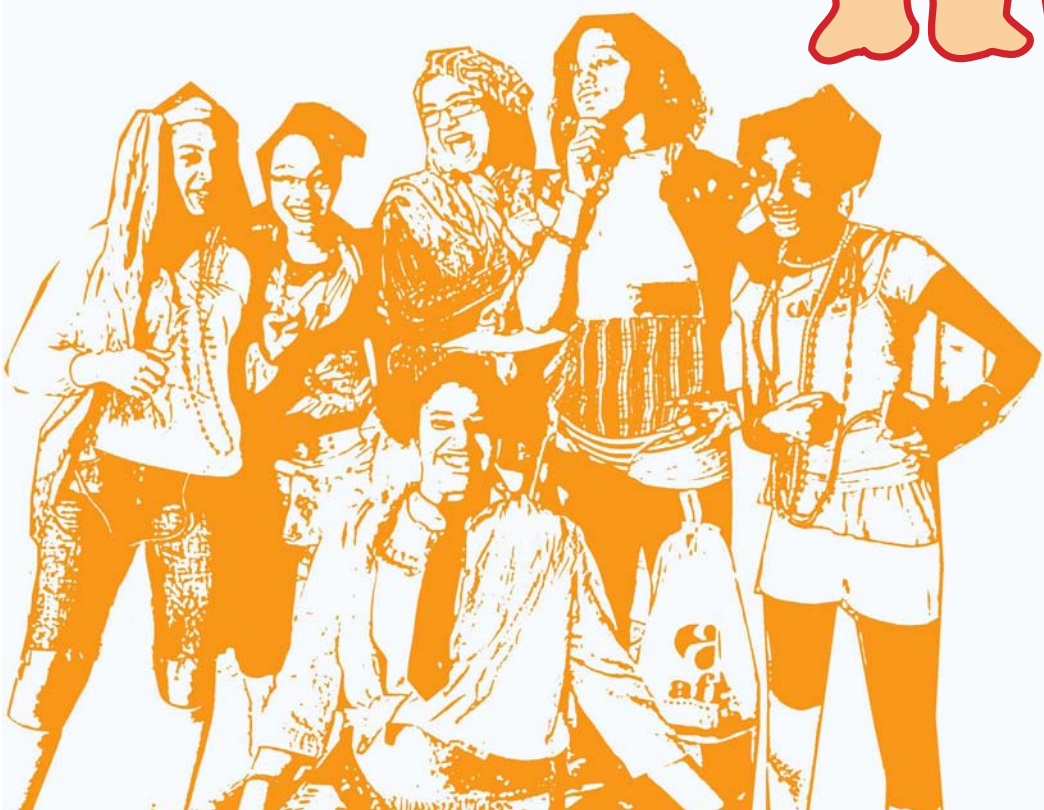


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Thursday, May 3, 2012

Spirit Week



High School Exams

From Monday, May 21 to Wednesday, May 23, 2012



Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

This week could best be described as "CRAZY," with so many of our students taking part in our Student Council's Spirit Week Activities. On all of the different days of the week, students (and many of our teachers) got into the spirit of things and came dressed up in all manner of costumes.

Pajamas were all the rage one day, lots of wigs and weird hairstyles another and the list of wacky outfits just went on and on. It really was wonderful to see everyone having so much fun, and this is one of those times where a picture speaks a thousand words, hence the brevity of my column this week. Please enjoy some of the photographs throughout this newsletter.

On an unrelated issue, the students and many of our teachers have been working hard on our end of year musical production. This will be held on the 17th of May in conjunction with our Annual Association Meeting. Part of the Association Meeting involves the election/re-election of some Board Members for the 2012 to 2014 school years. If you are interested in serving on the School Board please contact the Superintendent.

And as always have a great weekend.



Positions Available at KAS
for School Year 2012/2013:

- Kindergarten Teacher
- Arabic Teacher
- Special Education Assistant

Please send a covering letter
and CV to ghughes@ktams.org

Letter from the Middle and High School Principal, Susan Boutros

If you have seen a bunch of students wearing mismatched outfits, pajamas or with crazy hairstyles, you have just witnessed some of the school celebration of spirit week.

A lot of American high schools have spirit week. It is a weeklong celebration in American high schools when schools try to increase the school spirit. This often takes place around the end of the school year. There is usually a different theme for each day and students dress up accordingly. Some American schools might split students into groups and assign each group a color (or every grade gets a different color) and students dress in that color and take part in competitions against other grades.

