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news from the trunk

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WELCOME BACK TO KAS!

Superintendent's Message

Welcome to KAS

As we begin a new school year at KAS I want to welcome back everyone, especially new families joining our caring school community.

Many improvements have been made during the summer: renovated classrooms, freshly painted classrooms, a newly remodeled administration building with admissions and accounting offices, as well as our technology infrastructure, which has been upgraded. You will also notice a blue fence surrounding the area where we will soon begin the construction of our new cafeteria and multi-purpose room.

In October we will welcome a team of professional educators from the Council of International Schools and the Middle States Association. Their visit will be to validate the self-study report our staff has prepared to improve our school in all areas.

Along with many returning staff we are pleased to welcome 10 new teachers and our new elementary principal, Mr. Joe Kaminsky.

I encourage parents to visit our campus often and communicate with teachers, staff and administrators. We are enthusiastic about working with you and your children in making this a successful year at KAS

Steve Alexander
KAS Superintendent

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



A Message from the Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

Dear KAS Families,

Welcome to KAS and the 2018/2019 school year. I am Joe Kaminski the new Elementary Principal. I see that you have one really great educational facility here in Khartoum. But more importantly you have a super great group of administrators, teachers and support personnel working for you and your children. All this I already know for certain.

My wife and I are coming from Myanmar but have worked and lived in a few different places over the years. I have been a teacher and a principal for most of my life. My educational thoughts are these: compassion is a most vital skill that is not only taught at home but at school along with all other subjects. Whether our teachers teach your children to be mindful and caring citizens in formal lessons or by example or both ways, this, in my opinion, is of the utmost importance to our future survival as a species on this planet. I have come to realize this to be true after getting a good picture of how people live all over the globe.

I invite each you to come in to say hello and chat with me for a while. I love being an international school educator. We love it in Sudan and are thankful to everyone for having us as your guests in your beautiful country. Thank you and I look forward to meeting all of you.

Sincerely,

Joe Kaminski
Early Childhood & Elementary Principal



PARENT

**Please collect your car pass
sticker for the new school year
2017 - 2018**

Saying of the Week

Living in an **Ivory Tower** is a mildly pejorative expression used to describe those who live sheltered lives, away from the harsh realities and problems faced by others. It is of French origin and can be traced back as far as the early 1800s, to a poet named Alfred de Vigny. Alfred led a life of disappointment and in his later years withdrew almost completely from society, while continuing to write. In 1837, in a poem called 'Pensees d'Aout' ('Thoughts of August') written by a critic called Sainte-Beuve, de Vigny's lifestyle is described as isolated, and it was suggested he live in a secluded 'tour d'ivoire' (an 'ivory tower'). The phrase was then widely used to describe other academics who had the reputation of living in a world away from the harsh realities, suggesting they knew little about real life.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department

Welcome to KAS Library

Dear Parents ,

Hope you had a wonderful start. As most of you are aware I am Ms. Shireen the school librarian. You can always find me and Ms. Lina in the library. Here are some points to consider:

- Library hours are Sunday, Monday & Wednesday from 8am to 4pm.
- Parents are allowed to borrow a maximum of six books at a time but can keep the books to a maximum of two weeks.
- Students are allowed to borrow a maximum of two books at a time but can keep the books to a maximum of two weeks.
- There is a chessboard, game & coloring corner set up for students' use during lunch only.
- Our new arrivals are here, we will let you know when they are ready for checkouts.
- This is the online library link for resources that maybe of help.

<https://kaslibrary.follettdestiny.com/common/servelet/presenthomeform.do?l2m=Home&tm=Home>

Looking forward to working with you all and have a great year ahead.

Thank & Best Regards

Shireen Shiber
Librarian

