

Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was good to see the many parents who were able to attend Back To School Night yesterday. Our teachers and specialist staff were happy to meet you and pleased they could share their classroom objectives with you. We understand that working closely with parents as a team produces increased energy and synergy in the education of your child. We look forward to moving your child forward to their next level of excellence with you as our 'partners in learning'.

This past week we started our Kg-Grade 5 After School Activities Program (ASAP). The ASAP Program is coordinated by Mr. Phil Centers, Elementary School Principal, and Ms. Chelsea Meyer, Grade 2 Teacher. The ASAP program is designed to provide an enjoyable activity experience taught by KAS staff and coaches. Students get to socialize with children and teachers from different grade levels. Thus, the experience is one that broadens social skills as well as develop skills specific to the ASAP activity.

My experience has been that programs such as the After School Activities Program add a great deal to a child's comprehensive educational experience. We want KAS students to develop their skills and understanding through daily rigorous classroom instruction, special subject instruction (such as through art, music, Physical Education), through clubs, and through after school extracurricular activities. The children in grades 6-12 are often engaged in team sports and later in leadership activities such as Model United Nations Club and MUN Class. During the first quarter of the school year, grade KG-5 ASAP activities include: drama club, reading club, faith studies, cooking club, zumba, recycled materials crafting, beginning capoeira, can you kick (football), accessories, friendship bracelets, sign language and swim club.

We are pleased that the children are enjoying their ASAP activities. We are also confident that they are enjoying socializing with their friends.

I wish you a pleasant weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rob Beck
Superintendent



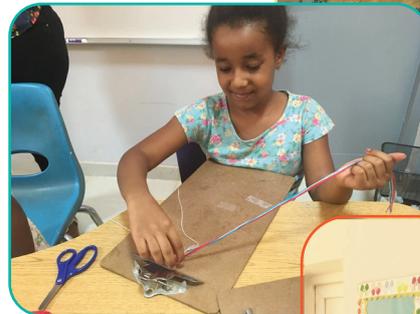
SAYING OF THE WEEK

To Pull Out All The Stops implies a big, concerted effort is being made to complete a task in time. This is a simple one and alludes to the grand church organs, which used 'stops' to tone down the volume of the instrument. At vast gatherings, with many people present, an organist would 'pull out the stops' to increase the sound of his organ, enabling everybody at the back to hear it clearly.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department



ASAP Activities



Letter from the Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We have now completed three weeks of school, and the beginning of our new school year has been a joy to witness. This is my third year at KAS, and each year I see how much the students, staff, and school have grown and matured. It is wonderful to be part of the vibrant KAS learning community.

This year, Grade 2 teacher Ms. Chelsea Meyer and I are coordinating the Elementary School After School Activities Program (ASAP). This program offers enrichment activities for our ES students in four sessions corresponding with each quarter of the school year. ASAP Session 1 began last Sunday, August 21 and will run through Wednesday, October 12. We are excited about the choices for enrichment that we offer your children Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays during our four ASAP sessions this year.

If you are unsure of which ASAP activities your child has been placed in this session, please contact the school office or Ms. Meyer or me, or see the ASAP class lists posted on the ASAP bulletin board near the ES Playground.



Here are the students in Ms. Ivana's ASAP Cooking Club after baking muffins their first class.

As you know, Khartoum American School is fortunate to have one of the finest swimming pools in Khartoum. KAS families are invited to enjoy the KAS Aquatic Center facilities most days after school has let out and until 9pm each evening. Sundays is Women Only afternoon and evening in the pool. During our ASAP Session 1 the Aquatic Center is open to families after our Swimming Club finishes their fun in the pool at 3:50pm. Tuesdays is Staff Only day in the pool after school. All other days the whole family is welcome to use the pool.

