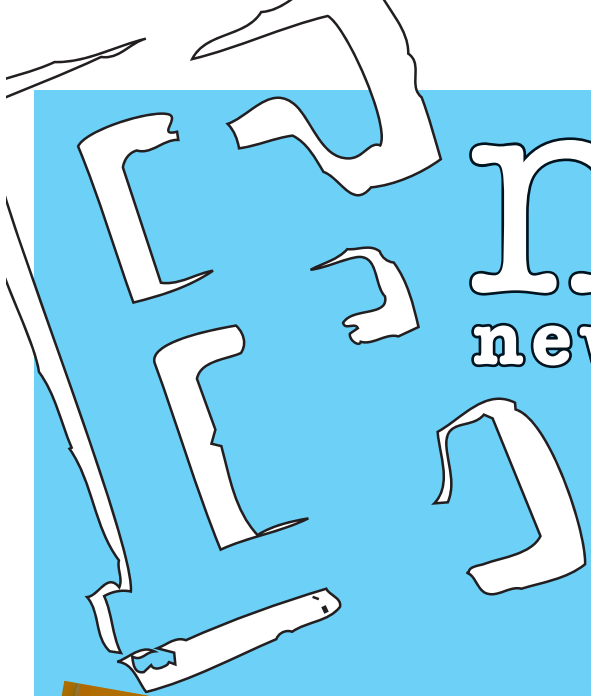


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news from the trunk

Thursday, May 17, 2012



Once upon a time...

A Musical Production

Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM



Graduation 2012

Thursday, May 24, 2012 from 7:00 PM at the Peace Garden, KAS



Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

At Khartoum American School we look to develop all areas of our students in a holistic approach to education. Our activities program has a major emphasis on sports and almost all of our children in the Middle and High Schools represent KAS with pride as they take part in many of our sporting teams. This does not mean we do not value the performing and creative arts, and so on that note I am waiting with anticipation to see our young thespians in action tonight as the school braces for our musical production – “Once Upon a Time”.

As always a huge amount of work has gone on by a multitude of people all working together to make the show a huge success. So to everyone involved in tonight’s show, “Break a Leg”, as they say in show business.

As you are all no doubt aware the two events preceding the play will be a tour of the new swimming pool which will start at 5.00 PM, and I must admit, that even with a few finishing touches to go it looks beautiful. This will be followed by the Association Meeting, which is a chance for us to recap the year and acknowledge all the outstanding achievements that have taken place, but more importantly to elect the new Board Members who will push the schools agenda of excellence. We encourage all parents to attend and cast their vote.



Letter from the Middle and High School Principal, Susan Boutros

Dear Parents and Friends,

At this time of year in an international school, transitions are happening all around us and, once again, some of those are happening because of decisions we ourselves have made (to seek a new job or new career path) and others because of circumstances well beyond our control.

KAS teachers and staff are some of the best in the world. They have done a great job this year! Sadly, we will be saying “good-bye” to a number of them as they move on to other challenges in other parts of the world. We say farewell to:

- Aaf Bouta, Physical Education Teacher
- Beverly Dublin, Kindergarten Teacher
- Joel Quizon, Maintenance Supervisor
- Yeng Enriquez, Teaching Assistant
- Anna Garcia, Business Manager
- Marlo Garcia, Admin Assistant
- Tara Greenall, 2nd Grade Homeroom Teacher
- James Kessler, MS/HS Social Studies and History
- Daoud Makram, Art Assistant
- Nada Masder, Arabic Teacher
- Katia Ostili, Preschool Teacher
- Monika Primozic, Learning Center Assistant
- Tess Tucaqui, Teaching Assistant
- Fitsum Getachew, Teaching Assistant
- Sumaia Sirelkhatim, Teaching Assistant

Our best wishes go with all these people who have truly made a difference in our children’s lives. They will truly be missed.



Excerpts taken from One Eyed Invader In the Bedroom – New York Times

www.nytimes.com/2008/03/04/health/04well.html?_r=1

Children with bedroom TVs score lower on school tests and are more likely to have sleep problems. Having a television in the bedroom is strongly associated with being overweight and a higher risk for smoking. One of the most obvious consequences is that the child will simply end up watching far more television - and many parents won't even know. In a study of 80 children in Buffalo, ages 4 to 7, the presence of a television in the bedroom increased average viewing time by nearly nine hours a week, to 30 hours from 21. And parents of those children were more likely to underestimate their child's viewing time. "If it's in the bedroom, the parents don't even really know what the kids are watching," said Leonard H. Epstein, professor of pediatrics and social and preventive medicine at the School of Medicine and Biomedical Science at the State University of New York at Buffalo. "Oftentimes, parents who have a TV in the kids' bedrooms have TVs in their bedrooms."

