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SUDAN DAYS A GREAT SUCCESS!



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT SEMINAR-
"Tips for Parents on Building Positive Study Skills for Children", presented by Ms. Nicole Stacey
Thursday, February 16, 8:30am, KAS Library. **Bring your friends from KAS or from outside of KAS!**

Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I again want to thank and congratulate Mrs. Susan Boutros, HS/MS Principal, and the Sudan Days Committee, for organizing last week's Sudan Days event.

Repeatedly over the last week, staff and students have commented on the success of this year's Sudan Days event. The event not only celebrated the richness of Sudan's culture but it also, in my opinion, celebrated the richness of our KAS school culture. The coming together of young and not so young (we adults!) in the spirit of cooperation and cultural celebration is evident at events such as Sudan Days. There are 30 nationalities represented in our student population, and 10 nationalities are represented in our faculty population. These facts underscore how truly international our school community is. When such a diverse group of students and adults come together to enjoy celebrating the host country, it highlights how easy it can be for people of all ages and backgrounds to share in the common pursuit of friendship, cooperation and collaboration.

KAS supports the building of a sense of 'community'. Indeed, *Community* is one of school's 4 Cs (*Character, Curriculum, Community and Citizenship*). The following is written as a part of the definition of the C of Community: "...Our community is a partnership of stakeholders who are actively engaged in the school and collectively shape its direction and ethos".

I hope you enjoyed Sudan Days. We are indeed fortunate to be a part of such a diverse and caring community of students and adults.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rob Beck
Superintendent

KAS Art Students Made The Headlines!



Last year the Dean of college of Fine and Applied Arts was the guest of honor in the opening of our annual art exhibition. The Dean was impressed with our rich art program, which in his opinion is very advanced. Thanks go the administration that is very supportive and is aware that art is an essential learning tool. I can proudly say that our Art department at KAS is one of the best in Sudan especially after our art students made the headlines in one of the local art newspapers after the art exhibition.

Our Visual Learning program: Drawing, sculpting with clay and threading beads on a string all develop visual-spatial skills, which are more important than ever. Even toddlers know how to operate a smart phone or tablet, which means that even before they can read, kids are taking in visual information. This information consists of cues that we get from pictures or three-dimensional objects from digital media, books and television.

"Parents need to be aware that children learn a lot more from graphic sources now than in the past," says Dr. Kerry Freedman, Head of Art and Design Education at Northern Illinois University. "Children need to know more about the world than just what they can learn through text and numbers. Art education teaches students how to interpret, criticize, and use visual information, and how to make choices based on it." Knowledge about the visual arts, such as graphic symbolism, is especially important in helping kids become smart consumers and navigate a world filled with marketing logos.

We are looking forward to end the year with another successful art event.!



Maie Hassan
Art Teacher

