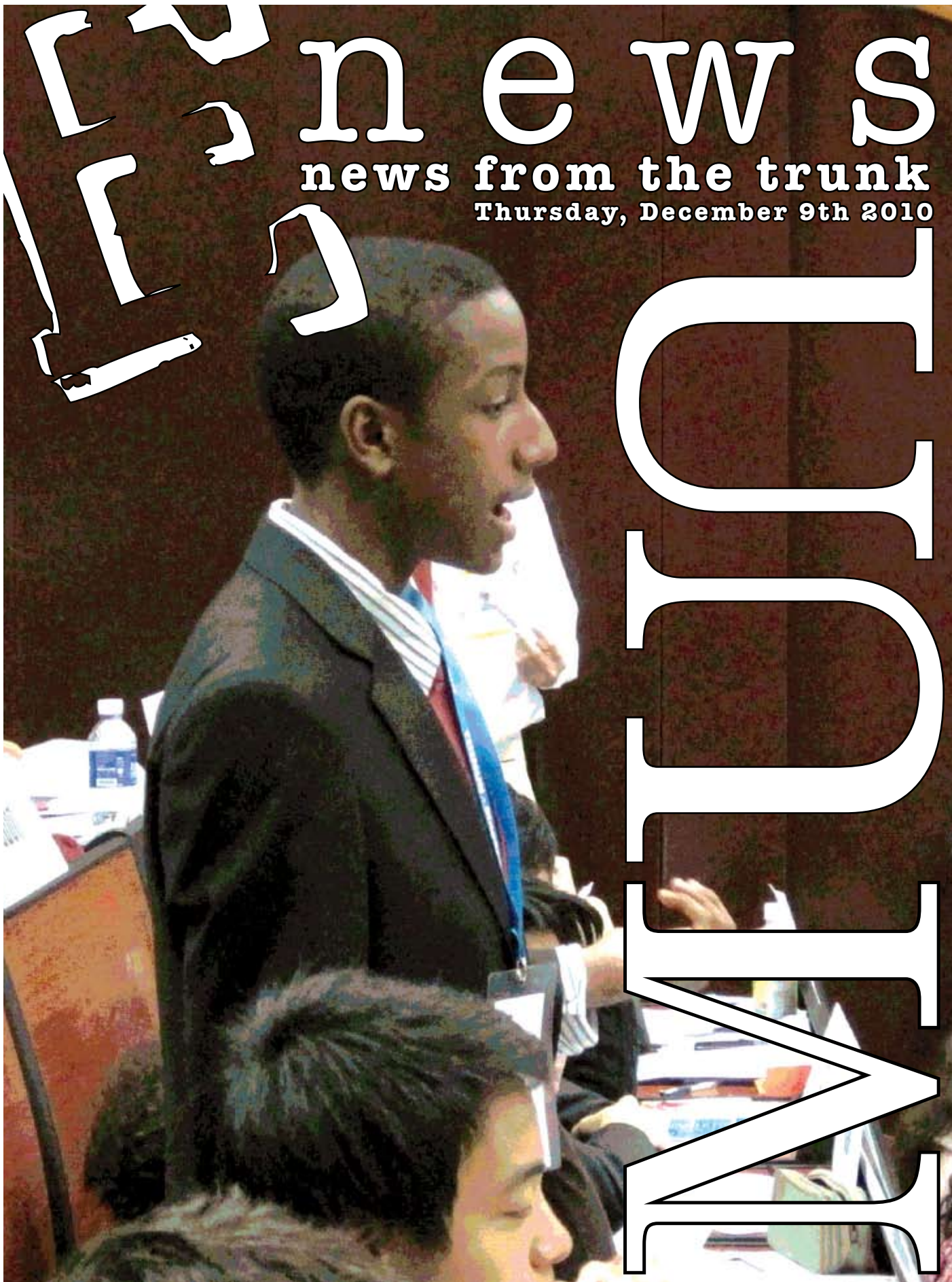


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Thursday, December 9th 2010



Early Dismissal

Thursday, December 16th, 2010 at 11am



A Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents

Last week saw the return of our MUN students from their trip to the Singapore Model United Nations Conference. Participating in such an event requires confidence, planning, preparation and an enthusiasm to really engage in the event and to be an integral part of the process. All of our students displayed these qualities and acquitted themselves extremely well as ambassadors of our school. The conference in Singapore, which is run by The Hague Model United Nations (THIMUN), is one of the most prestigious and well patronized MUN programs in the world. The participation of Khartoum American School, which was the only African school to attend, goes a long way towards promoting our school worldwide as one of the finest international schools in Africa.

