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news from the trunk

Thursday, April 21st 2016



Grade 8 Trip to Uganda Welcome Back!



Welcome New Board Member!

We wish to welcome **Mrs. Rafiqah Zain Alabidin** to the KAS Board. She is replacing a board member who has now left Sudan. Welcome Rafiqah!

KAS Annual General Parent Meeting and Board Elections May 5, 2016:

The annual General Meeting of the KAS parents will take place at 6 PM at KAS. At that time you will be able to vote for two open board seats. If you wish to run for the board, please send a cover letter and CV to **Mrs. Mona Hassan** (mhassan@krtams.org), KAS Business Manager, by 3 PM on May 4. Following the General Meeting will be **The Spring Play, School's Out-Hello Summer!** We hope to see everyone at the annual general meeting and the play.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Activities this past week 'off campus' have been educationally enjoyable learning experiences for our students. For example, our 8th grade class returned from their Science/Cultural Field Trip to Uganda. Thank you Mrs. Centers, KAS High School and Middle School Science Teacher, for organizing and chaperoning the trip. And thank you Mr. Owen McMullen, High School and Middle School Social Studies Teacher, for also being a chaperone. The students had several days of well organized activities including: jungle trips, meeting and interacting with local children, viewing wild game and engaging in learning activities designed to share local customs. In speaking with students on their return, I was impressed by how meaningful the trip was for them. Such events and trips help students get an 'authentic' appreciation of nature and different cultures. Students learn a great deal about themselves as 'global citizens' as a result of such trips. Welcome back students!

Also this week our young and older student swimmers had excellent results at a swim competition at KICS. Congratulations to the students and their coaches. To prepare for sports competitions such as the swim meet, students must demonstrate discipline and persistence. The success of each individual student athlete is the result of personal discipline. By discipline I mean the willingness to persist and work hard at every practice. I am impressed by the level of discipline demonstrated by our students. Well done student-athletes!

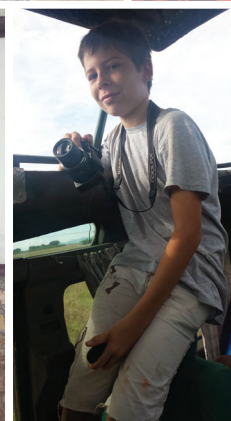
In the coming weeks as we come to the close of the school year, students will need to show self-discipline in staying focused on completing their school work at the highest possible levels. We thank you for your continued support in helping your child stay focused on their class work, and/or in staying focused on learning their part if they are involved in an organized activity such as the Spring play. Thank you Parents!

I wish you a pleasant weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rob Beck
Superintendent

The Uganda Trip



The Uganda Trip

Dear Parents and Friends,

The Grade 8 students were on an ecological and cultural trip to Uganda – The Pearl of Africa. Uganda is truly gifted by nature and wildlife with nearly a quarter of the country covered in fresh water. It is the source of the Nile, the world's largest river and includes Lake Victoria, the world's second largest lake.

This trip was the highlight to our Science and Social Studies curriculum. The week of the trip included units on Science, Social Studies, Math and Language Arts activities as well as a Service Learning project.

Our students were accompanied by Ms. Juliane Centers – middle and high school science teacher and Mr. McMullen – middle and high school social studies teacher. Both chaperones and all our students had a wonderful and rewarding educational experience in Uganda.

This is what some of our students said about the trip:

Uganda was the best trip in my life. We saw a lot of animals and we made presentations about them. I am glad we went there.

Abdelaziz Galal

The Uganda trip with grade 8 was amazing! It was definitely a once in a lifetime experience. I am so glad I went! *Laura Wortman*

The Uganda trip was really good because all of us bonded with each other and we all had an amazing experience. We became family, not just friends. *Divya*

Uganda was a one-time lifetime experience. I loved the country, it was beautiful, and I loved getting closer to my classmates and nature. *Abdalla Abbas*

This trip was amazing and it was a very good experience for me and the whole class. I hope other classes get to experience this amazing trip. *Mohammed Amin*

The Uganda trip was by far the best trip I have been to. I finally got closer to nature and our Exotic Earth. Uganda was definitely once in a lifetime opportunity and I am so happy that I didn't miss it! It was an exotic adventure with the rest of my class! *Fawzia*

Susan Boutros

Middle & High School Principal



Pre-K investigates “Trees and Plants”

In our Pre-Kindergarten class we inquired, and learned a lot about trees and plants. The children see trees and all sort of greens in our campus every day; they watch trees grow (with the help of water and sun), develop seeds, cut down when old, and cared for regularly. We discovered that trees are home and shelter to many small animals and insects, like birds, lizards, caterpillars and spiders. The students learned the names of the main parts of a tree: the trunk, the branches, the leaves (that we can see), and the roots (that we cannot see).

We have toured our campus checking out the many different trees and plants that grow here: palm trees, banana trees, flower trees, new trees that are small, and old trees with big trunks and long branches, and trees that have leaves of different colors. We found a big old eucalyptus tree (if you rub a leaf between your fingers it smells like lemon, and the koalas eat those leaves, the children observed). We collected a large number of small and large leaves of many colors and shapes. We read a book about things that could be made with leaves, and copied some ideas from it. In the flowerbed outside our classroom we planted some pumpkin seeds that we had saved after carving a pumpkin for Halloween. We water them every morning, and we watch those plants grow, their leaves getting bigger and bigger. We hope we will be able to see a pumpkin some day!



Ivana Turchetto
Pre-Kindergarten Teacher



SAYING OF THE WEEK

Living The Life Of Reilly is one of the strangest sayings of all. It suggests that the person referred to lives a charmed life of ease, and anyone blessed with good fortune is considered to be doing the same. The origin of the phrase is unclear, but it could perhaps lie with the earliest recorded reference, which is found in a song called 'My Name Is Kelly', written by H Pearse in 1919. It was a popular music hall song and included the lines 'Faith and my name is Kelly, Michael Kelly, but I'm living the life of Reilly just the same.' This lyric is a reference to an earlier song performed in the music halls during the 1880s, which described a character called O'Reilly who was a workingclass Irish immigrant. He always claimed to be on the verge of hitting the big time, making himself and everyone around him rich in the process.

Minette van der Bijl
High School/Middle School English Department



Math & Riddle Masters

This Week's Winners



Adalia Faig
Grade 4

Jason Barakat
Grade 2