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Thursday, March 2, 2017



Port Sudan Trip - Welcome Back!



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT SEMINAR- **"EUREKA! It's Math! Learn About the Elementary School Mathematics Program"**, presented by **Ms. Ann Kathleen Crowley** Thursday, March 9, 8:30am - 9:15am, KAS Library. **Bring your friends from KAS or from outside of KAS!**

Movies tonight at KAS, March 2, 6:00pm - Batwa Fund Raiser

Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This past week we had a swim meet with KICS school at our KAS Aquatics Center. It was a beautiful day. I congratulate our swim team students and their coaches, Mr. Williams, Ms. Ann Kathleen Crowley, Ms. Sara Gadalla Gubara, Mr. Alsamaual Abdallah Awadelkareem, Mr. Mohammed Zain Al Abdein, Mr. Ashraf Bella Mohammed, Mr. Alsheriff Hamedan Ahmed and our Athletic Director Breyon Burrell, the teachers and parents who helped and cheered on our swimmers!

What was so impressive was the orderliness and maturity of the children. The coaches and their students should be commended on how collaboratively they worked during the meet. The students showed excellent sportsmanship. I know you share the hope and wish we have as teachers, coaches and administrators that the children show this kind of maturity and sportsmanship at all competitive sports event. It is our wish that each student lives up to the 'C' of Community of our vision statement:

"Community- Khartoum American School actively pursues a sense of community characterized by students who are cooperative, communicative, productive, and responsible. Students are encouraged to view themselves and their school as integral parts of the global community. Our community is a partnership of stakeholders who are actively engaged in the school and collectively shape its direction and ethos".

Anyone who was at the swim meet will tell you that there is a strong sense of 'Community' at KAS. Thank you everyone involved in the swim meet and parents for continuing to build the collaborative and caring partnership that KAS is so famous for!

I wish you a pleasant weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rob Beck
Superintendent

Our World in Shapes and Colors



Children at a very young age are encouraged to discover their environment in colors as well as in shapes. This is because colors and shapes are two very noticeable attributes of the world around us. Things like the green grass, the blue sky, a white square window, a round table and an orange fork stand out and stick to their memory.



Our Nursery students learn to identify and name circles, triangles and squares. We expose them to various shapes and colors by using materials such as posters, blocks, books and games. These very recognizable characteristics encourage our students to define and organize the diverse world around them.



Nada Salih
Nursery Teacher

A Message from the Middle & High School Principal

Being a Parent isn't Easy! Parenting is usually a very rewarding experience, however, it isn't always easy. Being a parent, whatever the age of your child, can also be a very difficult and unpleasant experience. Most parents feel overwhelmed and frustrated at times.

Although there is a lot of information about what we should and should not do when raising our children, in reality there are no guaranteed methods for ensuring that our children will be happy and successful in life.

Here are some tips for parents that can make a significant, positive difference in the lives of your children:

- Show your children that you care. Spend time together. Try to make time for regular meals together, go for walks, talk in the car etc.
- Communicate in ways that work well for you. Talk to your child, call or text. The medium you use matters less than how much you truly listen. Lots of children today text. If it works for your family, go for it.
- Make sure that your child is around adults who are positive role models for your child. These adults can be hidden treasures when it comes to helping us as parents.
- Get involved in your child's education and school. Do connect with your child's teachers. Take advantage of opportunities to actually get into and spend time at the places your children go to. Attend school events and go to sports games. Be the parent who asks a lot of questions about school, interests, and activities. Also be that parent who gets to know your child's friends and their parents.
- Give your children responsibilities. Children may not realize it, but having responsibilities is good for them. All people need to know they are valued and valuable; it's human nature.
- Help your child be emotionally and physically safe. If you're communicating, you'll know what's going on in your child's life, where they might need some help, or if they might need someone to look out for them.
- It's not fun to say no to your child especially if everyone else is saying yes. However, do have limits and expectations. The key to reducing everyone's stress and frustration about limits and expectations is to be clear, consistent and reasonable. Reward the positive behavior and limit opportunities for negative behavior.

