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news from the trunk

Thursday, February 23, 2017



PRACTICE FOR POSSIBLE EMERGENCIES

Children on a Fire Drill Practice



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT SEMINAR-

"EURIKA! It's Math! Learn About the Elementary School Mathematics Program",

presented by **Ms. Ann Crowley**

Thursday, March 9, 8:30am - 9:15am, KAS Library. **Bring your friends from KAS or from outside of KAS!**

Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We take security very seriously at KAS. Being prepared for possible emergencies is among the very highest priorities at the school. The safety of the children, the staff and visitors who are on the campus, is extremely important. So each year, and several times a year, we practice the following emergency drills: fire drills, safe haven drills, and unwanted intruder lock-down drills.

This Wednesday, for example, we practiced a fire drill. Every child, every staff member, and visitors who happened to be on the campus, participated. It was a successful drill. What do I mean by a "successful drill"? Well, within less than 5 minutes of the alarm being sounded, the entire school was assembled on the soccer field and waiting for the "all clear" signal to report back to their classrooms. That is an extraordinary short time to assemble the entire school on the field in an orderly manner. It was very impressive to see how well behaved and respectful your children were during the drill. The children walked quickly under the direction of their teachers to the field. They lined up as instructed by classroom teacher or advisory group. They stayed quiet and focused. And when it came time for the all clear, they returned quietly and in order to their classrooms.

We will continue to practice emergency drills. We want you to know how seriously we take these exercises. The children know. They also know that they and their teachers are here to help and support each other should there ever be a real emergency. This collaborative and cooperative culture of help and support of each other is at the fabric of our mission and vision as a caring school.

Please let your children know that you know about our emergency drill preparations. I think they will like to tell you about them. And please do let them know how proud and impressed their teachers, principals and I am of the excellent behavior and maturity they show during the drills.

Thank you. I wish you a pleasant weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rob Beck
Superintendent

Our ESL Students **Rock!**

How Can Parents Help Their ESL Children Learn English?

Being a parent of an ESL student can be challenging, especially when one is trying to learn a new language and understand new cultural situations. In my last e-news, I provided several tips for students with some very useful and handy websites to help them improve their English and achieve academically, but this time around the tips are for the parents.

As a matter of fact, our ESL students are learning the language of instruction at the same time they are learning different demanding academic contents. Having said that, I think that parents can help their children make the transition into an English speaking environment by helping children develop English and academic literacy at home.

Here are several strategies to help your ESL child become English proficient and academically successful.

- **The most important tip would be "Don't be afraid to use your native language" since that your mother language is the bridge between different learning situations. Help your child by explaining unfamiliar words and concepts while practicing and developing English and academic literacies.**
- **To make a significant progress in their learning, consider establishing a consistent study routine. For instance, specify a quiet environment by removing or minimizing any potential distractions and make sure that your child has all the supplies he or she needs.**
- **Try to answer any question your child may have. If you don't know the answer help your child to find the right resources to help answer the question. Alternatively, help your child to write down the question to ask the teacher. Even if you cannot yet speak English yourself, you can still check on your child to see if homework assignments are finished.**
- **Practice and learn English language by using creative activities. If your child like to paint or write, have him or her draw a picture and write or tell a story about it. Your child's possibilities of expression will become limitless.**
- **Encourage your child to participate in extracurricular activities such as a sport team or club, volunteer work in community, art club and/or any other special interests. These activities provide additional meaningful opportunities to understand and use the language skills across different settings and promote learning and achievement.**
- **Stay connected and collaborate with teachers and understanding what is going on in the school. By staying informed, you can keep up to date on your child's linguistic, academic, and social progress in school and will give you a better idea of how you can support your child at home.**

Salma Saeed
Elementary & Middle School ESL Teacher

A Message from the Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

Dear Parents and Community Members,

It was my pleasure to be able to join Ms. Juliane, Mr. Adani, and the Grade 9 students on their recent trip to Port Sudan and the surrounding areas. I'm sure the students, and possibly also the teachers, will be writing of their experiences with you in the Enews. I wanted to add a few impressions that I came away with from this adventure.

First, it was remarkable that just a short flight from Khartoum one finds a very different expression of the spirit of Sudan in the people and "energy" of Port Sudan. We were informed that part of this difference was the direct result of the former governor of this area, who transformed it into its modern form. It was refreshing to experience this difference and to see that many expressions of a people are possible.

