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news from the trunk

Thursday, August 18, 2011

What's new
at KAS



Back to School Day

Saturday, August 20th, 2011 from 11am to 1pm



A Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

The enthusiasm of last week has flowed into this week and we are all continuing to ride that wave of energy that is pulsating throughout the school.

On Tuesday evening the School Board met and, in part, reveled in the incredible job that our maintenance staff had done over the break as well as the solid progress made by the outside contractors on the covered court. Beyond providing much needed infrastructure for our students and teachers, these projects add value to our school and give us an additional appeal that prospective parents are looking for when placing their children.

Rather than merely sitting back in admiration of these achievements, the Board has now taken the process of facilities upgrading one step further. It gives me great pleasure in announcing that they have now approved the construction of a swimming pool, adjacent to our new classroom block! The timeline for this construction has not yet been set but I am confident that we will all be enjoying this facility in the months ahead.

Needless to say the climate of Khartoum is conducive to having a pool. It is the vision of the Board to develop a multifunctional aquatic center that will be an integral part of our school program, and will also serve as a focal point for our school community. While I could fill this article with the many positives associated with this decision, I would like to once more draw your attention to the governance structure that we have in place at the school.

The school is governed by a School Board consisting primarily of parents. This, in turn, means that all decisions made by this group of people are very much with the interest of students at heart. I would like to pay tribute to the wonderful people who have served on last year's Board as well as the present Board in that they have seamlessly met the short term needs of our school while also developing an enduring legacy that will be felt for many years to come.

Over the past weeks we have been inundated with new families looking to send their children to KAS. While a great deal of these kudos should go to our wonderful teaching staff, I would also like to reserve a good share of credit to the Board who have truly shown what a parent owned and governed school should be.

I am looking forward to the Back to School Day/Family Picnic this Saturday where I hope to elaborate more on the swimming pool project as well as the other fantastic things going on at KAS, both inside and outside of our classrooms. I believe that the school is really flying high at present and the more we spread the word to others, the more our community will grow and prosper.

This Saturday promises to be a wonderful event, and a golden opportunity to spend some time together and touch base on all of the new and exciting things going on at KAS.

I look forward to seeing you!

A letter from the Elementary Principal Ben Vobrosky

Dear Parents and Friends,

The KAS community has just completed our first full week of school and the big news is Back to School Day on Saturday, August 20th from 11-1pm. There are many new and exciting things happening this year. When you arrive in your students' classroom on Saturday one of the first thing that you may notice is the schedule. If you are a returning parent you will definitely notice that we have increased our Math instructional time. This year we are focusing on Math and really highlighting Math to continue increasing our students excited about the subject!

There are also great things that we are bringing back from last year. Our student led assemblies will kick off again after the Eid break and this week we had our first guest reader, Mr. Greg Collins, the new counselor, volunteered to be the inaugural guest reader. Our students loved the story and he received a large round of applause at the end. If you are interested in being a guest reader, please contact Mrs. Shannon who will be coordinating the schedule at sshannon@krtams.org.

See you at Back to School Day! If you have any questions, please contact me at KAS or via email at bvoborsky@krtams.org.



Learning Center Supports

At the Learning Center, we are excited to offer our time and services to as many students as can benefit. We hope to provide tips and strategies often to the parents and student-body. This week, as school has just gotten underway, we'd like to encourage you to adopt some supportive habits at home. Below we've highlighted six ideas, but the ideas and resources are endless. Please be sure to check out the Learning Center on Moodle. There is so much interesting and helpful information there.