For those unfamiliar with the Model United Nations program, it is a chance for young people the world over to participate in the realm of diplomacy by actively engaging in a simulation of the United Nations. Students are designated roles to play and countries to represent and then they go about the business of representing their designated country by giving input on resolutions and debating issues based upon the perspective of their countries. Issues that were discussed at this conference revolved around human rights, good governance, democracy, international law and international finance.

In all Model United Nations events, it is customary for schools to be given a country to represent that is not their host nation so students could not represent Sudan. Instead they were given the roles of being diplomats for Cameroon and Indonesia, thus allowing the students the chance to research and find out more about these respective countries and to delve into the global issues that affect them. Students focused on giving informed input as to how resolutions will positively impact their nations and how best resolutions can be shaped for the betterment of the world.

On behalf of the students and their families, I would like to thank Ms. Wilson for all of her hard work and effort in bringing the trip to fruition and also to Mr. Kessler for helping chaperone and support the group.

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It really gives me a great deal of joy to report back on the multifaceted nature of our school and how we really strive at KAS to give a well rounded education to our students, complete with outstanding experiences such as our Model United Nations program. We hope that our tradition of participating in Model United Nations events continues for a long time to come and that our future MUN participants look to our current crop of MUN students for inspiration.

MUNUC

(Model United Nations)

Model United Nations (MUN) is a program that simulates the decision-making processes of the United Nations by actively involving students in researching major world issues, writing resolutions, and debating policy and possible courses of action.

From November 21-28, 14 KAS students, accompanied by Ms. Wilson and Mr. Kessler, traveled to Singapore to participate in the sixth annual THIMUN Singapore conference, one of the most prestigious MUN conferences in the world. Along with over 1000 students from 72 schools around the globe, the KAS students spent four days discussing and analyzing current world issues ranging from the representation of women in government to the acquisition and protection of radioactive materials.

This was KAS's second year participating in the conference, and once again, the KAS team members definitely made their presence known. Ambassadors Sammy Hassan and Luanray Paulsen delivered excellent speeches to the full General Assembly, and all members of the KAS delegation were active and critical participants within their forums, giving strong speeches and asking pointed questions. The students put considerable time and effort into preparing for the conference, and their hard work clearly paid off.

KAS was ably represented at the conference by the following students: Almaha Al-Hammadi, Martha Ayad, Hasan Babiker, Iman El-Mahdi, Ali Elomarabi, Hayam Elsanousi, Sammy Hassan, Andrew Kim, Sarah Saif Omer, Liu Tuo, Luanray Paulsen, Bethel Tafere, Mengfei Wang, and Zhu Bole. Great work KAS!



Ways to Help at Home: use games to make it fun!!!

Printing: practice correct size and formation of letters.

Reading/Spelling: Games to practice letters or letter cards- make word families (rhyme), use colored pens, make Bingo cards, break words into syllables, spell on fingers.

Sentence Scramble: oral sentences to written- print sentence on strip of paper, cut into words, arrange as a sentence (check for capital and punctuation).

Math: Talk about how we use math everyday so your child learns to value Math and become confident.

Involve your child in math activities: measuring, using a recipe, counting things, handling money, building, following directions, problem solving, estimating.

Waiting in line or long car trips- play "I'm thinking of a number between", quiz math facts.

Keep up to date on what your child is learning in school. If a Math concept is new to you as a parent, ask your child or their teacher for an explanation.

Invite your child to explain/teach you what he/she has learned in math class- compare different ways to get an answer.

Math Games: use dice, card decks, computer games that develop math skills, flash cards, money, a calculator.

