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Thursday, December 8, 2011

KAS Teachers and Assistants

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KAS Bazaar

Friday, December 9, 2011, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM



Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

The coming weeks will be quite busy for me personally as I travel to Johannesburg in South African for the first teacher recruitment fair of the school year. I am fortunate this year in that we only have four teachers who will be leaving us so that the job of finding new teachers, to join the fantastic staff we already have, is much easier than in previous years.

Our teachers are the life blood of our school and the dedication that they display to the children of KAS is both commendable and highly appreciated by all of us. Beyond the day to day teaching and planning that takes place, on a weekly basis, our teachers are committed to making our school a real community and it is the extra duties that they perform that highlight their commitment to the school. Small schools such as ours are some of the hardest to work in as the multitude of jobs that are generally distributed thinly in big schools, often fall into the hands of a smaller group at a small school. After school activities, field trips, musical and drama productions, sports coaching are just some of the additional duties that they perform above and beyond their class assignments. Most people are also unaware of the many meetings that take place to discuss matters related to curriculum, student welfare and the general well being of the school.

As I begin my recruitment travels, which will take me to South Africa, Australia, Thailand and possibly the USA, I will be looking for wonderful teachers with the same drive, passion and spirit that are evident in the outstanding teaching contingent we presently have.

As always have a wonderful weekend.

Letter from the Middle and High School Principal Susan Boutros

Dear Parents and Friends,

Time has flown since the beginning of the school year! Now, halfway through the year, we are all looking forward to the Winter Holiday Break that will give us all extended time with our families and friends both here and around the world.

This time of the year is a very busy time for our high school students and their teachers. Most college applications are due in January, which means that our senior students have to submit all the applications this week before break. High school students are also very busy working on final projects for some of their courses and studying for exams. High school exams are going to take place on December 12-14.

Of course there is always time for some fun too. The Khartoum American School annual Bazaar will take place this Friday, December 9th, from 1 PM to 6 PM. There will be many different things sold at the bazaar. It would be the perfect opportunity to do your Christmas shopping. Items sold at the bazaar include handicrafts, books, plants and accessories. There will be some used items, too. We will also have a chance to participate in different activities and have delicious food.

I wish all our high school students a lot of success with their exams and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the bazaar.



Grade 3 - Wonderland Factory

"The gate to fun!"

Learning Center Corner

In Discovery class, we have been learning about the marketplace and how it works. We have been taking part in activities where we have become the characters in a story about a toy company.

Over the course of the unit, our class has worked together to create the setting, a toy company called Wonderland Factory. We have learned about various departments that are needed to run a toy factory, and the labor involved within each of the departments. In small teams, our class came up with a floor plan for the company that would meet the needs of the company. One point of reflection was "What will make this a pleasant place to work?"

The second part of our unit required us to think like inventors. We discussed what knowledge, skills, and traits an inventor must have. From there, we made inventor profiles by creating fictional characters for our toy company.

In the last part of the Discovery unit, we became designers and inventors for Wonderland Factory. Our class collaborated in small groups to come up with a design for a new toy sample for the company.

"The toys that we created in Discovery were perfect! We showed good team work!" Yahiaa

"We encouraged others to participate." Elbashir

"We helped each other work." Brook

"We finished the toys, and we loved all of them!" Fauz

Midterm Examinations

Midterm Examinations will be this coming week for our high school students. This is an important weekend. Plan to set aside several hours each day for study. Try not to cram it all in to one study session. This evening, go home and plan your weekend. Perhaps you will take this evening off, and do your socializing now, so that tomorrow (Friday) you can stick to a study schedule. Plan 20 to 60 minute study blocks, according to your capacity to work and retain information. Work in a quiet, interruption, electronic and music, free place. Work through the excellent study guides your teachers have given you. If you plan to study from 9:00 – 10:00 AM and then take a break from 10:00 to 10:30, be sure to reward yourself if you worked well during your first hour. Grab a healthy snack (sugar free – to keep your brain at optimum performance), drink some water, watch a short TV show, call a friend, something that will relax you, then get back to your quiet desk for your next hour of study, and so on.

Make sure to get lots of sleep this weekend. You will not be able to remember what you have studied if you are too tired. You will perform poorly on the exam if you are too tired or stressed.

On exam day, be sure to be at school early. Make sure you come prepared. Bring pencils, pens, sharpeners, erasers, rulers and your calculator, and whatever else your teacher may require (i.e. a completed study guide). Listen to the teacher instructions carefully. Before you begin writing the test, take several deep breaths, and picture yourself doing well on the exam. When you begin, slowly and carefully read through the entire exam first. Go back and start by answering the questions you know you will answer well. If a question is confusing you, or taking too long, or difficult, mark it with a star and move on. At the end you can go back and look for the stars and continue working on them.