Spirit week has been celebrated at Khartoum American School for a couple of years now. Our themes for this year's spirit week consisted of:

Monday: Pajama Day
Tuesday: Mismatch / Crazy Hair Day
Wednesday: Character Celebrity Day
Thursday: Black Day and Water Fight

Our whole school took part in the celebrations. All the students from Kindergarten to High School had a lot of fun dressing up. The class that has the highest percentage of dressed up students for the week will win a pizza party.

The students have all been very actively participating in Spirit Week. They absolutely love it! I am certain that this week has promoted school spirit, unified the student body and made fun memories that our students and teachers will cherish for a lifetime.





Elementary ESL

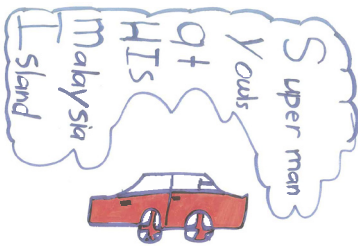
This week in Elementary ESL, grades 1 and 2 have been exploring different ways to write poetry. One creative way to write a poem is writing name poems. The children made posters of their names and they wrote words that describe them or the things they enjoy for each letter in their name. The children had a wonderful time doing this activity which also supports what they have been learning in their homeroom classes. Nice job, grades 1 and 2! Please visit our website www.krtams.org to see this student's work in full.

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Earth day trip to the US Embassy



On Sunday, April 22, we the Environmental Science class of 2012, attended a conference at the US Embassy to discuss Earth Day and to inform others about what KAS is doing to make Khartoum greener and cleaner. The theme for this year's Earth Day was Green Technology, the staff at the US Embassy told visitors about all the ways their new state of the art building is embracing "Green technology." We were also learned about other things being done by other organizations such as the DAL group who are looking to recycle plastic bottles in Khartoum. KAS students also presented KAS's green initiative to the audience at the conference. We described how KAS has planted 2,000 trees in Sudan. We also spoke about the Nile clean-up project and where trash was removed from the river banks of the Nile. Overall, the experience was enlightening and highlighted all the different things people are doing all over Sudan to become Eco-Friendly.



KASMUN Conference

This past weekend, 22 high school students participated in the school's fourth annual Model United Nations conference. 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, creating resolutions, and debating policy and possible courses of action. This year's conference focused on two topics: resolving the conflict between Iran and Israel, and government reform and recovery following the Arab Spring.

The conference began with a wonderful opening ceremony on Thursday night, where all the delegates gave short speeches explaining their country's position on the issues. The students then spent Friday and Saturday in active debate, trying to create solutions and strategies to solve the two main issues. Although finding reasonable solutions was a difficult task, the debate was lively and entertaining, and the students worked hard.

This year's conference was chaired by Mengfei Wang and Hayam Elsanousi, with Sarah Saif Omer serving as conference rapporteur. The student delegates were: Hasan Babiker, Lina Babiker, Rida Chaudhary, Mustafa Elamin, Moi El-Bashir, Iman El-Mahdi, Ali Elomarabi, Alex Gindi, Mohamed Hassan, Rania Hassan, Andrew Kim, LJ Lee, Howard Mbithi, Rawan Omer, Leticia Pereira, Lamease Phillips, Iris Son, Bethel Tafere, and Susan Zhang. Excellent work!



Learning Center Corner

Keeping on Course

The end of the year is coming soon and as we approach the end, the excitement and the pressure both mount. We would all like to end well, and not let routines and tiredness get in our way. Sean Covey wrote a book several years ago called The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens. It has affected many lives and comes very highly recommended. If parents and their teens have a chance to read it together, chances are, you'll both benefit. Even if you cannot get your hands on the book, the website <http://www.7habits4teens.com/teens.html> has some great activities in the "Baby Steps Section", that could really help this last month and in the coming school years. The "Voice Finder" will cause you to do some self-reflection, which is always good, and there's so much more to explore on the site. Check it out!



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Winners:

Adalia-KG,
Syahmi-G2,
Arjun-G3,
Rafiza-G4,
Justin-G5.

KAS Sport Review

May! The last month of the school year is already here. With so little time left before we begin our summer break, I would like to highlight the achievements made by all of our sports teams. This week, I would like to start with the basketball season.