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal



ANNOUNCEMENT

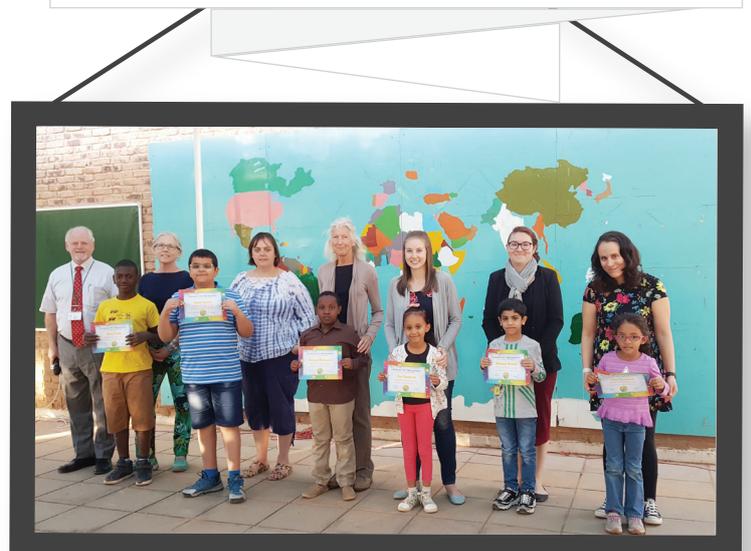
KAS 60th Birthday Celebration: In Music, Song and Dance

**See you at this musical extravaganza!
Starring students, faculty and parents**

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Quad



Our Students of the Month

Student reflections on the 9th grade Marine Biology field trip to Port Sudan February 16 - 21.



This trip was very educational and fun. I think this was an important part (of our unit) because we could see everything in person rather than see it in pictures online. **Mohammed Amin** (edited by Ms. J)

Most of us have seen very little of our own country, and we assume that the rest of the country is just like where we live. That concept was utterly destroyed by our visit to Port Sudan. The contrast of orange-yellow sand with the deep blue sea is a pleasure for the eyes. This, combined with mountains lining the horizon, makes Port Sudan a beautiful place to visit. And that's not the end of it. At the coral reefs in Abo Adilla and Sanganeb, there is a completely different world underwater, a world teeming with life, and full of color. There were hundreds of fish, and coral of every shape and hue, and creatures we've never heard or seen before, that only people with powerful imaginations can picture. No photograph can truly capture that world. We learned much about the behavior of fish. We saw fish fighting or competing for territory, we saw eels sticking their heads out of their caves, we saw fish filtering through the sand for edible things, and we saw schools of fish, moving as if they had one mind. It's one thing learning about life in class, but seeing it in person is a completely different experience. **Omar**

Port Sudan was a once in a lifetime experience full of diversity and

marine beauty. I was finally able to see Nemo and Dory in real life. Not only did I see different types of unique fish but I was also able to see different types of corals. Being a kinesthetic learner means that learning physically and in the outdoors really helps and that is exactly what this trip offered me. **Fawzia**

It was an unforgettable experience. Everything was perfect. The atmosphere was amazing and we learned so much! The staff welcomed us and made Port Sudan feel like home. Snorkeling was beyond my expectations- I hope the 8th graders have as much fun as we did! Port Sudan's marine life is beautiful, so we cleaned up the beach to help these innocent organisms. It was very educational and I'm hoping to go again in the near future! **Kareem** (edited a little by Ms. J)

The trip to Port Sudan taught me things that I would've never been able to grasp and memorize in class sitting behind my desk. Going snorkeling made me realize how startling and beautiful the life underwater is.

The highlight of this trip was (learning by) seeing how important coral reefs are. Yes, I was completely terrified of them but they're crucial and I got to see many of the organisms that depend on the reefs. It's really sorrowful that these beautiful organisms are endangered. Another important highlight of this trip was cleaning the beach- it's awesome that we, Black Ninjas, made a difference. **Dina** (edited a little by Ms. J)

The highlight of the trip was snorkeling and being able to see Port Sudan coral and ocean life diversity. I learned that Sudan has a World Heritage site- Sanganeb- and it is valued by the world wide community because of the corals and many different fish. **Ibrahim**

Juliane Rothan-Centers & **Grade 9 Students**
MS/HS Science Teacher

Elementary Assembly Masters This Week's Winners



Henry Parker
Grade 5

Leena Galal
Grade 5

Negash Kebede
Grade 5

Rana Ali
Grade 5

Momen Elnoaman
Grade 1

SAYING OF THE WEEK

Being **On Tenterhooks** means being under great stress or tension while waiting for a result or outcome. It has been suggested the phrase stems from tent hooks, which are used to hold a canvas under great tension, keeping it watertight, but its origin is far older. In bygone days newly produced cloth would be attached to hooks and stretched across large frames known as 'tenters', coming from the Latin word 'tendere', meaning 'to stretch out'. Anyone, or anything, stretched to the limit later became known as being 'on tenterhooks'.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department