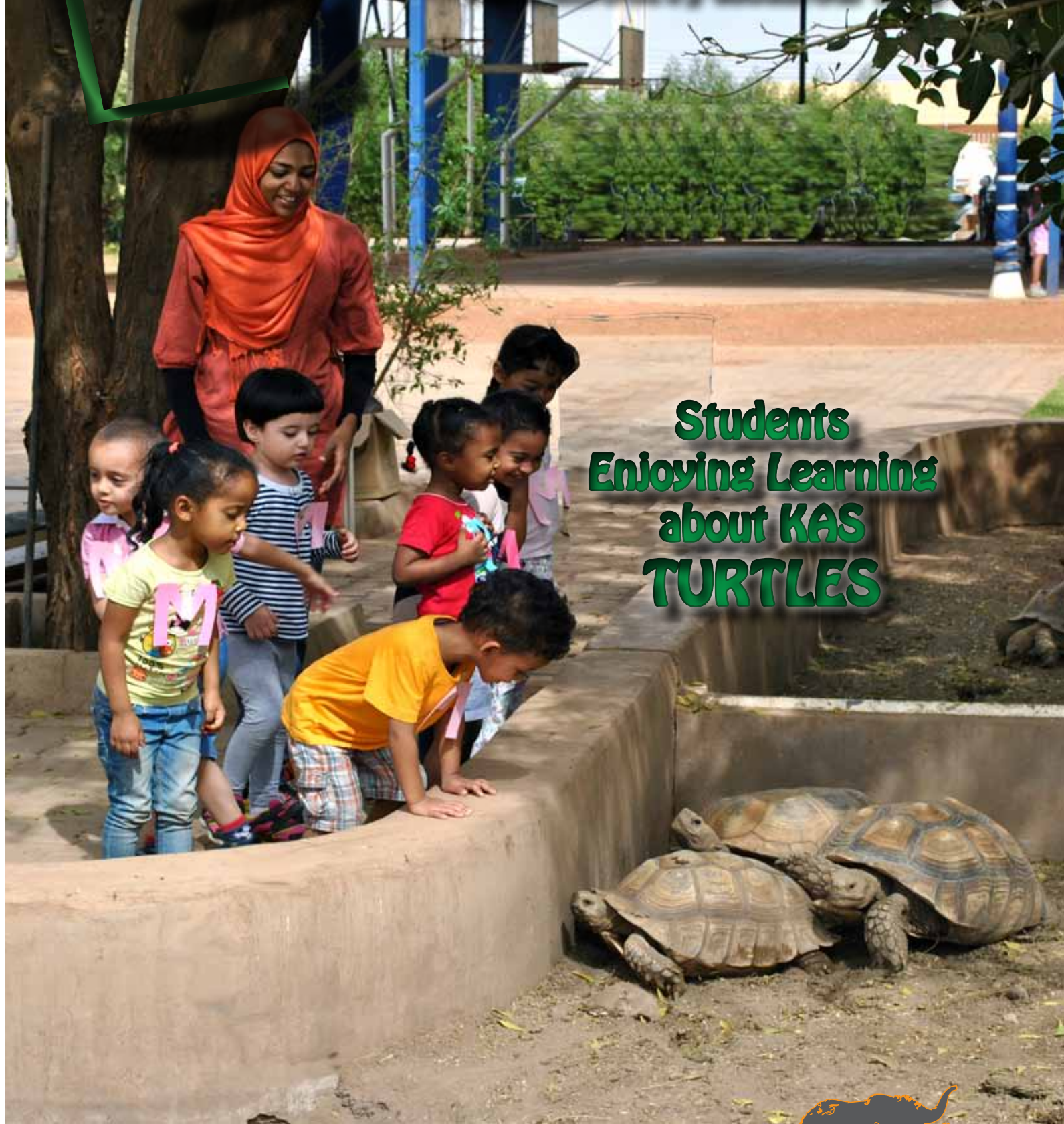




**NEWS FROM THE TRUNK**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015**



**Students  
Enjoying Learning  
about KAS  
TURTLES**

**KAS**

**Movie Night March, 27 at 7:00pm Aquatic Center!**





## Letter from the Superintendent, Dr. Robert Beck

Dear Parents,

This past week many of you attended parent-teacher conferences. In some cases the conferences were led by students as they explained their academic skill development and progress. And in some cases students did a 'self-evaluation' of their learning. For example, they wrote and spoke about: "My strengths are..."; "What I need to work on is ..."; "My goal is..."; "I will achieve this goal by..."; "People that can help me achieve this goal are..."; "Things that might distract me from this goal are...". It is important to point out that children listed their teachers, parents, and even their grandparents, as people who will help them achieve their goals.

Students see you and their teachers as a team. When the team meets, such as at an event like parent-teacher night, synergy in learning is created. Synergy means 'a combining or coming together' to create greater energy. We know students appreciate, and desire, the support that you give them in showing interest in what is happening at school. This is the case whether the child is a student in our Early Childhood Center, in our Elementary School, in our Middle School, or in our High School. When students are asked about who most influences their attitude about learning, as well as their teachers, they often tell us that "my parents interest in what I am doing is very important to me".

As students mature and take on more responsibility as independent learners, they also know that we, teachers and parents, are always there to support and encourage them. And that is exactly what we hope they will always feel.

### Help KAS Achieve Its Strategic Goals!

The school community is invited to join a KAS Strategic Goal Action Team to help draft the strategy and work plan for implementing each of the the school's four strategic goals. The teams will meet starting in late March. At that time we will also discuss roles and expectations.

Strategic Goals Action Teams are needed for each of the following strategic goals and priorities approved by the KAS School Board:

- School Uniqueness and Identity (including the school's Guiding Principles)
- Special Needs, English as a Second Language, and Gifted Students
- 21st Century Information Technology
- Planning Facilities

