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KAS Students at THIMUN Qatar Model United Nations Conference

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Superintendent's Message

I want to reinforce to the KAS parent community that we review our school operation on a daily basis and make decisions about attendance based on up-to-date reports.

Our priority is the safety of your children and our staff.

The next school Board Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 10th at 6pm.

We have begun construction of the cafeteria/multi-purpose building and expect to finish the construction and have it ready for use before the start of the next school year. At present, workers are preparing to install the reinforced concrete base. It is exciting to see this project started.

The next Parent Seminar will be in February and the date will be announced as soon as it is set. This next seminar is very important as the topic will be an introduction to understanding the IB Diploma Program. The IBDP, as it is called, will be for grade 11 and 12 students. It will take us two and a half years to complete the authorization process and we want to make sure it is understood by all in our community. We will also be giving presentations to our staff and secondary students.

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Steve Alexander
KAS Superintendent

V.I.P. Students

Cool insight into how to make 2nd grade classroom management fun!

Each week students work towards earning group points and on Thursday mornings the most points wins a chair at the V.I.P. table. The winners are allowed to wear V.I.P. tags all day long, along with doing other fun classroom tasks.

Past V.I.P.s:



Who will earn V.I.P. status this week?

Patricia Marquez
Grade 2 Teacher

A Message from the Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

Dear KAS Family,

Since this is our first edition of the KAS ENews for 2019 I'd like to say "Happy New Year!" and "Welcome Back!" to KAS for the second half of the 2018 / 2019 school year. I hope each and every one of you had a great winter break and is happy to be back with us again.

Sometimes the first few weeks returning to school are a bit difficult on students, as well as staff. We are recovering from our vacations and jet lag and the fact that most of us did not have to follow a tight schedule for the three weeks we were off, as we do now while school is in session. Most have adjusted very well.

I must say that our main concern at KAS, now and always, is for the safety of each student. Mr. Steve will be in contact with all of you during this time of uncertainty to ensure that our school's security and safety for all is a goal that is being met. So far, our Virtual Days have been successful. On campus we remain focused on making our students aware of the importance of compassion and education in their lives and how holding these things dear to all of us can and will be our future.

On January 28 the report cards for our first semester became available to read online. If you have yet to view your child's card on line please contact myself or our IT department as soon as possible.

Last Wednesday, at the elementary assembly, we presented Curriculum awards that encompass all academic subject areas, as well as the special subjects, including: library, technology and awards for most improved students. In addition to all of those, we gave awards to students who exemplified the rest of the four C's – Character, Citizenship and Community. A similar assembly will happen on May 30.

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

Take care,

Joe Kaminski
Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

THIMUN Qatar Model United Nations Conference

From January 20th to the 26th, ten Khartoum American School students attended the annual THIMUN Qatar conference in Doha. Our students represented the delegation of Hungary and worked hard at solving various international issues in the United Nation's General Assembly, Human Rights Council, and several other committees. This was our school's third time attending the Qatar conference and, as always, the students enjoyed meeting and working with students from all around the world, as there were over 1500 students at the conference. Numerous resolutions were passed and it was wonderful seeing students grow in confidence throughout the 3 day event. In addition to the conference, KAS students learned more about Qatari history and culture by visiting the historic Souq Waqif, Islamic Art Museum, and the Khor Al Adaid.



Owen McMullen
MS/HS Social Studies

Semester 1 4C's Awards Ceremony



Saying of the Week

To be pushed from **Pillar To Post** means to be in a constant state of flux and probably harassed at the same time. In the Middle Ages each town and village in England had both a pillory and a whipping post. A pillory (also known as the stocks) was a place where petty criminals or traders who had swindled their customers would be clamped by head and arms, and local people would gather round to humiliate them. In the case of a more serious crime, offenders would first be put in the pillory and then taken to the whipping post, being jostled along the way, for a public flogging. So the phrase began as 'from the pillory to the post' but evolved into the idiom we use these days.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department