Phil Centers

Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

KAS Pool Use Regulations and Guidelines

- Pool use is exclusively for KAS students, direct family members, and school staff. No guests are allowed unless a KAS-sponsored special event is held and guests are invited.
- The pool's hours of operation shall be published and strictly followed by everyone.
- Sundays after school the pool is open to women only; Tuesdays after school the pool is open to KAS staff only.
- A lifeguard ("pool coach") will be on duty during all pool hours; the lifeguard / pool coach has the right to dismiss anyone endangering the health and safety of others and has the right to refuse inexperienced swimmers access to the deep end of the pool.
- A teacher or TA must be with students who are swimming in the pool during school hours. S/he doesn't have to be in the water with the students unless s/he is directly instructing the students in pool activities. Otherwise, s/he must be near the pool, supervising instruction if this is being conducted by a pool coach.
- A pool coach may supervise students involved in a school-sponsored swimming activity, such as Swim Team practice, without the presence of a teacher or TA outside of school hours (i.e., before 8am and after 2:50pm).
- Any school-sponsored pool activity taking place after 4pm must be approved beforehand by the division Principal.
- KAS parents must present their school identity card and print their name and sign in with the guard at the pool gate upon entering the pool area.
- Parents must be responsible for the proper behavior of their children at the pool during non-school hours. Every parent is allowed to supervise up to 4 children at a given time, including their own children and those entrusted to them by other KAS parents.
- Food and drinks are permitted only in designated places in the pool area.
- No running or rough play (e.g., pushing, pulling, shoving, dunking, or throwing of swimmers) is allowed in the pool or pool area at any time.
- No diving is allowed in the pool's shallow area.
- Taking photos or videos in the pool area is strictly forbidden.
- Smoking is strictly forbidden on campus including in the pool area.
- Misuse of pool or school property will result in the loss of privilege to use the pool.
- Any injury occurring in the pool must be reported by the teacher, TA, or pool coach in charge to the administration immediately.
- KAS is not responsible for stolen or missing personal items lost in the pool area.

Pool Kiosk Regulations and Guidelines

- Students can only visit the pool kiosk after school.
- ECC & ES students are only allowed to visit the pool kiosk if accompanied by a parent or nanny (not driver).
- Boys should not go to the pool kiosk after school on Sundays (Women-Only Day).
- Students are not permitted to purchase tea, coffee or sodas.
- Senior Privilege: Grade 12 students are allowed to visit the pool kiosk and buy tea or coffee in the morning before classes start. However, they are not allowed to buy coffee or tea at any other time during the school day.



Studying Tips and Tricks A Message to Students

It's the beginning of the year, and I'm sure you high school students already had your first few quizzes. It's never too late to learn some study tips to keep your grades up and help you succeed with your quizzes and tests. Here are some tips and tricks for successful studying!

Dear Parents, Students and Faculty,
A Warm Welcome from the library to the new school year of 2016-2017. I hope that this year will be a very exciting, successful and productive year. The library is open to all the KAS community from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, and until 3:30 PM on Thursday. You can visit the library link through Follett Destiny:

<https://kaslibrary.follettdestiny.com>



The goal of KAS school library is to ensure that all members of the school community (students, parents and teachers) have equitable access to books for reading and for gathering information. In addition to our extensive book collection, the library utilizes the internet. KAS's School library is distinct from public libraries because we serve as a learner-oriented library that supports, extends, and individualizes the school's curriculum. Our school library serves as a center for the coordination of educational materials used in the school.



KAS school library always seeks to have a positive impact on a student's achievement. Students with access to a well-equipped school library and supportive staff succeed in school.

See you in the library!



Shireen Shiber
Librarian

1. Good Lighting: Studying in a well-lit environment will help you pay more attention. Plus it's good for your eyes.

2. Repetition: If you repeat what you've learned daily for about 20 minutes, it'll take away study time closer to the test date, plus the information will be stored in your memory longer!

3. Clear Area: Make sure your study area is cleared of other items that will distract you. Try to study at a desk or table and NOT on your bed. It will keep you focused.

4. Stay Organized: Use a planner, organize your binder, or whatever you need to do to stay organized. Doing this early and keeping consistent with how you manage your time and work is the ultimate key to success.

5. Flash Cards: Here's a great way to repeat what you've learned- use flashcards! The act of creating flashcards will also allow for your brain to register information that you write, and then using flash cards to study is a bonus!

6. Don't Procrastinate: Let's be honest, we are all guilty of leaving things to the last minute. We all know how stressful this can be, and it is not a sustainable, successful way to keep up with work and do well on tests. If you manage your time, you'll do just fine!

Have a great school year and remember, the teachers at KAS are here to help. Go to Homework Help after school, ask questions in class, and you can always ask me, Mrs. Leena, to help with any organizing issues you may have.

Good luck!

Leena Salih
Student Support Service Teacher

Math & Riddle Masters This Week's Winners



Daniel Samaan Grade 4	Abeer Abdalmanem Grade 4	Negash Kebede Grade 5	Yusra Ali Karar Grade 5
Ibrahim Osman Kindergarten	Momen Elnocaman Grade 1	Murad Ali Grade 2	Surbhi Sinha Grade 3