The establishment of KAS Strategic Action Teams is a continuation of a Strategic Planning process that began at a weekend workshop done in the first semester facilitated by John Ritter, a strategic planning consultant. At the workshop teachers, parents, board members, students, support staff, and administrators identified the four above mentioned goals and priorities. If you have an interest or expertise in any of the four goals and priorities, please join one of the KASA Strategic Goals Action Teams. You can do that by emailing [strategic.goals@krtams.org](mailto:strategic.goals@krtams.org). Thank you!

## Thoughts on what it means to be Unique

"We propose that "Uniqueness" be the driving force of both our short term and long-term strategic planning goals at Khartoum American School. Not so much as a mission statement, rather, a mission quest. To be unique means to be unlike anything else, the only one of its kind, different in a way that espouses excellence. Unique, so we don't come under that oft quoted "much of a muchness" umbrella.

Unique, so that when our name is mentioned; it is with awe and wonder, and a certain reverence. Our contemporaries will say: "That's the school that implements a groundbreaking new differentiation program. Have you heard about their sports program? Did you know that their Community Service Program takes them to some places that are really off the grid"!

Uniqueness will pilot every department from education, building maintenance and development, sports, the performing arts through to our administration. Each and every individual in our community will be imbued with the philosophy of uniqueness. It will become embedded into each and every one of our souls.

From the moment clientele step through the reception area door they will sense that something special is happening ranging from the décor, our unique brand of customer services, and this will pervade our classrooms, sports fields, aquatic center, and even our staff rooms.

With everyone on the same page, thinking creatively in the same way, the effect will be staggering and from being a very good school we will be a great school.

To move away from an abstract, castles in the sky notion of unique to more concrete, contiguous versions that make us unique now. Most international schools are to a certain degree, pioneers of 21st Century Technology. In this respect, we are probably moving along the same lines as our competitors. However, do their Technical Services Departments offer a service to teachers, students, and parents like K.A.S. Computer Department? Our computer team is top drawer regarding skills, patience, understanding, and care, truly unique. We are widely known as the "Friendly School", how do we take this to the next level to be the "Super Friendly School"? Maybe we have characteristics about us in the here and now, which make us very unique, but we haven't even considered them!

