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news from the trunk

Tuesday, September 3, 2019



**PLEASE NOTE:** Tomorrow, Wednesday, September 4th will be **Back to School Night**, starting at 6:30pm.



**FIELD DAY AT KAS!**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:00PM**

# Superintendent's Message

Dear KAS Community,

It is my pleasure to write to you all in this very first Enews of the 2019-2020 school year.

I have observed many happy faces as students and their families have returned to KAS ready to start learning and also meet new and returning friends and teachers. I hope your children have felt as welcomed as I have within our learning community.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the new teachers to the KAS community:

Bill Collins – High School Science

Kelsey Caldwell – Kindergarten

Jon Caldwell – Grade 4

Mike Schrage – High School Social Studies

Busi Peters-Maughan – Grade 3

Khafilah Malik – Middle School English

Ashika Chapman – Special Educational Needs Coordinator

Gilles Peyron – Elementary PE

Edward LeMay – High School English

Allison Mallory – Secondary Guidance Counselor

Elias Shashati – Middle School Math

Kathleen Ward – Grade 5

Vianca Trigo – Pre Kindergarten

We also have a number of returning members of faculty who have changed position:

Elementary Principal – Jeremy Albright

Sara Abugarga – Admissions Director

An effective partnership between the school and parents is

vital for students to have the best education possible. Therefore, I would like to invite you to **Back to School Night on Wednesday September 4th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**. This is an opportunity for you to meet your children's teachers and find out more about curriculum. There will also be presentations on how to use Classe365, KAS' School Information System.

Since arriving in Khartoum, I am taking the time to get to know the school and the community. If you wish to meet with me, please do contact Maab in the office or send me an email to make an appointment. Providing information about the purpose of the meeting will ensure I can make the best use of your time.

Wishing you a peaceful week,

**Bridget Davies**

KAS Superintendent

## Saying of the Week

If we are told we have **Our Work Cut Our For Us** we know there is a lot to be done and a difficult task lies ahead. The phrase stems from the craft of tailoring but at the first glance it would seem the work is being made easier (by having someone cut out patterns before the stitching begins). But in fact, such a practice makes life more difficult for the tailor, as cutting the work out in advance is much quicker than actually tailoring a suit and therefore piles of material would mount up making it hard for the tailor to keep up. Therefore it is quite easy to imagine a tailor explaining he is busy as he has his 'work cut out for him' and would be hard at it for the foreseeable future. The first recorded appearance of the phrase meaning 'more than one can handle' turned up in A Christmas Carol, a Charles Dickens novel first published in 1843.

**Minette van der Bijl**

High School English Department



## A Message from the Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

Dear KAS Parents and Community,

I want to welcome everyone back to a new and exciting year at KAS. As students return to school over the first few days the energy of students and staff is positive and vibrant. As the new principal, I hope to continue to grow this positive energy and create a special year at Khartoum American School. We have already started making small changes to help build our community and family atmosphere here. To start, all of elementary now eats together in preparation of the opening of our new cafeteria. We will be bringing a variety of new and old events throughout the school year. As we all come back together, I want to remind you as parents that you can help make a difference inside the school and outside by doing the following:

- Make sure that you bring your student to school on time. School starts at 8:00 am, and at this time students are expected to be lined up, ready to enter the classroom. If your child is late for any reason, make sure he or she stops by the front office to get tardy slip. Being on time and ready for learning will help in the academic success of your child.
- Eating healthy will also help the students become more successful in the classroom. We do provide time for the students to have snack and a lunch during their time at school, so make sure that you provide your child with a nutritious lunch. If you wish, you can also purchase lunch from our school kiosk. If you plan to purchase lunch from the kiosk, make sure that you send money with your child. If any student does not come with a lunch or money that day, we will still ensure that he or she eats. If your child needed to borrow some money to purchase a lunch, kindly repay it as soon as possible.
- As a parent we want you to become involved at the school. There are a couple ways in which you can become involved. The first way is to become a member of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and the second is to run a club for our after school activity program. This year we are asking parents who would like to share their knowledge about a fun activity with our students to come and run a club for one quarter (six weeks), once per week. If you are interested please contact me, Jeremy Albright (elementary principal). Also, many times throughout the year, teachers are asking parents to come in and share or read to students.
- Please make sure that all your contact information is current and up to date both with teachers and the front office. This will help us contact you to discuss the progress of your child. You can also check your child's progress by using your Classe365 login to see what they are doing in all subject areas.
- Students who come prepared to school are going to be more successful. As parents you can help by asking your child what he or she needs for the day and checking their backpacks regularly.

