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news from the trunk

Thursday, March 30, 2017

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH FOR OUR
60TH ANNIVERSARY GALA.

Limited number of tickets will be available next week.
Contact the KAS office for more information



Presents the Alumna

Leila Aboulela

Award Winning Author

Seminar Book Signing

"It all started in the library"

JOIN US ON THURSDAY

6th
April

AT 8:30 AM



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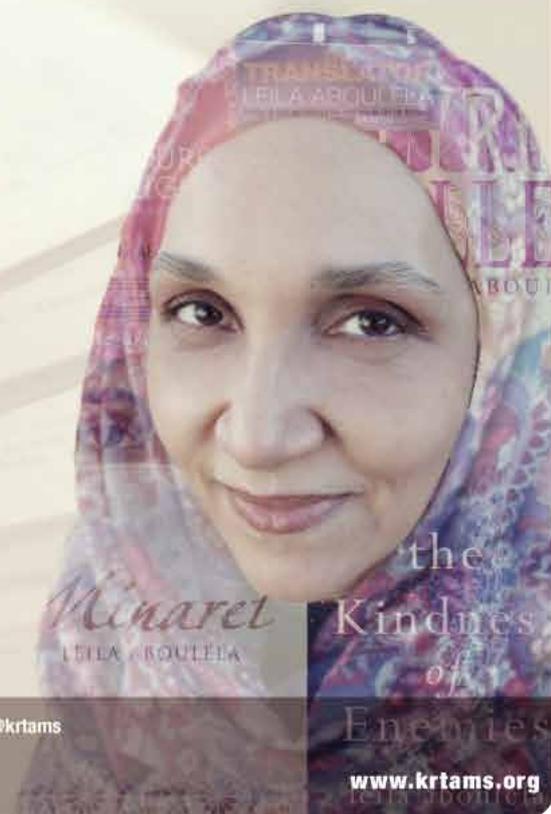
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Superintendent's Parent Seminar-"World Famous Author **Leila Aboulela** Speaks About Writing"—KAS Library, Thursday, April 6, 8:30 AM-9:15 AM, KAS Library. Leila attended KAS!

Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week the KAS student run Model United Nations Conference was held on our campus. Approximately 120 students and staff attended. The MUN is an excellent event where students learn about the workings of the UN, and where they have an opportunity to work cooperatively with students from MUN clubs and classes from other schools in Khartoum. I would like to share the below opening remarks I made at the Conference. Thank you US Charge' d'affairs Steven Koutsis for your presentation at the Conference. And congratulations to Mr. Owen McMullen, KAS Social Studies Teacher and MUN Advisor, and his excellent students for an outstanding MUN Conference.

"On behalf of the KAS Board of Governors, the parents, the faculty, and friends of KAS it is my pleasure to welcome you student delegates, teachers, distinguished guests, and Model United Nations advisors to this historic conference. A special welcome and thank you to Charge' d'affairs Steven Koutsis for your participation today in opening the Conference. Thank you Charge' d'affairs Koutsis. Thank you Mr. Owen McMullen, KAS Social Studies Teacher and MUN Advisor, for organizing what promises to be an exciting MUN conference.

As many of you know, this is the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Khartoum American School. This year events at KAS honored this historic school's 'birthday'. It is fitting, therefore, that the issues and topics of the MUN Conference you are about to debate are set in the year 1957, the year KAS was founded.

When KAS was founded I was 11 years old and in grade 6. I lived near New York City. I remember watching news from around the world on TV with my sister, brother, mother and father. Famous broadcasters in those days were Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite. They seemed to be part of the family. Broadcasts were in black and white, not in color. Some of their reporting came directly from meetings at the United Nations headquarters building in New York City. I was especially fascinated when Murrow and Cronkite made 'live' broadcasts from the UN building. I was fascinated by what the people who dedicated their careers to the work of the UN were discussing.

The Secretary General of the UN then was Daag Hammarskjold. He was from Sweden. I admired Secretary General Hammarskjold. I still do. Coincidentally, he was re-elected for a second term as the United Nations Secretary General in 1957. He was a great statesman. Here's an interesting fact. Construction of the main UN headquarters building in New York City began in 1948. It was completed in 1952. It is still an impressive looking building. If you are in New York City, I recommend that you visit the UN headquarters building and that you visit the Daag Hammarskjold 'meditation' room. I believe the room is still there.

My elementary school teachers would take us to the UN building on school field trips. I loved the visits. Those experiences had

lasting impact on me and on my desire to learn more and more about what the UN stood for and what it was trying to do...Trying to bring peace and stability to the world; and, always reaching out to help and serve all of humankind.

I am sure that this KAS historic MUN Conference, and future ones that you participate in, will have lasting positive impact on you. The UN, and you through the Model UN, remain relevant and important in helping people and countries look to the future with an attitude of peace and service to others throughout the world.

I congratulate you. I admire what you are doing and what you stand for. Bravo to you and to the MUN. I wish you a successful and enjoyable conference."

Dr. Rob Beck
Superintendent

SAYING OF THE WEEK

To go **Against The Grain** suggests something moving against the natural flow of events or feelings. For example, a wife, who hates football but will attend a Cup with her husband who loves the sport, might say, 'Well, even though it goes against the grain, I will go along.' It is a woodcutter's saying, in use since the 1600s. To work by cutting or carving along the grain of wood is notably easier than cutting across (or against) the grain. Working with the grain is considered smooth and easy; against it is hard and unnatural.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department



ANNOUNCEMENT

KAS PTA
Welcomes you, your family and friends to a
FAMILY PICNIC

FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOOD & DRINKS GREAT MUSIC & LIVE DJ
PA & COFFEE BAKE SALE ITEMS
REGGAE BAND

Friday March 31 KAS Gardens 3:00pm - 8:00pm
Pool will be closed on March 31st

A Message from the Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Two unique KAS 60th anniversary events will be taking place next week:

1. A Superintendent-Parent Seminar with internationally-renowned Sudanese author and KAS alumna Leila Aboulela (<http://www.leila-aboulela.com>) will take place next Thursday, April 6th at 8:30am in the Library. This event is open to everyone. Don't miss the chance to get a signed copy of Ms. Aboulela's books!

2. Khartoum American School will celebrate 60 years of excellence with a gala night and concert featuring the famous Al- Balabil on Friday, April 7th. Gates will open at 7pm. There will be a limited number of tickets available to this event so please contact the KAS Office to get your tickets early. More information regarding this event will follow next week.

In addition to these events, I would like to draw your attention to a special third anniversary event that is in preparation: the construction of a beautiful KAS 60th Birthday Garden. Several groups of students and adults are helping in the creation of this special garden space near the Grade 1 classroom. 6th Grader Su Yin drew the original plan for the garden a year ago, and ES students have been preparing the soil since that time. KAS Gardener Mr. Anas and his team of expert craftsmen joined us in the construction of the garden six weeks ago, and things immediately began to dramatically take shape.

The 9th Grade Permaculture students under the guidance of Ms. Joyce and Ms. Juliane have taken Su's original garden design and are working out every detail of a sustainable and meaningful garden space, in concert with Mr. Anas and his team. The KAS Green Garden Group is overseeing the larger questions of construction to make sure it is in harmony with the overall Facilities plan. Finally, several group of students are or will be helping with the actual planting of plants, etc., in the garden, including Ms. Joyce's Global Issues students and KAS Kids Community Service after school activity students, and Madam Florence's Garden Club after school activity students.

We anticipate a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new 60th Birthday Garden sometime in May, and will send you notice of that date when it is determined. In the meantime, please stop by to see the garden grow next time you are on that part of campus.

Phil Centers

Early Childhood Center & Elementary Principal

FAIR OF THE SCIENCES

Hey! Have you heard? The KAS 2017 'Fair of the Sciences' is coming up. You won't want to miss it! It is called FAIR OF THE SCIENCES because the focus is solving problems of any kind. Students apply their problem solving skills to any issue or area of concern they want to address – so some are taking on social issues while others are addressing needs through traditional scientific processes. In both cases, they are challenged to answer the question "What can I do now about the problem that will make a difference by 2030?" The fair will be held on April 5th and 6th during school hours (1:30 – 3:00). On April 5, the work of the 6th and 7th graders will be presented in the Quad. On April 6, the work of the 8th and 9th graders will be presented in the Quad. This year we will also be hosting an exhibit of Sudan's Red Sea UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Please plan to come!

Batwa Fundraiser Update

As you may have heard, the 8th grade is fundraising to help the displaced Batwa people of Bwindi, Uganda get chickens and a coop to be able to provide some of their own needs as they used to do. The class has done two fundraisers so far - a Bake Sale at Sudan Days and Movie Night. We were able to raise 12,452 SDG in these events. Our goal is to raise 2000.00 USD. So we will be hosting at least one more fundraiser. Look for information about the upcoming event soon! We are also accepting donations in any of the donation boxes set around campus. Thank you all for your generous support of this effort.

Elementary Assembly Masters

This Week's Winner



Phone Yin
Grade 4

Ali Al-Fatih
Kindergarten

Nehal Babkier
Kindergarten

Grade 3 Students Present Human Body Systems in Project Integrating 21st Century Technology



Did you know that men's fingernails grow faster than women's? That babies cry but do not have tears until 4 to 13 weeks old? That the only muscle you can see in your body is the tongue?

These are just a few of the many intriguing facts about the human body that the Grade 3 students researched and learned in their recent Human Body science unit. The students were each assigned different parts of the human body to research and had to meet the terms of a rubric to demonstrate success. Their laptops were their vehicles to information using the internet for research.

Each student prepared an interesting slide presentation to share the results of their research. These presentations incorporated facts, graphics, photos, videos and self-made quizzes. It was by no means an easy assignment, but the 3rd Graders persevered. Through consulting with KAS Technology Teacher / Coordinator Ms. Egbal, troubleshooting with Grade 3 TA Ms. Sarah, and seeking the expertise of ICT Administrator Mr. Hani and Database Administrator Mr. Magdi, glitches were eliminated and students moved forward. The classroom was abuzz daily with young people eager to share and help each other create their presentations.

The final step in this process called for the Grade 3 students to take on the significant challenge of individually using their presentations to teach and test their classmates in front of the classroom. They not only taught each other about the heart, the endocrine system, the digestive system, the brain, the lungs, etc., they also delivered, with impressive poise and confidence, their presentations to their parents and other

visitors to the Grade 3 classroom. It was an impressive demonstration of scholarship.

The Grade 3 students have risen from being novices to becoming natives this school year in understanding the value of knowledge and the access to information that a laptop provides on so many levels. Cheers to all involved in helping the students see success. Parents—kudos go out to you too!

Good job, Grade 3!

Ann K Crowley
Grade 3 Teacher

Major Keys

"They don't want you to succeed, but we do"

Welcome back after a well-deserved break. Now it is time to focus once again on the Keys of Success.

Key no. 1:

This is the final stretch of your race to finish the year. Make sure you finish strong. Finish stronger than you started. When you feel like giving up. Keep your head up high and push yourself farther than you ever pushed before.

Key no 2:

Get plenty of rest. You might feel overwhelmed with the work load you have, you might even feel like the load has increased, and it might have increased. Guess what, it still needs to be done. To complete this work, you must be well rested.

Key no 3:

Organize your time. As you sit there trying to write that paper, finish that journal, solve the problems, you will notice that time flies. Seconds of a break turn into minutes and then into hours. Before you know it, it is 3 am and you haven't finished any work. Organize your time and you find those missing hours again to enjoy a bit of Key no 2.

Key no 4:

And this is the most important one. **WATER.** Keep hydrated.

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Khalid Abdeltam
High School Science Teacher