



KAS ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

PLEASE NOTE: The Annual General Meeting and Board Elections of the KAS parents for the school year 2018 - 2019 will take place on Sunday, May 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM at KAS.

Superintendent's Message

Plans for KAS This Month Due to Fuel Situation

We keep close communication with the Regional Security Office at the U.S. Embassy and more so now due to the Fuel Situation. Our staff have been car pooling and helping each other go to and from school. We stock as much diesel fuel as possible to operate the 3 generators we need when we lose electricity from the city. Lately, this has been happening more frequently. Starting on Monday, May 21 we will be sending all students and staff home at 2:50 pm. We will do this every school day until the last school day on May 31 when all students will be dismissed at 11 am. We want to ensure that we can operate during the school day normally and safely. We ask your cooperation and understanding so that you will pick up your children from school as soon as possible at the end of the regular school day. AP exams will be finished, ASAP activities will have ended and homework help will be finished. We appreciate your help with this.

KAS Annual General Meeting - Sunday May 13 - 6:30 pm

The KAS AGM will take place this Sunday at 6:30 pm. We have 4 openings to fill seats on the School Board. We will present a financial report and update of the KAS Strategic Plan – SPACIT. We encourage you to attend. Each parent who has paid all their school fees for this year will be eligible to vote.

Candidates for the School Board Election

On Sunday May 13 at 6:30 pm we will hold our Annual General Meeting. We will elect 4 members to serve two year terms on our school Board. The following candidates will be on the ballot:

Ahmed Osama Osman

Mr. Osman works as a Direct Drilling Consultant.

It's quite an honour to be nominated to serve as a board member in this school and I enthusiastically accept. For those who may not know me, I am Ahmed Osama Osman, a proud father of two lovely boys, one in KG and the other in Pre School and allegedly a happy husband of a wonderful wife Azza Fadul.

Being part of school board for me is a privilege coupled with responsibility and an opportunity to serve in delivering the qualities we all seek this school can offer, creating an outstanding learning environment. As a parent and indeed a potential board member, I am an advocate for all efforts helping in promoting a positive school atmosphere, strengthening the bond and closing the gap if any between school and school community. Strong schools and strong communities are inextricably linked.

School commitment to excellence in delivering its services is of a greater priority and I will support all initiatives set empowering school superintendent to do what is necessary to ensure this, in a continuing effort to distinguish KAS locally and internationally through its performance. I will also stand in favour for more school facility upgrade and the building of a new ones.

Last but not the least I hereby urge all parents, knowing that most of you if not all represent the society elites in terms of ability, quality and indeed capacity to actively engage in any way possible constructively to express your passion, concerns, ideas etc and as a board member I will make sure your valuable input and voices are present and heard to further enhance school community involvement in deciding our school, your school future and prosperity.

I thank you all for listening and I wish you a good day.

Ynkse Vandormael

Ms. Vandormael is an ICRC delegate for the Red Cross

For my motivation, I would like to say this: While I might not have a lot of experience (yet) with different school systems, education has always been an important element in my family. Both my father and sister are teachers and my father currently presides the board of my old kindergarten and primary school.

With a daughter that is and will be changing schools frequently, as many children in American International schools all over the world, I would like to add that specific perspective to the board - it adds an extra layer to the school experience of the children. I think that I can contribute with some ideas of my own country's school system, but also with the experience I and Skye (my daughter) had in other international schools. On a personal level, it will be an enriching experience and I like the idea of being (a small) part of my daughters education, on a more structural level.

Have a nice day,
Ynske

Murat Isen

Mr. Isen is the Turkish Military Attache for the Turkish Embassy

Why I would like to serve on the Board:

I have been in Sudan since September 2017. My daughter is at the third grade. My home is close to KAS. It is just 300 meter away from the school. I go to school almost every other evening with my daughter to swim, to run or to play basketball. So I am aware that what is going on in KAS at the evenings. I have worked in commanding positions in Turkish Army more than 20 years. I have also worked in different countries with different people. So I have some experience in management. As a result, I will be in Sudan one more year and I want to serve as a School Board Member in KAS.

Mr. Mohib Faig

Mr. Faig has previously served on the KAS School Board as general member and as the Board Treasurer.

Presently Mr. Faig is President and CEO, with Shams Poultry Enterprise (Khartoum, Sudan) Specializing in the Commercial Production of Table Eggs.

