved? We are naturally much more curious about our own countries, since we understand more about the customs and how they work. In doing this, we learn to make connections to other people, places, and events in World War II.
- You don't even always have to read to become interested! Science isn't always the easiest thing to read, so why not use Youtube to watch videos on science? Have you ever tried to memorize the Periodic Table? I would assume it's not very easy. However, the Periodic Table song is less than three minutes long and you will not be able to not sing along!

Finding ways to stay involved in the subject may seem difficult, but we are always attached to our laptops, televisions, and music. Rather than move endlessly through websites, channels, and songs, choose what you expose yourself to. Have fun while you learn and explore!

THE NEW PERIODIC TABLE SONG





Last Week's Winners

Mika, Aisha, (Pre-K), Jason (Kindergarten), Joyce (Grade 1), Mustafa Adel (Grade 2), Sara(Grade 3), Neeka (Grade 4), Adam (Grade 5), Tina, Fawzia (Grade 6), Yousif (Grade 7)



KAS Swim team will begin this Tuesday, September 10th, after school. Every interested student should be at the pool, wearing their swimsuit, at 2:15 pm.

All who wish to join should be good swimmers who are committed to be on the team for the entire year. Swimmers take your mark.....get set.....GO!!!

Elementary School Math problems:

- Kindergarten:** Write the numbers five to ten.
- Grade 1:** $7 + 6 = \underline{\quad}$ $8 + 3 = \underline{\quad}$
- Grade 2:** What is the missing addend? $7 + \underline{\quad} = 15$
- Grade 3:** Draw a 'Name Collection Box' with 16 as your number. Write 16 in five different ways. Remember to not use the same representation more than once.
- Grade 4:** Write the addends to complete the addition fact. Write the multiplication fact.
 $\underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = 36$
 $\underline{\quad} \times \underline{\quad} = 36$
- Grade 5:** List as many factors as you can for the number 28.

Middle School Math problem:

If $-X=3$ and $y=7$, then what is $X+Y$?

High School Math problem:

A physics Club has decided to buy sweatshirts for its members. Students can choose a club sweatshirt using any combination of 8 shirt colors and 8 shirt decorations, as shown in the chart below.

Shirt Colors	Shirt Decorations
black	club logo
blur	club mascot
green	club name
orange	member name
purple	physics formulas
red	school name
white	star
yellow	year

Nermin wants a blue shirt with 3 different decorations. How many different sweatshirt combinations are possible for Nermin?

Solutions from the last week: Kindergarten: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; **Grade 1:** 11; **Grade 2:** 40, 50, 60; **Grade 3:** Counting, Measuring, Codes, Comparisons; **Grade 4:** 2/5; **Grade 5:** 494 and 1816; **Middle School:** 34, 55, 89; **High School:** 7 dogs;

After School Activities Program Session 1 starts this Sunday!

Sunday

- KG & G1: Crazy Crafts, Watch and learn Sundays, 3D artwork.
- G 2 & G3: Music Fine Time, Arts & Crafts full of fun, Frisbee Club, Basketball Team U12 Boys.
- G 4 & G5: Sensational Swimming Skills, Basketball Team U12 Boys.

Monday

- KG & G1: Playtime-Games, Beads & more, Art on paper
- G2 & G3: Swim for fun, Basketball Team U12 Girls
- G4 & G5: Homework Zone, Fun with computers, Basketball Team U12 Girls

Tuesday

- G2, G3, G4 & G5: Swim Team, Basketball Team U12 Boys

Wednesday

- KG & G1: Aquatic Fun, Learn to swim
- G2 & G3: Fun with computers, Homework Club, Video Club, Basketball Team U12 Girls
- G4 & G5: Soccer For 15, Basketball Team U12 Girls

Thursday

- G2, G3, G4 & G5: Swim Team, Islamic Studies, Non-Islamic Studies