



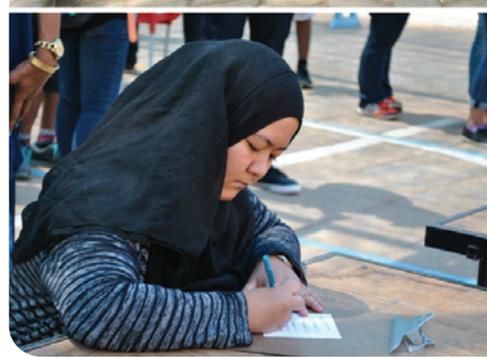
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Thursday, October 13, 2016



## High School Student Council Elections



**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT SEMINAR- "SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDREN AS READERS AT HOME", PRESENTED BY MS. JANANNE HEALEY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 8:30-9:15am, KAS LIBRARY- BRING A FREIND FROM KAS OR FROM OUTSIDE OF KAS!**

School will close for **"Fall Break"** and reopens October 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents,

Earlier this week all high school students attended the KAS Student Council Election Assembly. This is an important event when students come together to elect their class officers and class representatives for the coming year. I was impressed by the speeches made by the candidates, and I was impressed by the maturity and politeness shown by students who listened to the election speeches.

Our Student Council is an example of a school activity that underscores the importance we place on creating a school climate characterized by cooperation and collaboration. Teachers and students worked together to organize the elections. Teacher advisors will now continue to support and collaborate with students as elected officers carry out the duties and activities of the Student Council. All students in the high school will be collaborating to carry out future Council activities. This cooperative effort reflects our vision of building a strong sense of community at KAS. As stated in our KAS Vision statement, "...Our community is a partnership of stakeholders who are actively engaged in the school and collectively shape its direction and ethos."

It takes courage to run for a leadership position. The Student Council is a forum for students to try out and develop leadership skills. We are proud of the students who were selected by their classmates to be this year's officers, we are proud of the students who ran for office, and we are proud of all students who attended the election assembly and who will now work with the Student Council to shape the future of our great school.

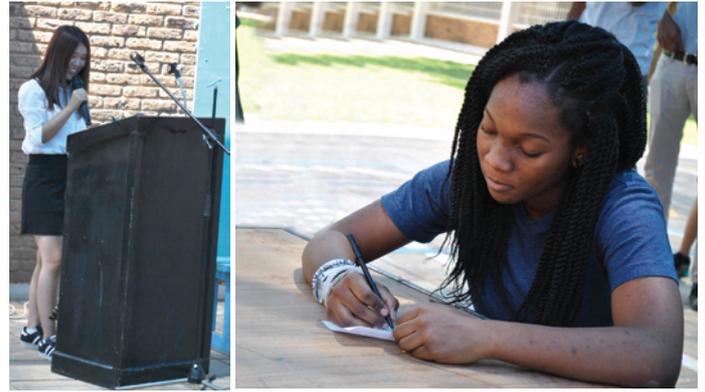
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I wish you a restful and safe Fall Break. School reopens on October 23. See you then.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Rob Beck**  
Superintendent

## High School Student Council Elections



## Elementary Assembly Masters This Week's Winners



Gadi Adani  
Kindergarten

Lucia Holmes  
Rodriguez  
Kindergarten

Rayan Yajima  
Grade 2

Ahmed Magzoub  
Grade 4

## Introducing the 2016-2017 High School Student Council!

Congratulations to the members of the prestigious service organization called the Student Council! The High School Student Council is a student organization where members are formally elected by their peers to serve their school community and provide leadership for the student body. Here are the new members:

President: **Hassabo Omer** (Grade 12)

Vice President: **Samir Elgaddal** (Grade 11)

Secretary: **Hussein Mustafa** (Grade 11)

Treasurer: **Baikun Liu (Louis)** (Grade 12)

Publicist: **Ahmed Mohamed** (Grade 11)

Grade 12 Representative: **Hamza Kayani**

Grade 11 Representative: **Eun Seo Park**

Grade 10 Representative: **Akram Elsheikh**

Grade 9 Representative: **Fawzia Omer**

These members will dedicate themselves to the following duties and responsibilities:

- Be a positive example to the school community in being helpful, courteous, and positive
- Provide an open forum whereby other students can address concerns and questions
- Liaise between the student body and faculty or administration once concerns and questions have been voiced
- Organize events to promote school spirit, leadership, and overall betterment of the community
- Participate in service projects to better their overall community

This is an exciting time for students to take charge of their school experience and become leaders. Congratulations, we all look forward to your contributions to the students and overall KAS community!

