



KAS Swim Team 2018 / 2019 Season



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, EARLY
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A Message from the Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

Dear KAS Family,

The following is an excerpt from the book *Jim the Boy*, by Tony Earley.

"Jim rode to the field in the truck with his uncles. He stood on the bed of the truck and looked out over the cab. He held on to his straw hat with one hand and the truck with the other. The world at that early hour seemed newly made, unfinished; the air, still sweet with dew, an invention thought up that morning. In the low places near the river, stray ghosts of fog still hunted among the trees. The state highway led directly into the rising sun; when the sun pulled itself loose from the road, it suddenly seemed very far away. The sky, in a moment Jim didn't notice until the moment had passed, turned blue, as if it had never tried the color before and wasn't sure anyone would like it. Jim giggled out loud for no reason he could think of."

When our daughter was young my wife and I would read to and with her quite a bit. Now that she is older she reads to her children. When reading this paragraph the other day I realized how much fun it is to read. All the vivid pictures created in my imagination from the words. All the smells and noises recalled or created through the written word.

Learning and the love to learn is all about making connections to previous knowledge. The more we read ourselves and the more we read with our children the more chance of possible connections being made.

Our teachers here at KAS create these opportunities for your children each day at school. Please extend this wonderful gift to them while they are with you at home too. Read to and with them in any language you like. Thank you.

Only three weeks till the winter break, so please have your youngsters here every day – it is so important. Unless they are ill of course.

Some announcements:

Don't forget the early dismissal days coming up next month on Thursday the 13th at noon. Then again on the 20th.

As always, thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school and its students, employees and programs.

Take care,

Joe Kaminski
Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

KAS Varsity Boys' Basketball Season Review



On Saturday November 24th, the high school boys' basketball team ended their season with the annual KISSC tournament. Ultimately the season ended in a heartbreaking fashion, as KAS lost the championship game in the last seconds, 32-34. However, the season will go down as one of the more successful in KAS basketball history.

For the first time in my four years coaching at KAS, the varsity boys had a winning record against every team they played against: 3-1 against KICS, 2-1 against NVS, 1-0 against Unity, 1-0 against BES. Throughout the season, the boys showed amazing heart under the captaincy of Hamadelnil by winning a whole host of close games, none bigger than our first ever tournament game against the British Educational Schools. Down by 1 with 1 second left on the clock, point guard Ali Abdo was fouled and had to make both free throws to win the game. Despite all the pressure, he calmly sank both and we qualified for the final. Recognition must also go to our All Stars Abdalla, Akeem, Ali, and Hamadelnil as well as the tournament leading scorer Kareem. With zero seniors on the team and lots of promise shown by our 9th and 10th graders, the future of KAS basketball looks bright.



Owen McMullen
MS/HS Social Studies/Basketball Coach

Thanksgiving, Love and Gratefulness



It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of November with all of its excitement and celebrations, the most prominent being Thanksgiving. While not every country celebrates this holiday, many do, often with piles of special food, games and family visits. Canada, the country I call home, celebrates Thanksgiving the second Monday in October. It was decided in 1959, seeing Canada was predominately farming land, that there should be a special time of rejoicing and worship when the harvest was completed and all the crops were in, and there would be food for the coming long, cold winter months.

Being a teacher in a variety of countries, I have tended to celebrate Thanksgiving with stories of friendship and thankfulness. All around KAS you see wonderful decorations. My grade 3 class decided to do a writing assignment of things they were thankful for. It was terrific to see how much love there is for their families and gratefulness for all that is provided for them. Please visit our bulletin board with all our fall leaves to see the results.

Heather Davis
Grade 3 Teacher



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The KAS Swim Team performed admirably at the 4 competitive meets involving 5 different teams this swimming season. The KAS team consisted of 58 swimmers between the ages of 8 and 16. The youngest swimmers swam 2 afternoons a week, every week. They improved to the point of being able to swim at least 25 meter events in the swim meets. Some of the young swimmers improved to the point that they were able to swim 50 meter events, and three of those 8 year-olds are now going to MEUC International Dubai Swim Meet in February.

The older swimmers had a more grueling workout schedule. They practiced 5 times a week since the beginning of August. Two of those weekly practices were early morning swims that challenged their endurance physically, due to the distance and sprints they swam.

The KAS Swim Team consists of truly outstanding swimmers. The coaches prioritized character, behavior and commitment as more important than even swim time. Those were the qualifications used to determine which swimmers were invited to Dubai.

Wrapping up the season, 22 swimmers qualified to participate in the MEUC International Dubai Swim Meet this coming February, 2019. A thanks goes out to the swimmers for representing KAS so proudly and to the coaches who committed their time to the swimmers.



Ann Crowley
KAS Swim Team Manager

Saying of the Week

To suggest somebody has a **Brass Neck** is to imply they have some nerve and will try anything to suit their own purposes, usually with the reluctant admiration of others for their cheek. The origin of this phrase lies with the legend of a highwayman who was sentenced to hang from a tree for his crimes. This method of hanging brought about a slow death by choking so the highwayman came up with a cunning plan. he would swallow a piece of brass tube, with a wire attached to it and held inside his mouth, in the hope this would prevent his throat being crushed and allow him to breathe long enough for the crowd to disperse. All he then needed was an accomplice who could cut him down, remove the tube and save his life. Unfortunately it is not known if this is actually true, but the legend is certain where the term 'brass neck' came from.

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