A program that hinges on uniqueness will encourage us to look at, analyze, and assess ourselves in a totally different way.

**Alamein Michael Metcalf**  
Middle School Language Arts

### English Saying

**At One Fell Swoop** is used to indicate 'in a single movement' or all at the same time, and conjures up an image of a bird of prey swooping down on its target. It is one of Shakespeare's creations. In the Bard's 1606 play Macbeth, the character Macduff, on learning his wife and children have all been killed, cries out. 'What, all my pretty chickens, and their dam, at one fell swoop?' The word 'fell' has been used since then to mean 'evil' or 'deadly'.

Minette van der Bijl

# Nursery

## Confessions of 3-year-old Nursery Students.

When we first started school we were scared, apprehensive and home sick. Thankfully our fears were quickly put to rest. We came to realize that school is a great place to spend a few hours away from home. School is a place where we play with our friends and get to act out our wildest fantasies. We are becoming increasingly independent as well as very sociable. Learning something new about the world around us is an everyday miracle. Painting, coloring, singing and creative plasticine modeling makes our daily routine even more fun.

The bottom line is school is cool!



Nada Salih  
Early Childhood Teacher

## Technology Inspiration Quotes

There are a lot of people in this world who inspire us positively. Their words usually send a strong message that may be used by many people. These types of words have been quoted and listed as inspiration quotes in many different websites. Today I'm sharing one quote that was said by one of my favorite singers. His words can be inspirational in many different aspects in life. Can you think of them in terms of technology and choose which challenge could fit with the quote!!

YOU NEVER KNOW  
HOW STRONG YOU  
ARE UNTIL BEING  
STRONG IS THE  
ONLY CHOICE  
YOU HAVE.

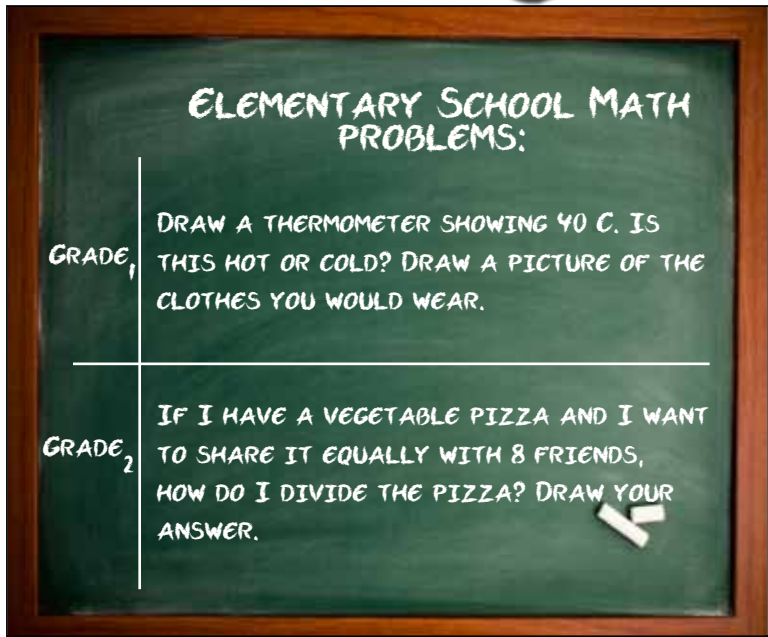
BOB MARLEY  
(1945-1981)



- A. Someone who has been a victim of cyber bullying.
- B. Someone who has been struggling in math and hates using the ixl website
- C. Someone who doesn't like to play online sport games.

Flip the paper to find the answer

# THE ANSWER SHOULD BE (A)



Last week's WINNERS!

KG: Kibe

G1: Shatakshi

G2: Camerson



**KAS Students will be competing in Kenya this weekend!**



Looking forward to the next month's KAS Sports. Thank you.

Hanro van der Merwe  
Athletic Director

THE AQUATICS CENTER PRESENTS...

# MOVIE NIGHT

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27 @ 7**