Basketball Recap

The Khartoum International Schools Sporting Conference (KISSC) starts each year of the sporting season with basketball. Every team was scheduled to play a home and away game against every other school involved. This year, the U18 Boys' were able to win 1st place with a 42-24 win over Unity. Coach Hovde and all of the boys involved should be very proud!

The U18 Girls' team also did something amazing this year. Lead by Coach Shannon, the girls battled their way to their first championship game since before 2008! Not only that, but the girls ended up a single basket away from winning the game. Good work girls!

Coach Kirby and Coach Monica were leading the way for the U14 basketball teams. In what the sporting community calls a "developmental year," both young teams were out to improve their skills and enjoy some friendly competition. There were some very memorable moments; from winning close games to scoring baskets by shooting backwards. The U14 teams deserve a lot of credit for putting in hard work and effort. Lucky for us, almost all of the players on the U14 teams will be eligible to play next year, too. I smell championships!



AP Exams Schedule

Course	Date	Time
Chemistry	Monday, May 7, 2012	8:00 - 12:00
English Literature	Thursday, May 10, 2012	8:00 - 12:00
Biology	Monday, May 14, 2012	8:00 - 12:00

Elementary School Math problem:

Kindergarten: I go to bed at ___ : ___. Show this time on the clock below.



Grade 1: Show the time 6:15 (a quarter after six) on the clock below.



Grade 2: Draw a line segment 5cm long. Label it A and B. Draw another 5cm long line segment that is parallel to line AB, and label it C and D. Draw a line segment 4cm long that is not parallel to A and B. Label it E and F.

Grade 3: This shape is an _____. It has ___ lines of symmetry. Neatly draw the lines of symmetry!



Grade 4: The profit from the KAS bake sale was 725 SDG. The PTA and four classes will share this amount equally. What will each group's share be?

Grade 5: Safaa got 25 problems correct on the unit assessment. There were 32 problems total. What percentage of the test did she do correctly?

Middle School Math problem:

Naomi had an average score of 70 on her science tests. On her next test, she got a 90 and her average jumped 5 points to 75. How many science tests has Naomi taken?

High School Math problem:

If you flip a coin and roll a die, what is the probability you get heads and a five?

Solutions from the last week: **Kindergarten:** **Answers will vary**;
Grade 1: 11; **Grade 2:** 4; **Grade 3:** 0.9, 0.199, 0.09, 0.009; **Grade 4:** 18 R1; **Grade 5:** 20; **Middle School:** 6 hens;
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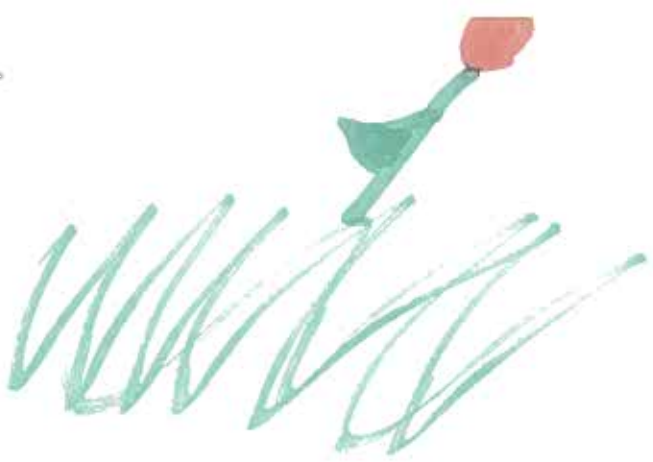
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High School Middle School Elementary School

