

# News

news from the trunk

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

## International Potluck Dinner

& Talent Show

Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 7:00pm

### POTLUCK

Pronunciation: \pät-lək, 1b also -lək\

KAS definition of POTLUCK:

a - the annual tradition of gathering together at KAS to share food + culture

b - a communal meal to which people bring food to share

c - the piles of steaming fragrant food, inspired by cuisines worldwide

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Main Dish + Salad or Dessert + Entrance Tickets

#### ENTRANCE TICKETS

Adult = SDG 15

Child = SDG 10

#### EACH DISH, SALAD OR DESSERT MUST BE ENOUGH FOR 10 PEOPLE

- Groups of 1 to 4 persons, bring 1 dish + salad or dessert
- Groups of 5 to 10 persons, bring 2 dishes + salad or dessert
- Groups of 11 to 15 persons, bring 3 dishes + salad or dessert

Please don't  
forget! 😊

## No School for Students

PD on Differentiation, Thursday, October 20, 2011



## A Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

This is the time of the year that we celebrate our school diversity with our Annual International Potluck dinner, which will be held next Thursday, the 27th of October. For those people new to Khartoum, this is one of the highlights of the school year as hundreds of people descend upon KAS to share food, watch our students perform in our Annual Talent Show, while also simply enjoying each other's company.

The International Potluck Dinner has traditionally been a celebration of the many nationalities that are represented here at KAS. One of the highlights is the Parade of Nations where students and some parents dress up and parade in their national costume. It is easy sometimes to forget the multicultural nature of our school, and this activity serves as a gentle reminder to us all that our school consists of our own "United Nations".

The "Potluck" section of the event is also a great chance for people within our community to experience food from other nations and beyond tasting exotic fare, parents have a chance to expose their children to food that is foreign to them. One of the conditions of entry into the event is that you bring a meal to share and we ask that everyone be generous in terms of bringing a large portion capable of feeding at least 10 people and in that way no one should go away from the event hungry.

An aim of our school each year is to build spirit within our community and I can think of no other event that we host here at KAS that brings us all together in such way. I am sure that this event will be just as successful as it has in the past and I look forward to sharing it with you.

On an unrelated issue, the school will be closed for students this Thursday as the staff undergoes professional development with an external consultant. This is one of the rare opportunities that we have to work with such an expert and I am sure that the impact that it will have upon our school will be significant. I thank you all for your support in this matter.

As always have a great weekend!

Greg Hughes

## A Letter from the Elementary Principal Ben Voborsky

Session Two of the After School Activities Program (ASAP) is kicking off October 23! Every student in elementary has signed up! This session will be the best one yet with a variety of activities to enhance our student's time and provide the opportunity to explore and have fun. From Cool Crafts to Origami, Frisbee Golf to Yoga, French Club to Math Club, the options are exciting.

In ASAP, The Math Club filled up fast and Math Fun only has a few spaces left! We are really getting students excited about Math this year.

The Math Contest on the back page has produced numerous entrants and every Monday morning we draw for the lucky winners. Elementary Students are benefitting from additional math time and IXL.com has been a big hit among our students.

Tomorrow, our students will get to sleep in but our teachers will be up and at KAS on both Thursday and Friday for a professional development workshop. David Suarez (<http://challengebychoice.wordpress.com>) will be stopping by Khartoum. David has most recently presented at the Association of International Schools in Africa Conference in Nairobi and agreed to extend his stay in Africa to lead the professional development workshop at KAS. KAS teachers have done their homework and read his Educational Leadership article "When Students Choose the Challenge" and are ready for the two day focus on differentiation and math.

The excitement continues at KAS! See you at the International Potluck Dinner!



## Toy Mania: Everything is Real

In Grade 4 Discovery, we have been working on an economics unit that involves students in a simulated toy company experience. This unit of inquiry asks essential questions like:

- What resources are needed to develop products?
- How does marketing and opportunity cost effect businesses?
- What are the responsibilities of businesses and workers?

One of the learning activities was to design floor plans of the different departments within our company. First the students drew their design on small graphing paper. Then they enlarged their design and decorated it with recycled materials to represent the capital resources their department would need. We put all of the designs together to create our company and slogan "Toy Mania: Everything is Real."

Stay tuned for our final project, a mock toy fair where they will have the opportunity to present the toys they design and attract buyers.

