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news from the trunk
Thursday, September 13, 2018



GRADE 3 STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR LAPTOPS

Superintendent's Message

Board Meetings – The KAS School Board had its first meeting on September 9th and agreed on meeting dates for this year.

- Sept. 9 - Regular Board Meeting
- Oct. 28 - Regular Board Meeting
- Nov. 18 - Regular Board Meeting
- January 20 - Regular Board Meeting
- March 3 - Regular Board Meeting
- April 21 - Annual General Meeting (Before Ramadan)
- May 19 - Regular Board Meeting

At this meeting the Board elected 3 officers and set membership for Board committees for this school year.

Board Officers

President – Mohamed Omer

Vice-President – Ynske Vandormael

Treasurer – Mubarak Ibrahim

Facilities Committee:

1. Mohamed Omer
2. Mario Samaan
3. Ihab Ayoub
4. Murat Isret
5. Steve Alexander

Finance Committee:

1. Mubarak Ibrahim
2. Abdelrahman Almahdi
3. Zulal Vincent
4. Steve Alexander
5. Mona Hassan

Policy Committee:

1. Abdelrahman Elmahdi
2. Ynske Vandornael
3. Steve Alexander

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ANNOUNCEMENT



THE BATWA NEED YOUR HELP...

BATWA BAKE-SALE

Sunday, September, 23, 2018
KAS/ QUAD/ AT LUNCH

FOR MORE INFORMATION...
ASK THE 8TH GRADERS OR MS. UTECHT

ENJOY!!!



Saying of the Week

When something has **Gone West** it is generally lost forever. Usually it is a plan, project or perhaps business deal that 'goes west' when something major goes wrong. There is a suggestion that the sun setting in the west may be the root of the phrase, but it is more likely to be the Tyburn bigget, a place of execution once situated near the site of Marble Arch in central London, where we uncover the secret. London's main prisons at either Newgate or The Clink were both located in the east side of the city and a condemned man would be loaded on to a cart and taken west to meet his fate. Nobody ever returned from the journey west.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department

Letter from the Middle & High School Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

On Thursday, September 13, we offered a Parent seminar on Khartoum American School's Guiding Statements. The presenters of the seminar were Ms. Dina Shalash, Curriculum Coordinator and Ms. Nicole Stacy, Student Support Services Coordinator.

We received excellent feedback regarding our seminar. The parents that attended reported that the seminar was both very informative and engaging.

I am sure that most of you are already familiar with our Mission, Vision and Global Citizenship statements. However, as a reminder please find them below for those of you who were not able to attend the seminar.

OUR KAS MISSION AND VISION

Khartoum American School provides an outstanding learning environment to promote an open, inclusive and student-centered program. We are devoted to fostering educational growth and development for our internationally-diverse student body.

The Mission is supported through the KAS Vision of building the 4 Cs of:

Character:

By helping students develop self-discipline and a positive self-image, Khartoum American School encourages students to explore their potential and to develop a rich and broad understanding of today's world. Khartoum American School fosters in student a strong sense of personal commitment and dedication to their own learning.

Curriculum:

Khartoum American School follows an American Curriculum based around internationally recognized standards. Our student-centered program offers a technology-rich and inquiry-based approach. Khartoum American School offers a program of study that allows all students to reach their

potential.

Community:

Khartoum American School actively pursues a sense of community characterized by students who are cooperative, communicative, productive and responsible. Students are encouraged to view themselves and their school as integral parts of the global community. Our community is a partnership of stakeholders who are actively engaged in the school and collectively shape its direction and ethos.

Citizenship:

We promote global citizenship and the expectation of our students is to reflect upon their own world and the world around them and to develop the skills required to make positive changes worldwide. We encourage students to embrace the diversity present at Khartoum American School and to celebrate the fact that it makes us a richer school community.

Global Citizenship

The Khartoum American School maintains Global Citizenship to be the responsibility of all of its members. Every person will develop an awareness of themselves and an understanding of their own impact on both their community and the broader global reach. As Global Citizens, KAS expects and accepts that all people are different with unique experiences, customs, and values. We are interconnected and strive to better understand global issues. KAS embraces difference and takes a stand against social injustice. We at KAS know we are the caretakers of the earth and are committed to taking action and persevering in our service to others. We embrace the unknown with a sense of humor and an adventurous heart knowing that through our dedication as global citizens, we will make a positive global impact for future generations to advocate for others who cannot advocate for themselves.

Have a lovey weekend!

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal

An Afternoon Full of Gorgeous Smiles

Grade Three had been waiting for several weeks for the afternoon of September 19th. Finally, the day was here, and 19 students arrived in pretty dresses, lovely outfits, bow ties, white shirts and ties and an assortment of clothes in between but most of all smiles on their faces. What was going to happen you may ask that would cause such a reaction? Was there going to be a special pizza party for lunch, was it a half day of school, a swimming party? While these were all great ideas you would not even be close. Today was the day that the Grade 3 students received their



The students had spent several weeks learning about proper computer behavior, asking a lot of questions, listening and learning from experienced teachers and students. They had investigated and read the KAS AUP and all agreed they were nervous but were prepared.

At 1:30 they marched single file down to the Mac Lab to be met by Ms. Egbal, Mr. Joe teachers and parents. After short welcomes by Ms Heather and Mr. Joe Ms Egbal began calling the students names one by one. They walked to the front of the lab, were required to sign their name on the correct form and then were handed the white Apple box with the laptop inside. Pictures were taken, and each student proudly carried the box back to sit down. This continued until all the students had their boxes. That is where the gorgeous smiles came into the event. I have to admit that my eyes got quite teary as I watched my students step forward with those proud smiles. They seem to mature right in front of me.



Finally, carefully carrying their laptop boxes they walked back to class, got a class picture taken in front of the special bulletin board Ms. Sarah had made and moved inside. The chattering started immediately. Parents were provided with tea, coffee and cake and then invited inside to spend time with their children unpacking the laptops. Again, smiles and more smiles!



Within a matter of minutes they were changing the desktop picture and taking pictures of each other. A great deal of careful movement around the room as they excitedly shared everything they were discovering. The smiles got bigger!



Eventually, the students and parents all carefully packed up the laptops. We went over the rules for bringing the laptop back tomorrow fully charged and they left with those gorgeous smiles still on their faces.

I, personally, can hardly wait to see how things progress on tomorrow, Thursday, and all that we learn from each other. I hope those smiles stay in place.

Heather Davis
Grade 3 Teacher