- Every student from grades 1 to 12 has received a Day Planner. The student handbook is in the front of this planner/agenda. Teachers and students have taken the time at school to go over the handbook. As parents, please ask to see your child's planner today and take some time to read through the student handbook. Hopefully, some of your conversation with your sons and daughters can revolve around something you read in the handbook. This reinforcement at home will tell your children that you know what is expected at school and that you are working hand in hand with the school for their greatest success.
- At school, students will be expected to write in their planner daily. We encourage you to look it over regularly.
- Students retain significantly more of the information learned at school if they review it once in the evening. Encourage your child to tell you one thing he or she learned in each subject. Better yet, read through class notes from the day with your child.
- Set aside a space which is the homework spot. This should be a place that will not be used for other things and should be equipped with paper, writing utensils, dictionary, etc. but won't be cluttered.
- Sit down with your children and have them create an evening schedule with you so that they're part of the process of deciding when and where they will do homework each day, what time they will be home, what time they will go to bed, which evenings they will go out, when they will stay in, etc.
- Find something to celebrate everyday!



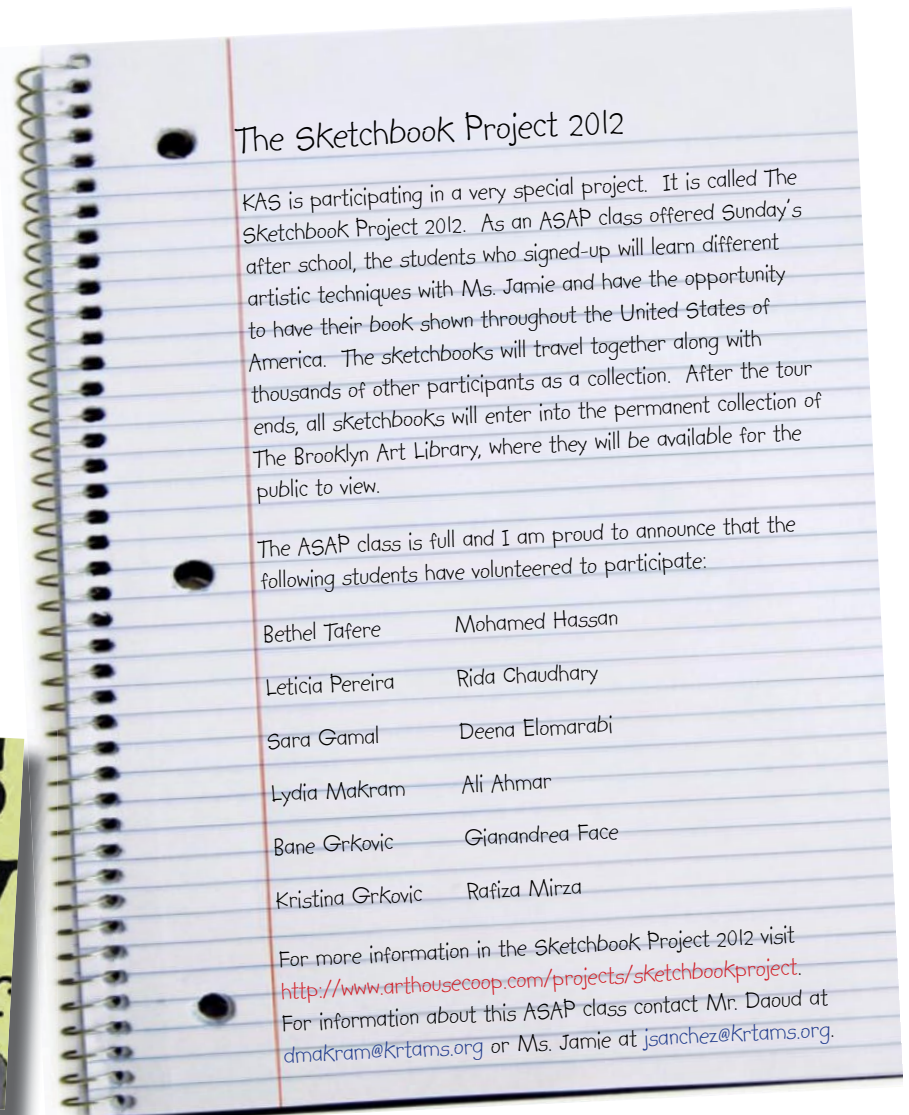
News from the ESL program,

It is a great pleasure to introduce the newest additions to the ESL team; Mrs. Iris Marji, a native from Chicago, will be teaching at the elementary school section, while Mr. Michael Metcalf, who is originally from England, will be working closely with the high school. Returning for another year, Mr. Sanchez will continue to work with the middle school section. Mrs. Eman Saadeldin, a native from Sudan, will assist our teaching team.