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Answer: _____

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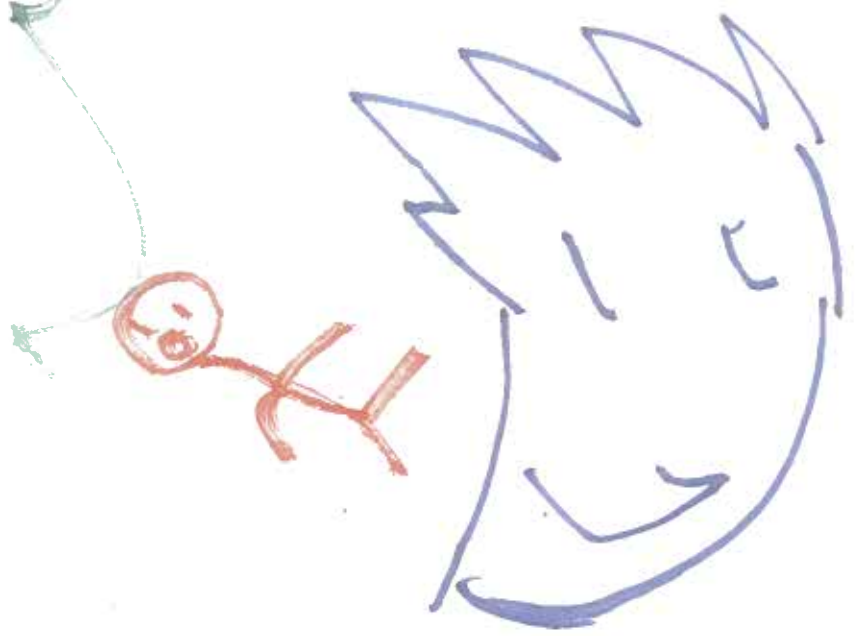
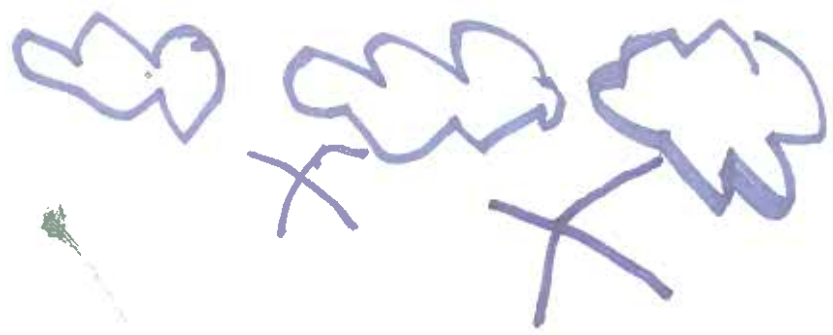


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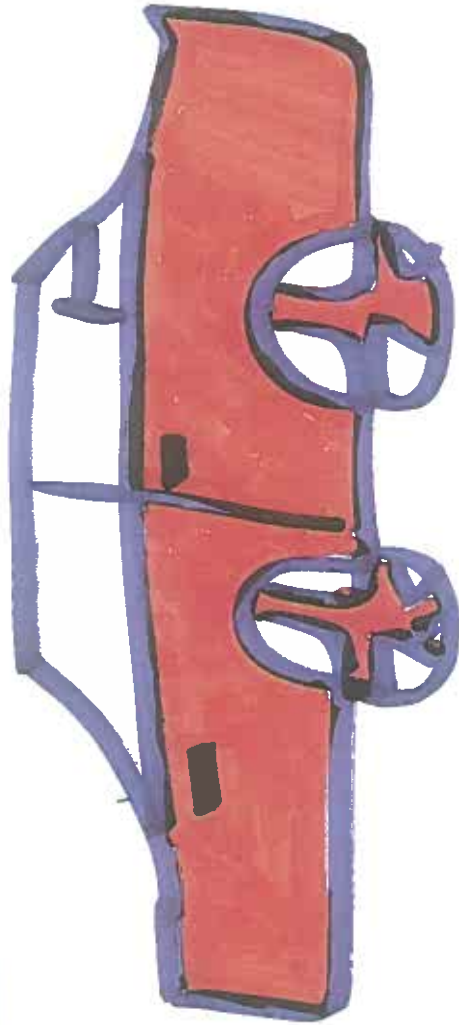
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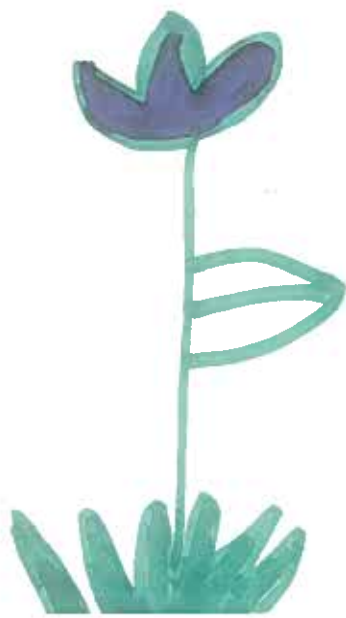


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