

# news

news from the trunk

Thursday, May 10, 2012

# YEARBOOK

# 2011 2012



Now on **SALE** at the KAS Office!

Musical Production: *Once upon a time ...*

Thursday, May 17, 2012 from 7:00 PM at KAS





## Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

As the year winds closer and closer to its end, it is wonderful to look back on all of our favorite memories. Each year the school publishes a souvenir in the form of our school yearbook.

This year's yearbook was collated by Ms. Dusica in the office and she has done an excellent job recapturing all of our favorite moments from the 2011/2012 school year. Barely a page appears throughout that does not contain many happy, smiley faces. If you are interested in purchasing your copy please see Mr. Jhun in the school office.

Just a friendly reminder to our community: we will be hosting our Annual Association Meeting next Thursday, the 17th of May, and are looking for volunteers to stand on the School Board. If you are interested please forward your name to the Superintendent prior to Sunday the 13th of May.

The same evening will also be the premier and only performance of "Once Upon a Time", KAS's very own adaptation of Snow White. I know many of the students have been working extremely hard towards making this production a wonderful success and we are looking forward to a big audience on the night.

As always have a great weekend.

## One –To-One Laptop Program - Frequently Asked Questions (Part 3)

### What usage restrictions will be in place for student laptop use at school?

During instructional time, students will be directed by their teachers on the appropriate use of their laptop in the classroom. One example would be, teachers will ask students to open their laptops to access digital content and ask students to close their laptops to participate in discussions and non-digital learning activities.

### How will my student recharge their laptop at school?

All students will be asked to come to school each morning with their laptops charged. There are limited places to recharge in each classroom so one of the expectations is that student laptops are fully charged at the beginning of the school day. To recharge your student's laptop at home you would plug it into the stabilizer you use for your regular home computer.

### Will my student be able to put music and movies on their computer?

Yes, your student will be able to have their favorite school appropriate music and movies on their computers. The MacBook Pro's have a large 500gig hard drive so students will be able to maintain adequate space for school use. Peer to peer, file sharing or torrent software is strictly prohibited on the KAS network. (e.g. Limewire, Bit Torrent, Vuze, etc). They will consume our bandwidth and bring the network to a standstill. Students will

## Letter from the Elementary School Principal, Ben Voborsky

This was the last week of the KAS After School Activities Program for the 2011-2012 school year. We had a continuous outpouring of support from our community to make the three-day after school activities program very successful. I would like to personally thank all of the teachers, faculty, staff, and parents who helped make ASAP a major success. I would also like to thank our amazing KAS students for their participation with 98 of our K-5 students signing up! From Art to Zumba and all of the enriching activities in between, it truly was a successful year.

The planning has already begun for growing the 2012-2013 After School Activities Program and the biggest area of growth will be aquatics based activities. KAS students can be using the new swimming pool from 2-3 PM four days a week. KAS will be offering Learn to Swim classes and Swim Team. The biggest impact on the KAS program will be the new coordinator, Kristine Kirby. Expect an all-new activity line up for session one in September. We are already looking forward to the 2012-2013 After School Activities Program!



be breaking the KAS Acceptable Use Policy if they download at school.

### What will happen if my student damages or loses their laptop?

If a student damages or loses their laptop, just a like a textbook, the student will be responsible for replacing the laptop as it is vital for the KAS learning environment.

### Do we have a warranty on hardware and software?

The MacBook Pro warranty from Apple is in place.



Position Available at KAS  
for School Year 2012/2013

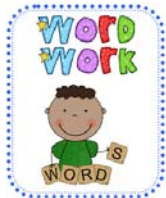
- Special Education Assistant

Please send a covering letter  
and CV to [ghughes@krtams.org](mailto:ghughes@krtams.org)

# Literacy Centers in KINDERGARTEN



In Kindergarten, we are learning how to read, write and work independently. We have centers that provides routines our little ones need. Kids are all working independently in small groups. There are 5 centers each week that students rotate through. They are engaged in the following activities:



At this center we practice sight words and word families based on words each child needs, variety of hands-on activities like letter stamps, playdough, paints and markers and many more.



Children may work on writing letters, making books and writing journals.



Children read the pictures, retell the story and read words.



At this center children will love to share books with friends and practice how to help a friend and ask question.



Children will hear what fluent reading sounds like by listening to the stories from the ipad and computer and be able to read along.

## Poetry at KAS

During April the Middle School students completed a Poetry unit. They looked at a variety of poems and poetry anthologies. They wrote 10 original poems on a variety of topics including love and hate, school, animals, nature, friends, and family. We hope you enjoy the poetry from the KAS Middle School students.

### Love-Hate

The candy and roses, and  
The chocolate bars,  
The glares and rumors and  
The wounds and scars,  
The pain the hurt  
they take you far.  
By Deena Elomarabi

### The moment

The moment that I saw you,  
I knew that you were the one,  
The moment you come closer,  
That's where all the weird stuff started to happen,  
Them moment when you walked away,  
Farther and farther away from me,  
That's where I started to beg for you to please comeback,  
The moment you hangout with somebody else,  
That's where my love for you started to fall.  
By Hanafi Shamsul Irwin

Nightfall  
I love when the sun falls into the starry night  
Al Mr. Moon wrestles the sun into the new blank canvas  
As the world starts over in a starry darkness  
By Max Collins

### Secret

So many  
Secrets  
So many  
Rumors  
Don't know what to believe  
Who to trust  
So complicated  
I wish I were back  
In grade school  
Where the biggest problems were  
Who got to the swings  
First  
Or who took the red ball  
First  
No drama  
No rumors  
Just fun  
By Hiyab Maereg

### Families

Families are the source of our power  
They are the boosters that put you on track  
Stand with you until you are strong  
Hunt down your fears  
To help you become like them  
Helping others stand on their own feet  
By Hassab Al Rsoul Omer