Our very own Mrs. Boutros will continue to be the head of the department in addition to being a full time middle and high school principal.

We look forward to meeting you all during Back to School Day and to making the ESL program stronger than ever!

The ESL team





MR. HOVDE'S
AMAZING



Are you ready to start...

This week's winners will receive **Unbelievable Prizes** to be announced in next week's newsletter. Solutions must be turned in the boxes outside of Mr. Hovde's classroom at break time this Sunday between 9:07AM and 9:22AM. This is the only time solutions will be accepted.

Once the answers are collected, one paper will be pulled from the box at random. If the answer is correct, the student who submitted that answer is the **winner** for the week. If the answer is incorrect we will keep drawing until a correct answer appears.

There will be one winner from HS, MS, Grade 1,2,3,4 and 5. The newsletter is only sent home with the youngest student in each family. So, all students need to be encouraged to visit the KAS website and access the digital copy of the newsletter.

News from the PTA

Dear Parents,

Back to School Day will be held on Saturday, the 20th of August. This will be an excellent opportunity to have our community come together.

For those who are not fasting the KAS PTA (Parents/Teacher Association) will provide hotdogs at the kiosk area. Let us enjoy Back to School Day together.

Parents are most welcome to meet and become members of the PTA Committee.

Message from the PE department

This is a reminder to all students looking to get a new P.E. shirt. You can buy one at the P.E. office for 20 SDG. Come by anytime to get a shirt. I will also be in the P.E. office on Sunday August 21st for the whole lunchtime if you would like to come then. Please remember that all students must not wear jeans to class on P.E. day. Also, closed toed shoes

Elementary School Math problem:

Grade 1; Find the missing number in the sequence.
22, 23, ?, 25.

Grade 2; It took Billy 10 minutes to walk to school from his house. How far would you estimate his house to be from school?

- (a) 20 centimeter s
- (b) 20 kilometers
- (c) 200kilometers
- (d) 2 kilometers

Grade 3; What is the place value of the 8 in the number 489?

Grade 4; If you add the number of sides in a triangle, a square, a rectangle and an octagon all together how many sides will you have?

Grade 5; What is the solution to the following;
 $(5 \times 3) + (6 \times 7) - (4 \times 2) =$

Middle School Math problem:

If it takes 6 minutes to saw a log into 3 pieces, how many minutes will it take to saw the same log into 6 pieces? (Assuming that you have the same rate for cutting and single cuts each time).

High School Math problem:

You are standing on the riverside with a goat, a wolf and a big cabbage. You need to bring the goat, the wolf and the cabbage to the other river bank. There are no bridges. To do this, you only have a boat. But the boat is so small that there is only place for two: for you and something (someone) else. You can not leave the wolf with the goat unattended. Neither can you leave the goat with the cabbage alone. How will you bring these three to the other river bank?

Message from the parents

Several KAS parents are planning to start a playgroup together for children below 2 years old in order to provide them an environment where they can socially interact with each other while playing and enhance develop on different levels.

Our aim is to have a small playgroup that offers organized activities (but also time for free play) and where parents, not nannies, have a major role.

If you are interested in joining the playgroup, please send a message to katelijneheringa@gmail.com. We are planning to have a meeting with all the parents interested and start the group as soon as possible.

Hoping to hear from you and your child soon!

Circle one: _____

✂ High School Middle School Elementary School

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Answer: _____ ✂