Please check out the Enewsletter on our website [www.krtams.org](http://www.krtams.org) to see all Grade 4 students' photos.

## Learning Center Corner

Students will be receiving report cards next week and will have a chance to see how well they are doing in their classes. Please read through these reports with your children and discuss the comments that their teachers have written.

It is important for students to understand how to maintain good grades, and how to improve poor ones. If your child could benefit from extra help on homework or test preparation, encourage them to stay after school in the Learning Center or Math Help Center!

The Learning Center is open each day from 2:05pm – 3:00pm, except Tuesdays. The Math Help Center is open on Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays.

We can help explain information, help with organization, or simply serve as a quiet place to complete homework.





MR. HOVDE'S  
AMAZING



Here are the **winners** from last week: Nathanael Grade 1, Youssef Grade 2, Ruba Grade 3, Fawzia Grade 4, Gianandrea Grade 5, and Deena Grade 8 .



## KAS Sport News

### Basketball

Last Thursday there was a lot of 11 and Under boys basketball action. Our boys played against Unity, KICS, and Nile Valley, and were able to beat NVA 12 – 2. On Monday, the U14 Girls and Boys lost their games to a very experienced Nile Valley team. With the basketball finals happening on November 1st and 2nd, the teams are getting prepared for what should be a great finish to the season.



### KAS Girls Swim Team

#### CONGRATULATIONS to:

Alyssa Bernard won First Place U14 Girls Freestyle Final  
Iman El Mahdi won First Place U19 Girls Breast stroke  
Mira Kairawan won Second Place U19 Girls Freestyle Final



#### Elementary School Math problem:

**Grade 1:** There are 11 Grade 1 students playing on the playground. Six more join them. How many Grade 1 students are on the playground altogether?

**Grade 2:** Find equivalent names for 30.

**Grade 3:** Tony has \$47 in his bank account. He deposited \$25 into the account. How much money does he have in all?

**Grade 4:** Write 8,042,176 in words.

**Grade 5:** Add using the Partial-Sums method AND the Column-Addition method. Show all of your work clearly.  $41,785.3 + 9,320.102$

#### Middle School Math problem:

Farmer Ben owns ducks and cows. He can't remember how many of each he has but knows that there are 22 animals and 56 legs. If all the animals are normal, how many ducks and cows are there?

#### High School Math problem:

If I have 25% more money than you, then you have what percent less money than me?

## KAS students participate in Community Service

This Saturday, October 22, 2011, several students will be performing at the Al Salam Rotana charity event. This charity event aims towards support for children with special needs. Proceeds will go to Al Salam Rotana's charity firm, Cheshire Home for rehabilitation of disabled children.

Our school is happy that our students have this opportunity to give their time in support of community service. Khartoum American School students will be performing a chorus and dance. The students have been practicing with Mrs. Lorimar Lanario ( KAS Music teacher/coordinator) and are feeling very excited about it. The theme is "Make a Difference Day" and the guests will enjoy fun activities like face painting, magic show and many more. So if you have no plans yet, have your family arrange to join in the fun at Al Salam Rotana. Show starts at 5:00 pm. Let's support also our students and make them feel proud.



**Solutions from the last week: Grade 1:** 3:00, **Grade 2:** a.  $9 + 6 = 15$  b.  $15 - 9 = 6$  c.  $15 - 6 = 9$ , **Grade 3:** a.  $943 - 843 = 100$  b.  $562 - 200 = 362$  c.  $78 + 12 = 90$ , **Grade 4:** Median = 2, **Grade 5:** About \$15.00, **Middle School:**  $(90+18+72+36+54)$  or some variation of this, **High School:** 1, after that he doesn't have an empty stomach.

Circle one:  
High School      Middle School      Elementary School  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_





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Physical Education



A large, multi-colored display board mounted on a purple wall. The board is divided into several sections:

- Top Left (Yellow):** Contains a small drawing of a car and some faint text.
- Top Middle (Pink):** Features a drawing of a person and a sign that says "Shelby".
- Top Right (Blue):** A large section with numerous small white cards and drawings. Some cards have the word "Desk" written on them. There are also circular objects and a larger sign that says "The Office".
- Bottom (Yellow):** Contains several small drawings, including what looks like a person and some text.

**TOY**  
**MAMA**  
Everything is  
Real!