You  
I can't stop thinking about you,  
When I look up in the sky I see you,  
When I turn and close my eyes and it's you,  
When i'm sitting all alone in my room,  
Everything reminds me of you.  
By Mohanad Afif Sahabudin

IF I DIE BEFORE TOMORROW  
IF I DIE BEFORE TOMORROW  
I WISH THAT YOUR HEART  
FOR LIFE IS A BLESSING  
AND SHOULD NOT BE SPEND  
OBSESSING.  
BY BALAJA CHANDHARI

My mother is a beautiful woman  
I don't always make her happy  
But when I do, I always like to see that smile.  
By Elia

### Nature

I sow a tree.  
The tree looked at me.  
I asked, "Why don't you?"  
The tree replied, "Well, I do!"  
A wind gushed through.  
And the tree moved.  
I smiled at the tree.  
And the tree smiled back.  
By Tala Musallam

### Racism

Black and White  
Like a chessboard  
Like a keyboard  
Like dice  
Just colors  
No differences  
Equal  
Friends  
By Taro Nakagaki

There always war in the world,  
But we can't do anything,  
What we just can do is,  
Pray and get help from god.  
By Amir Abayazi

### The Facebook Effect

The Pure Definition of addiction  
There is no actual point  
And if there is,  
nobody uses it for its intended purpose  
Post, Chat, Plat Games, Upload  
No Point, but the Pure Definition of addiction.  
By Haider Ahmar

### High School Exams Week Schedule - May 2012

Time	Monday, May 21	Tuesday, May 22	Wednesday, May 23
8:00 - 9:30	Ancient History 9 Modern History 10 Pre - Calculus 11 Int. Algebra 11 Physics 12	Physical Science 9 Biology 10 English 11 Statistics 12	English 9 English 10
10:00 - 11:30	Geometry 9 Chemistry 11 English 12	Algebra II 10 Int. Algebra 10 African History 11 Comparative Govt. 12	(make - up exams)





**WINNERS:**  
 NOUR-KG,  
 ELLI-G1,  
 ADAM-G2,  
 ARJUN-G3,  
 HAFIZI-G4,  
 BANE-G5.

## Soccer Recap

This season, our KAS teams played very well. There were a lot of memorable moments throughout the year. Let's look back at how the soccer season turned out.

Coach Adani had the job of leading our senior boys. The U19 boys did very well this season, and finished the league in first place without being defeated! At the Khartoum Cup, they even managed to secure second place. Overall, a very successful season!

The U19 Girls did well, too. Coach Shannon once again stepped up to lead the senior girls. As with the basketball season, the U19 girls made improvements compared to last year. With this kind of growth, who will stop them next year?

The U14 boys, lead by Coach Metcalf, put in a serious amount of training this year. It paid off! By the end of the season, the boys were playing very well together. They had to learn a new system, 11-a-side, for the Khartoum Cup, but still represented KAS well. Everyone should be proud.

Coach Greenall and the U14 girls demonstrated teamwork and good sportsmanship during their games. I'm sure they would have liked to have had more victories, but with a young team, development and practice is very important. Next year, the girls are going to do even better! Good work this year!

Coach Sanchez and the 11&U team had a very exciting season. After the end of the league games, KAS was able to slip into the Khartoum Cup in fourth place. In a very memorable semi-final game, KAS ended with a draw against Unity. That meant penalty shots! Our boys were able to pull it off indramatic fashion. They were also able to clinch 2nd place in the Khartoum Cup. Well done!



### School Calendar 2012 / 2013

August 28, 2012	First Day of School for Nursery/Pre-School
August 29, 2012	First Day of School
October 26 - November 3, 2012	Fall Break (Eid al Adha)
November 15 - 17, 2012	Long Weekend (Islamic New Year)
December 21, 2012 - January 7, 2013	Winter Break
January 24 - 26, 2013	Long Weekend (Prophet Mohamed's Birthday)
March 22 - 31, 2013	Spring Break
May 3 - 6, 2013	Long Weekend (Easter and Sham El Nasim)
June 9, 2013	Last Day of School
Total Student Days: 176	
Subject to change as conditions may warrant.	

### Elementary School Math problem:

**Kindergarten:** Show 5:30 on the clock below.



**Grade 1:** Show 111 with hundreds, tens, and ones.

**Grade 2:** Draw  $\frac{1}{2}$  as a pizza fraction. Name the fraction.

**Grade 3:** Use the Lattice Method to show how to find the answer to this question:  $73 \times 31$ .

**Grade 4:** Written by Rafiza Mirza - The elementary bake sale raised \$360. Grade 1 and seven other classes will share the money equally. How much will each class's share be?

**Grade 5:** Howard got a 92% on his math assessment. There were 50 problems on the assessment altogether. How many problems did Howard do correctly?

### Middle School Math problem (final problem for this school year):

David is arranging his dvds in a cabinet. He has between 40 and 50 dvds. He wants to place the same number on each shelf. If he uses 4 shelves, there are 3 dvds left over. If he uses 6 shelves, 5 dvds are left over. How many dvds does David have?

### High School Math problem (final problem for this school year):

Solve  $(x/5)=(x+3)/8$

**Solutions from the last week: Kindergarten:** \*\*Answers will vary\*\*;  
**Grade 1:** \*\*Answers will vary\*\*;  
**Grade 2:** \*\*Answers will vary\*\*;  
**Grade 3:** \*\*Answers will vary\*\*;  
**Grade 4:**  $725/5 = 145$  sdg;  
**Grade 5:** 78%;  
**Middle School:** 4 tests;  
**High School:**  $1/12 = .0833$

Circle one:

High School      Middle School      Elementary School

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_