- Oversee Business planning, budgeting and construction of the overall operations within the company
- Finance

Mubarak Al Ibrahim

Mr. Ibrahim is managing director for Mubarak Accounting, Auditing & Financial Consultancy correspondent for Ernst & Young since 1993. Mr. Ibrahim is also a part time lecturer for several organizations.

Mr. Ibrahim is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (CPA) New York.

Ihab Ayoub

Mr. Ayoub is the Director of TEKNO Consultancy firm here in Khartoum.

Steve Alexander
KAS Superintendent

Letter from the Middle & High School Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The last month of the school year is always a very busy and stressful time for our students and their teachers. The school year is coming to an end, which means students are getting some last-minute studying done.

Students all over campus are burying their head in their laptops or books. So why is it such a stressful time for students? Most of the time stress for finals comes from procrastination. Studying for multiple different courses and APs can add to the stress levels these students are facing. Procrastination is every student's biggest enemy.

I have been wondering why so many students procrastinate. I think part of it is being young and thinking you always have time to do things. If I could get one message to students, it would be that they don't put off work until the last minute because having it done without that pressure would ensure a better outcome.

Whether it's recovering from a semester's worth of procrastination or dealing with the final tests, assignments and exams the stress is there. I would recommend exercising between study sessions to relieve some of that stress. If you're studying and you've been reading, looking at notes, going over information from class, or you're working on a project, take a break. Don't just cram and cram for three hours. Eating well and maintaining a balanced diet and getting a good night's sleep is also very important. Also, don't forget to drink plenty of water in this heat.

Our students will wrap up the school year and exams soon and they would be able to enjoy the summer holidays.

Wishing all our students a lot of success with their exams and end of the year schoolwork.

High School Exam Week Schedule May 2018

| | Monday, May 21 | Tuesday, May 22 | Wednesday, May 23 |
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| 8:30 – 10:00 | Ancient History 9 Modern History 10 Physics 11 English 12 | English Lang 9 English 10 African Studies 11 Environmental Science 12 | Biology 9 Chemistry 10 Pre-Calculus 11 Algebra 2 11 Graduation Practice 12 |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | African Literature 11 | Algebra 1 (Gr.9) Geometry Gr. 9/Gr. 10 Algebra 2 (10) | Make-up exams |

Thursday, May 24 – Graduation Practice at 8:30 am

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal



ANNOUNCEMENT

On **Sunday, May 13th from 5:00-6:00** we will celebrate the end of the **2017-18 After School Activity** program. At this time, Karate and gymnastics students will showcase their amazing skills! There will also be a break dancing performance put on by dancers from Khar-toum. All are encouraged and welcome to attend. It will be a fantastic event.

Go KAS!

KAS INTERNATIONAL SWIM TEAM



Saying of the Week

To **Spill The Beans** is a widely used term for giving away a secret. A tradition that began in ancient Greece for electing a new member to a private club was to give each existing member a white and brown bean with which to cast his vote. The white bean was a yes vote and the brown meant an objection. The beans were then secretly placed in a jar and the prospective member would never know how many people voted either for or against him. Unless, that is, the jar was knocked over and the beans spilled. Then the club members' secret would be out.

Minette van der Bij
High School English Department

A Letter to Grade 5

Dear Grade 5,

In just a few days I will be bidding you all farewell as you head off on your summer vacations. You came to me as nervous post 4th graders and leave me as confident pre-6th graders, able to hold your heads high as you pass on to middle school. Yes, it has been quite a year of growing.



You accepted my daily challenges, sometimes with a groan or two, and sometimes pushing back saying you couldn't because it was too hard. However, you quickly learned that "can't" is an unacceptable 4 letter word in my classroom and so you tried. With each stumble and mistake you learned to ask questions and try harder because you understood that I expected nothing less than your very best. And so you have become the kind of students who embrace challenge because you know the end result is growth, understanding, and ultimately, personal pride.



Now I have one final challenge for each of you so that you will not experience what we teachers refer to as "summer slide". Summer slide is the phenomenon of losing a month or more of the gains you have made in the last year (1). Many studies show that continued reading throughout the summer vacation will not only prevent summer learning loss, but will actually increase achievement in the coming year (2). So, my challenge to you and your families is to read 6 books this summer. These books should appeal to your interests. You have learned about the many genres of reading, and all of you have a favorite. So start there. Read together with your families. Share what you are reading with your siblings, relatives, and friends. Read popular books first, then find the companion movie to compare who did it better, the author or Hollywood. The most important thing is that you Read, Read, Read this summer so you can be sure to enjoy a successful transition to middle school. Enjoy your summer and Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

Ms. Healey

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