**Leena Salih**  
Student Support Services Teacher

## A Message from the Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

I am sometimes asked about my philosophy of education. This began to evolve when I was a sixth-grade student. It was then that I had the first teacher I loved and revered. She was a mentor to me for several years afterward. From my experience in her class, where learning came alive, **I saw that all lasting learning is grounded in love: love of teacher, love of subject, love of oneself as participant in the learning process, and love of one's peers who share in that process.**

Already the following year, in seventh grade, I had my next remarkable teacher, and through him began to gather the experience necessary to comprehend the next part of my educational philosophy. His humor, wit, and understanding of the challenges we seventh graders were facing made learning fun and vulnerability possible. Enthusiasm flourished. I came to realize that **true learning, learning that enlivens rather than deadens, must be accompanied by enthusiasm. If either fun or the willingness to be vulnerable are lacking in the experience of students, the breadth and depth of their potential learning will be correspondingly limited.**

I grew up in a culturally-diverse community, and became aware of the implications of this especially in my high school years. Through this I realized that for education to be honest we must acknowledge the social and cultural foundations and context in which it is embedded, and which enable, enrich, and at the same time prescribe our learning opportunities and experiences. Diversity gives us the chance to break free of our cultural blind spots. In honor of this gift, **genuine education doesn't just tolerate diversity, it celebrates it!**

This is how my philosophy of education evolved up to the time of my becoming an adult. Next time I will share how my philosophy of education evolved in my adult years.

**Phil Centers**  
Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

## Technology as a Learning Tool

Hello Everyone,

Since I started my online ESL master's course, I have become an even bigger believer in the importance of technology in the classroom and e-learning as a platform. It has provided me with creative freedom, endless resources and learning materials, and the possibility to teach students from all backgrounds. Most of our students are using mobile devices (smart phones, laptops, and tablets) to connect to the web. My objective as an ESL teacher is to use this Internet contact time as an asset to improve my students' English acquisition. This may not be as straightforward as it seems. For instance, students may be browsing to find the best English learning websites on the net. However, Google usually brings to the top the same websites already seen countless times before, and maybe some high-quality English-learning websites won't be discovered. So it can be helpful to share the results with each other of more in-depth mining of web resources. Here are some very useful and handy English-learning websites:

### News in Levels ([www.newsinlevels.com/](http://www.newsinlevels.com/))

This website writes news in three different levels of English in a way that helps students understand English. It takes them on a journey of discovery where all can enjoy reading and listening to news.

### 6 Minutes English

([www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/general/sixminute](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/general/sixminute))

This is a BBC Learning English website and mobile app. It contains a long-running series of topical discussion and new vocabulary.

### The English We Speak

([www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/language/theenglishwespeak/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/language/theenglishwespeak/))

Amaze your friends, impress your teachers and delight your parents with these fantastic words and phrases. This website is a great resource to catch up on the latest English words and phrases. In audio recordings of less than 3 minutes, students can stay ahead of the pack by learning the necessary phrases that they can use in their everyday conversation.

### Aardvark's English Forum ([www.english-forum.com/00/](http://www.english-forum.com/00/))

This is an online, interactive site with self-study activities and quizzes covering grammar, vocabulary, idioms, daily quotations and much more. It includes resources for teachers, students and parents as well as BBC news service links.

### Time for Kids

([www.timeforkids.com/news-archive/kid%20reporter%20scoops](http://www.timeforkids.com/news-archive/kid%20reporter%20scoops))

This is another great online news site with an emphasis on K-6 students. It is a weekly online publication for students to build confidence and enthusiasm for reading.

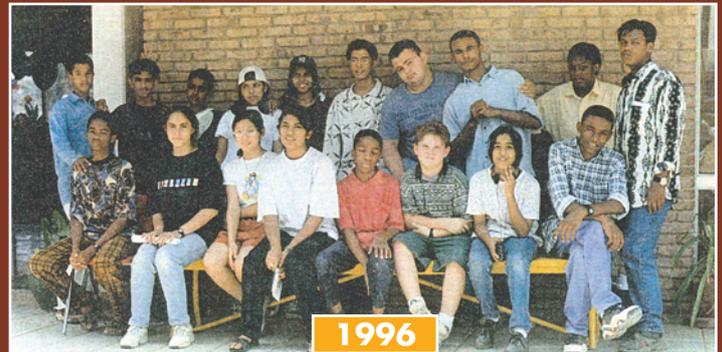
**Salma Saeed**

Elementary & Middle School ESL Teacher



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Then and Now



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## SAYING OF THE WEEK

If a person is **Never Going To Set The Thames Alight** they are unlikely ever to do anything impressive or notable, usually in respect of either their work or studies. Many believe the allusion here is to the river Thames but the root of this expression is actually a 'temse'. During the 1700s farmers used a tool called a temse, which was a sieve given to laborers or farmhands during the harvest months. Hard-grafting farm boys would joke with each other they had worked so fast their temse had caught fire. Equally, lazy scallywags would 'never be able to set their temse alight'.

**Minette van der Bijl**

High School English Department



## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Fall Break Pool Hours

- KAS Pool is open from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
- Sunday "**Ladies Only**" day, open from 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm