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news from the trunk

Thursday, February 7, 2019



KHARTOUM AMERICAN SCHOOL

SUDAN

DAYS

FESTIVAL

Wednesday, February 13

Thursday, February 14

Friday, February 15

2:00pm-7:00pm

(Open to KAS & Outside Friends)

FREE ENTRY

Food
Souk
Henna

Coffee/Tea

Photo Booth

Sudanese Art

Donkey Rides

Tie Dye/Puppets

Sudanese Games

Spices/Food Exhibition

Sudan Tourism Exhibition



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Superintendent's Message

Remaining KAS Parent Seminars

- February 21 – Introduction to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program – Steve Alexander & Don Tingley
- March 14 – Is it Mean, Is it Rude, Is it Bullying? - Don Tingley & Nicole Stacey
- April 11 – New KAS Staff for the 2019-20 School Year – Steve Alexander

Developing the School Store – Cassi Neus

(Sno) is now working with Ekta to develop the school store to offer more variety. Ms. Sno is a designer who will help with branding and the development of online ordering, eventually. She will also be designing 3D diagrams of beautification projects developed by the community.

KAS Alumni – Nada Salih, our Admissions Director, is now focusing on expanding our alumni database with the intent of making the group an active participant in the KAS community. She is working with Magdi Saeed to build the group membership. In the plans will be a regular alumni newsletter and hosting of periodic alumni events such as class reunions. Please contact Nada if you know of KAS alumni who may be interested in being a part of the group.

Steve Alexander
KAS Superintendent

"A good beginning makes a good end"
– English Proverb.

First of all, I would like to congratulate the students who recently graduated from their EAL programs, Elna and Mohaned in grade 1, and Mugtaba and Shivam in grade 3. They have made an awesome effort to achieve English proficiency in oral and academic language. Big thanks also go to their parents for supporting their learning. I believe that together, we will continue to help your children succeed in school.



It is important to note that parents are universally accepted as a child's first teacher. It's intuitive, and we usually know it from our own experience. At KAS we embrace this reality and recognize the important role parents play in their child's education. This makes us better able to create curriculum and build relationships with parents that have a profound effect on a child's journey through school.

I will take this opportunity to give few pieces of advice on how you can support their children's English language acquisition.

First, do not be afraid to use your native tongue. This is the best way to create the connection between your child's primary language and culture and new language and culture. Try to explain unfamiliar words and concepts in the language familiar to your child and continue to build his or her literacy skills in the primary language, while practicing and developing English and academic literacies.

Second, when it comes to homework, establish a good study routine at home. This can make a significant difference in your child's learning.

Third, in order to ensure that students' minds and bodies are ready for learning, each day provide your children with healthy, kid-size, and colorful snacks and meals.

Finally, stay connected and collaborate with teachers. By staying informed, you can keep up to date on your child's linguistic, academic, and social progress in school. Understanding what is going on in school will give you a better idea of how you can support your child at home.

Thank you,

Salma Saeed
EAL Teacher

Letter from the Middle & High School Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

You are invited to join us for our annual Sudan Days Picnic Celebration that will be held on Friday, February 15. There will be Sudanese music performances, food and other activities. There will also be a souk for everyone with a big variety of stalls that showcase a wide array of handmade and unique Sudanese products. Your family and friends are also welcome.

Prior to this, the Sudan Days Committee has planned for two days of in-school Sudan Days Celebrations. On Wednesday, February 13th, and Thursday February 14th, our students will have the opportunity to learn more about the rich culture and traditions of Sudan.

I would like to thank the Sudan Days Committee and all the faculty members who are working so hard to make Sudan Days both entertaining and educationally effective.

MS/HS Knowledge Bowl



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Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal

**KAS Elementary students
celebrating 100 Days of School,
now 100 days smarter!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regarding the upcoming Parent / Teacher Conferences:

Schoolwide Parent / Teacher Conferences are scheduled to happen on February 26 from 11am to 3pm.

The Elementary Section (K - 5) classrooms will be sending schedules home this week that will reflect conference time slots that are available before that date. The purpose of this scheduling is to make many options available to families, so they may have a variety of times to choose from, to meet with their children's teachers.

This and every conferencing is very important in maintaining close, amicable relationships between family and school. Your child loves the teamwork that is involved in their education, and we do too. Thank you.

Mr. Joe

KAS Pool will be closed
on
**Friday, February 15,
2019**

Saying of the Week

The phrase **Possession Is Nine tenths Of The Law** began life as Possession is Nine Points Of the Law. the phrase was used by anybody claiming an advantage in a legal situation, especially over the ownership of property, whether it belonged to them or not. Prior to the 17th century the expression was 11 out of 12 and it is not known why it was later reduced. However, the nine points are: patience, money, a just cause, a good lawyer, good counsel, witnesses, a true jury, a good judge and good luck.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department