Our visit to the ancient city of Suakin, about an hour south of Port Sudan, was sobering. This circular island, the buildings of which were made almost entirely of coral stones, was a port even in the time of the Romans, and an important port in medieval times. The island was abandoned by the British about 100 years ago, and now all of the old buildings lie in ruins. We heard a rumor that the island was abandoned because of a belief that the cats of Suakin assume human forms at times, in other words, that the place was "haunted." To see what was once clearly a magnificent city lying in total ruins after only 100 years of non-use brought thoughts of the transitory nature of civilization and human activity.

A highlight of the Port Sudan adventure was snorkeling among the world-renowned Red Sea coral reefs. I came away from this experience again reminded that there is nothing that facilitates inner growth quite like an outdoor adventure that forces us to move out of our comfort zones and experience directly the world of the elements of wind, water, fire, earth, and, in the case of the coral reefs, incredibly beautiful aquatic life. If you haven't done this recently, try it for yourself!

The final impression I want to share is just how much I enjoyed being with the fine young men and women of the Grade 9 class. I have rarely been in the company of a group of students who were this full of energy, personality, and camaraderie. They were consistently polite and creative, and were excellent representatives of Khartoum American School. I'm sure that these individuals will be movers and shakers as they follow their dreams and assume their roles as adults in the world

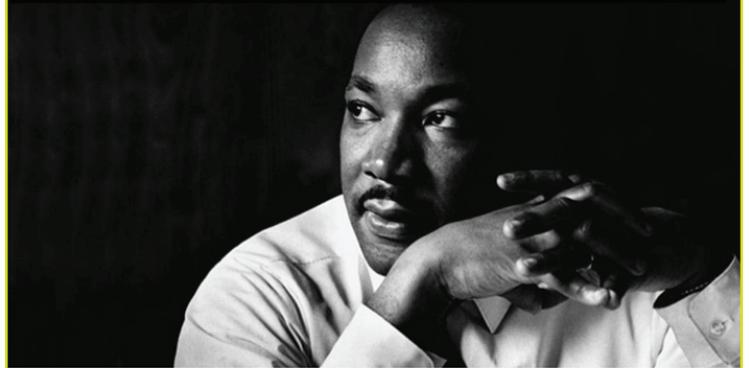
Phil Centers
Early Childhood Center & Elementary Principal

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In most states in the USA, the third Monday of January is a public holiday in celebration of the birthday of the great Black leader, Dr. Martin Luther King.

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.



MLK Quiz:

1. What was Martin Luther King's Jr's real first name?
2. How did Martin Luther King Jr's mother die?
3. How many times was MLK Jr. jailed?
- \$. Where did Coretta and Martin spend their first honeymoon night?
5. How tall was Dr. King?
6. When and how did he die?
7. What is he famous for?

Share the answers with your friends or love ones

Mattie Boyce
MS/HS Math Teacher



ANNOUNCEMENT

KAS and KICS Swim Meet

All KAS community are welcome to attend
at the pool

on SUNDAY 26.2.2017

from 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Go KAS Swim Team!



We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting our second swim meet of the year at KAS! The swim meet will take place from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. next Sunday, February 26th.

Both the junior and senior teams have been hard at work increasing their stamina and perfecting their technique despite the cool weather and are ready to make KAS proud. We would like to take this opportunity to invite all students, parents and staff to come out and cheer on our swimmers.

Please note that Ladies' Swim Night will be cancelled during the swim meet. We apologize for any inconvenience.

See you at the pool!

Sincerely,

KAS Athletic Department



ANNOUNCEMENT

BATWA MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

PLEASE COME TO THE 8TH GRADE BATWA MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER NEXT THURSDAY - MARCH 2, 6 - 11 pm.

Bring the family for good food and a choice of 5 movies - Comedy, Animation, Family, Horror, Action and Drama. Watch for more info next week.

Elementary Assembly Masters This Week's Winners



Mohamed HajAlshikh
Kindergarten

Alaa Eihan Tadros
Kindergarten

Rayan Yajima
Grade 2

Aya Ibrahim
Grade 3

Minatalla Elnoaman
Grade 4

SAYING OF THE WEEK

To **Win Hands Down** suggests a very comfortable victory. This is a widely used expression in the world of sport and its root can be found in the sport of kings, horse racing. Even today, when a jockey is winning comfortably he can gallop down the finishing straight without using his whip to encourage the nag along. Instead he can place both hands back on the reins, canter to the line and 'win with his hands down'

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department

Library Puzzle

Football Word Search

CATCH
CLEATS
COACH
DEFENSE
DOWN
FIELD GOAL
HELMET
HUDDLE
MASCOT
OFFENSE
PADS
PASS
QUARTERBACK
REFEREE
RUN
TACKLE
TEAM
THROW
TOUCHDOWN
YARDS

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Shireen Shiber
Librarian