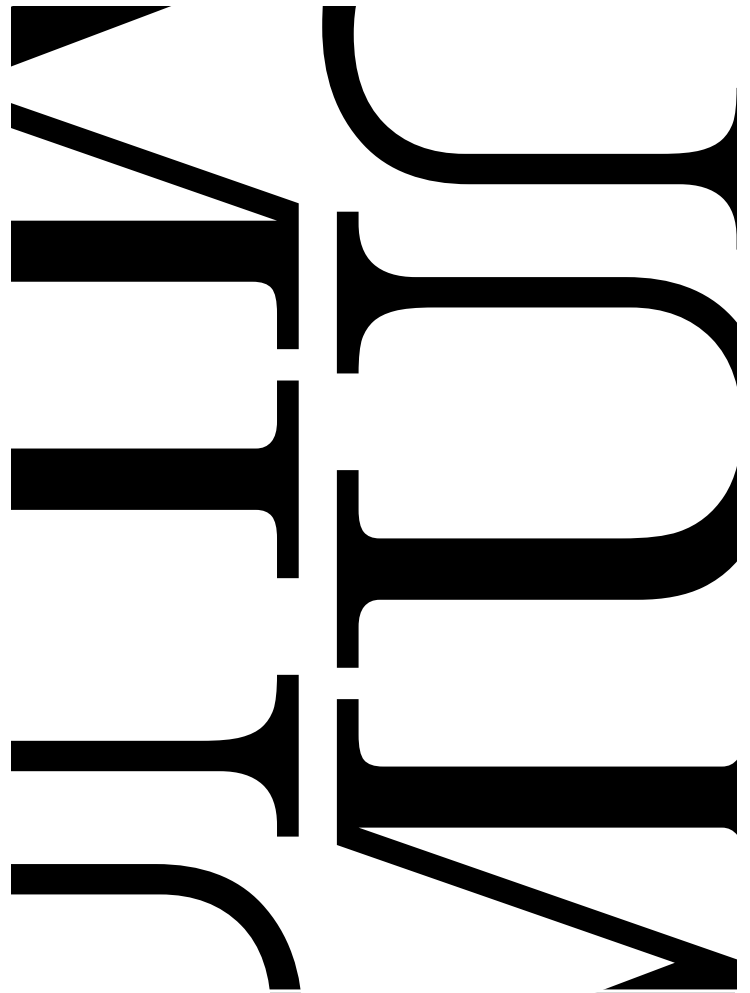
Soccer News

At the assembly on Sunday, new team members were announced. Two great additions to the U19 team this year are 9th graders Juan Jose Barrios and Adil Bin Wahab.

The U14 boys were to travel to UHS on Monday, but the game was forfeited due to exams at Unity, so the boys go into the winter break with 2 wins and 0 losses.

The U19 boys were to play on Tuesday, but with a public holiday declared, KICS had the day off and the game was postponed until Wednesday after the U19 and U14 girls' games. In the game against KICS, the team came out strong against KICS with great defense, but not finding the net until the middle of the second half when Basel Al-Harbi drew a free kick not far outside the goalie box and placed it perfectly in the upper corner of the net. Unfortunately, that goal was not be enough for KAS this week as they lost 2-1.

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Dates to Remember

**Tuesday, December 14th 2010
at 6:30 pm**

**General
Association
Meeting**

December 13th - 14th, 2010

**Final
Exams for
high school
students**

Thursday, December 16th, 2010

**Early
Dismissal
(11:00am)**

**Friday, December 17th, 2010 through
Saturday January 15th, 2010**

Winter Break

Sunday, January 16th, 2010

**School
Resumes**

**February 11, 2011
PTA and Elementary Student
Council Dance**

**Dancing
Under the
Stars**



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Even though the U14 girls lost the previous week to NVA they were coming off from a great week in practice to play tough against KICS. Last week Amna Al-Hammadi scored 2 goals and Yara Salama scored 1 goal and they were looked to score again this week for KAS. This week the team played much stronger in defense as well as on offense, but could not find the back of the net with the ball. At the end of the game the girls lost 5-0.

The U19 girls came out strong in their first game of the season against KICS. The team played well on the offensive side and scored two goals, one by Lamease Phillips and the other by Almaha Al-Hammadi. Unfortunately the KICS offense proved too strong for KAS, even with some great blocks by Lamease in the second half to loose 7-2.

Currently the U11 boys' team is tied for 1st place with NVA. Last week goals were scored by Bashir El-Nefeidi, Chol Atout, and two goals by Moses Lominyo. They travel today to KICS to play again in a mini-tournament against KICS, NVA, BES, and UHS. Good Luck team!

General Association Meeting

Tuesday, December 14th, 2010 at 6:30pm

The first Khartoum American School General Association Meeting for 2010/2011 will be held on Tuesday, December 14th, 2010.

The meeting will commence at 6:30pm. All members (parents of KAS students) of the Association are requested to attend.

Should you have any item that you would like placed on the agenda please contact the Superintendent in writing before Thursday, December 10th, 2010.