Moreover, once the set is in the child's room, it is very likely to stay. "In our experience, it is often hard for parents to remove a television set from a child's bedroom," Dr. Epstein said.

Other data suggest that bedroom television affects a child's schoolwork. In a 2005 study in The Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, researchers looked at the television, computer and video game habits of almost 400 children in six Northern California schools for a year. About 70 percent of the children in the study had their own TV in the bedroom; they scored significantly and consistently lower on math, reading and language-arts tests. This article specifically targets TV, but computers and phones in the bedroom also keep our children up far too late into the night, put them at risk of getting in trouble – peers calling them in the night to go places, and affect their ability to function in class because they are too sleepy to concentrate, learn, work and emotionally deal with their peers. more to explore on the site. Check it out!

What's up in Music?

The Khartoum American School students are performing in it's traditional End of the Year Musical this Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM. The musical is an original script made by teachers and students. It is an adaptation of the Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The music department has been very busy these past three months to learn the repertoire and dances. The music classes focused on developing and improving singing techniques. In this musical, the students memorized 3 songs and choreographed the musical numbers. I am so proud of the students. They practiced during break time, lunch and after school. A team of teachers met the students for ASAP. Everybody worked very hard to put up a wonderful show. We are inviting you to come and watch the show. Be a part of our joy and success.

J'adore le français

Bonnes Vacances !



We had a lot of learning experience in Grades 3 and 4 during the "Chez moi" Unit, "At my house". We learned the different names of the rooms and furniture and answered some questions like: Do you live in an apartment or a house? How many rooms? We also learned the vocabulary and phrases through reading, writing and hands on activities. The students used play dough to build rooms and furnish them using the appropriate vocabulary which was the highlight of the unit. Grade 5 just finished the third unit which was about the seasons of the year, climate expressions, phrases used in restaurants and the different parts of the body. We learnt about the different parts of the body through singing 2 French folk songs.

For the remaining few weeks we will be reviewing what we have learned.

Enjoy your summer vacation and try to practice your French by visiting Moodle or to visit these websites:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/french/french.htm>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryfrench/today/en_france_flash1.shtml?nav





Volleyball Recap

As with the other seasons, the KAS teams did very well in volleyball this year. A new round-robin style league was utilized this year. It allowed for all teams to play multiple games each day.

The U19 girls were lead by the dynamic duo, Coach Marlo and Coach Hani. During the season, it was easy to see that our girls were well prepared. They only ever lost a handful of sets throughout the season. However, no other teams were able to do any lasting damage. When the dust cleared, the U19 girls were the K.I.S.S.C. Champions! Again! Congrats.

Coach Ben and the U19 boys had a slightly different season this year. Only KAS and Unity were able to field a U19 boys' team, so these two schools could only compete against each other. Well, after just two weeks, KAS had already secured first place. Congratulations to the boys for being the U19 boys champions!

Both the U14 teams had very similar stories this year. Coach Kirby helped the U14 girls really develop their skills. Week to week, they kept getting better. It all came to a head in a suspenseful game against the #1 Unity team. All the practice and hard work paid off as the girls were able to defeat Unity in their last game.

The U14 boys were lead by Coach Kelley. After starting off a bit slow, the boys also improved throughout the season. On the last day, they came together as one unit and won all three games! Just like with basketball, this team has a lot of potential next year.

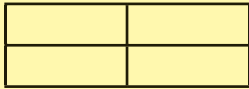


School Calendar 2012 / 2013

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.	

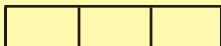
Elementary School Math problem:

Kindergarten: Circle the number that tells how many equal parts in the picture below: 2 5 4 8.



Grade 1: Show 345 using base-ten blocks.

Grade 2:



Color two out of three.



Color three out of four.

Fill in the blank with the symbol that is true about these fractions (<, >, =).

$$\frac{2}{3} \quad \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \frac{3}{4}$$

Grade 3: Parentheses Puzzles: For each question, add parentheses to show the correct answer.

$$17 - 10 + 3 = 10$$

$$26 - 7 \times 2 = 38$$

$$24 - 17 - 6 = 1$$

$$3 \times 6 + 13 = 31$$

Grade 4: What do you call an angle that is greater than 90 degrees? Draw, label, and measure an example of this kind of angle.

Grade 5: The KAS Community Service class donated 850 pounds to Mygoma Orphanage. The orphanage then divided the money up between three different expenses: formula, employee wages, and facilities. How much of the donation was spent on formula? Show your work.

Solutions from the last week: Kindergarten: **Answers will vary**;

Grade 1: ; **Grade 2:** 0.5 or half; **Grade 3:** 2,263 (must show correct method); **Grade 4:** 45; **Grade 5:** 46; **Middle School:** 47;

High School: $x=5$

✂ Elementary School

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Answer: _____ ✂