Being prepared also means being dressed appropriately. On physical education days we ask that students wear one of the many colored KAS PE t-shirts that can be purchased in our school store (the TRUNK) and that they wear athletic shoes.

The relationship between teachers, parents and the school is vital to the child's social, emotional and cognitive growth. To be successful we need to work as a team and support each other for the success of the child. We hope to see you involved and around campus this year through our many different events and activities.

Have a great year,

**Jeremy Albright**

Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

### THANK YOU FOR THE NEW PLAY AREA

You can't help but miss it! We have a newly improved early childhood playground. It has new climbing structure, more swings, and a softer floor for rolling and playing on. During the school day our early nursery and pre-k students are using the playground, and at lunch time share it with the kindergarten class. We want to remind you that the equipment inside the fenced area is for those students only. Please do not take equipment out of this area after school or on the weekends. The scooters are also to stay in this area. We would like to take the time and thank the PTA group for upgrades to the play area. THANK YOU PTA!



# Homework Help

Welcome to a new school year. As in prior years, the Student Support Services will offer Homework Help sessions in the library from 3:00-3:50pm on Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays for middle and high school students. The Homework Help sessions are staffed by middle and high school teachers and support staff who are available to help students to complete their assignments and study for tests. Every session will have a Math teacher and a variety of teachers from Student Support Services, English as an Additional Language, and core academic subjects. Middle and high school students are encouraged to attend Homework Help every day, and also to meet their class teachers on the scheduled days for help in a specific class.

Middle and high school students attending Homework Help are expected to maintain appropriate academic behavior while attending the sessions. Students are required to sign-in on an attendance sheet, sit at a table, and work quietly and on-task for the duration of the session. Students are welcome to read silently if they finish their studies before the end of the session. Students can use this space to work collaboratively on projects and assignments, but must keep their conversation quiet and on-task to avoid disturbing others.

The schedule for first semester in Homework Help is as follows:

## Homework Help Schedule Semester One, 2019-2020 3:00pm-3:50pm Library

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday
Mr. Bill / Science	Ms. Sally/ EAL	Ms. Minette / EAL
Mr. Marck / Math	Mr. Elias / Math	Ms. Quazanne / Math
Ms. Nafisa / SSS	Mr. Mahfooz / SSS	Ms. Seham / SSS
Ms. Ashika / SSS	Ms. Nicole / SSS	Ms. Shereen / SSS

We look forward to working with your middle or high school student in Homework Help sessions this year.

**Nicole Stacey**  
Student Support Services Coordinator

# A Message from the Sports Department

KAS sports is gearing up for an active and competitive fall season for both Junior Varsity (middle school) and Varsity (high school) athletes. Junior Varsity games, both boys and girls, will feature football (soccer) while Varsity, also boys and girls, will play basketball.

We are trying a new schedule for our competitive sports, which will replace last year's twice-weekly games. There will be 4 monthly round-robin format tournaments played on Saturdays in September through December (9am to 1pm). The final tournament, in December, will serve as the Championship to determine league superiority. It is expected that this format will eliminate former night-time transportation issues and give parents a better opportunity to come out and watch their athletes perform. Currently, KICS has graciously offered to host the tournaments.

High school athletes interested in participating in basketball should contact Mr. D for the girls' team and Mr. Mahfooz for the boys' team.

Middle school athletes interested in participating in football should contact Mr. Hatim for both teams. Our new elementary school physical education teacher, Dr. Patton, will assist Mr. Hatim.

We know our athletes, with hard work and determination, will provide the KAS community with highlights and memories of athletic performances we will remember all season long.

**Dr. Christopher Rampacek**  
Athletic Director