You've got the tools, now show us what you've learned.





**MR. HOVDE'S
AMAZING**



Winners:

- Nathanael - Grade 1,
- Ben - Grade 2,
- Brook - Grade 3,
- Malak - Grade 4,
- Mira - Grade 5 and
- Noah - Grade 6.

KAS Sport News

The soccer season has been going very well for all of the KAS teams! Last Wednesday, the U14 girls had their first game here at KAS against Nile Valley Academy. After a quick first half goal for NVA, KAS came back to draw the game at 1-1. The 11&U boys' team did well last Thursday by drawing against KICS and NVA, but lost against JPS and UHS. Next week's games will be friendlies. This means they will play games, but they will not count for season points.

On the 6th of December, the U14 boys played well against KICS, but lost 2-0. The U19 boys also played KICS, and finished the game with a score of 3-1!

Water bottles



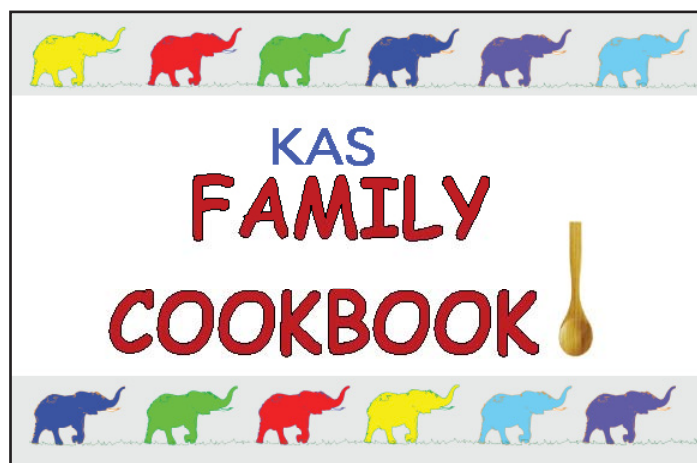
In our recent shipment, KAS water bottles have arrived! All elementary students have already received their bottles. Middle school and high school students will be receiving theirs next week from Mr. Kirby. This first beautiful water bottle is a gift from KAS to the students. If a student should lose their bottle, or want another one, then they can pick one up from the P.E. office but need to pay 10 SDG. We would like to encourage everyone to use their water bottle so that we don't have to throw away so many plastic bottles.

Remember, reduce, reuse, recycle!

Message from the PTA

KAS FAMILY COOKBOOK IS HERE!!!

Buy it at the KAS Bazaar on Friday, December 9th, and automatically be entered into a **RAFFLE!!!**
Prizes provided by Al Salam Rotana Hotel, Tefal and Zain.



Elementary School Math problem:

Grade 1: Solve the addition problem. Is the answer odd or even? $4 + 6 + 7 + 1 = \underline{\quad}$

Grade 2: A shark weighs 144 lb. It eats a tuna fish that weighs 16 lb. How much does the shark weigh before it digests its food? Show the start, change, and end.

Grade 3: When I left home, I had \$10. I spent \$7 at the fruit stand and \$2.59 at the grocery store. How much did I spend in all? How much will I have left?

Grade 4: Solve this open sentence: $32 = 76 - p$.

Grade 5: Label the angles below and estimate their measures.



Middle School Math problem:

This week's middle school math question: Simplify: a line with a slope of $\frac{3}{14}$ passes thru the points $(7, 3k)$ and $(0, k)$. What is the value of k ?

High School Math problem:

Two fathers and two sons sat down to eat eggs for breakfast. They ate exactly three eggs, each person had an egg. The riddle is for you to explain how.

Solutions from the last week: **Grade 1:** Answers will vary, **Grade 2:** 35 cents, **Grade 3:** 24 yards, **Grade 4:** $9 \times 7 = 63$; $63 / 7 = 9$; $63 / 9 = 7$, **Grade 5:** a) 346.6; b) 216.4, **Middle School:** 9 days, **High School:** $888+88+8+8+8=1000$

Circle one:

High School
 Middle School
 Elementary School

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Answer: _____

Dates to Remember

Friday, December 9, 2011, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM	KAS Bazaar
Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 11:00 AM	Early Dismissal
Friday, December 16, 2011, to Saturday, January 7, 2012	Winter Break