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Thursday, November 22, 2012

International Potluck Dinner & Talent Show



SAT Reasoning and Subject Tests

December 1, 2012, from 8:00 am at KAS



Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

Quite often we talk about the exciting activities and events that go on around our school. Of course these events are only supplementary to the wonderful educational program that we offer. As I make my usual rounds of the school I am always in awe of the learning process taking place with students engaged in the period table, their English novels, their math books, their art projects and an array of other stimulating learning experiences. Though our academic program is the primary, "reason of being" (or as the French would say, *raison d'être*) of our school, we understand here at KAS that we are more than academic institute. We are a strong vibrant community where the school is a home away from home.

This being said, the latest family picnic held last week was an enormous success with the aquatic theme being played out across the school. The big inflatable water castle that was purchased by the PTA, was easily the biggest hit of the day as it provided hours of fun for many of our smaller children. A big thanks obviously goes to Mrs. Haska and the fantastic supporting cast of the PTA who as always did a wonderful job running the event.

Following on from this wonderful event is the International Potluck Dinner, which will be held next week. This is one of the highlights of our school calendar, whereby we celebrate the diversity of the school over a communal meal. Last year we had over 700 people in attendance and of course the collective communal offering from all over the world was massive. This year's event I am sure will be bigger and better so please make sure that you purchase your tickets as soon as possible. It has a great significance for us as an international school to revel in the 30+ nationalities that happily coexist here in our school community, but I will elaborate on this point in next week's newsletter.

Until then please have a safe and happy weekend.

Letter from the Middle and High School Principal, Susan Boutros

Today many Americans all around the world are celebrating a very special day-Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is celebrated each year on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. Thanksgiving Day is traditionally a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal. The meal usually includes a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin pie, and vegetables. Thanksgiving Day parades are held in some cities and towns on or around Thanksgiving Day. This is one of the busiest periods for travel in the USA. Some people have a four-day weekend so it is a popular time for trips and to visit family and friends.

Many people trace the origins of the modern Thanksgiving Day to the harvest celebration that the Pilgrims held in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. However, their first true thanksgiving was in 1623, when they gave thanks for rain that ended a drought. These early thanksgivings took the form of a special church service, rather than a feast. In the second half of the 1600s, thanksgiving after the harvest became more common and started to become an annual event. George Washington, the first president of the United States, proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day in 1789.

Thanksgiving Day is a time for many people to give thanks for what they have. Here, at Khartoum American School, we have many things to be thankful for. We have a wonderful school with outstanding teachers and excellent facilities. We teach our students to be thankful and we emphasize the importance of gratitude. We, as teachers, are thankful for being educators and we are thankful for the opportunity to be working with your children and for making a difference in their lives.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend, being thankful and spending time with family and looking hopefully to the future.



WRITING WITH ADJECTIVES!

Students in grade 5 are having fun with adjectives!

We started the year reading a book called *The Iron Giant*. We looked at the main elements of the story, which included plenty of adjectives. Students soon came to realize what makes a book interesting is the powerful descriptive language and detail. Our classroom quickly filled up with posters illustrating descriptive words. Then, twelve words were chosen for our W.O.W words, "The Word of the Week." Each week we find the definition, syllables, synonyms, and antonyms for a W.O.W word and write a descriptive paragraph. We illustrate our paragraph by drawing a picture emphasizing the "Word of the Week."

Illustrations help students to bring out their creative imagination in expressing details about the setting, characters and plot. Along with writing paragraphs, grade 5 has written "Adjective Poems," and has been working on a project with the art class. We are writing a friendly letter to send off with our art work, to establish pen pals with students at a school in Pennsylvania, USA. Our descriptive five paragraph essay which is still in progress now has a better chance of getting published since grade 5 has their one-on-one laptops. This year has been very busy with writing, but a lot of fun since we have been using adjectives!

Ms. Vianale, Grade 5 Teacher



KANGAROO AT SCHOOL
I CAME ACROSS AN ENERGETIC
KANGAROO
ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL

Rhino at School
I came across a hideous rhino
On the way to school....



RAT AT SCHOOL
I CAME ACROSS A TINY RAT
ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL....

Schoolbully
There is a thin boy,
That was born in New Zealand....

On my way to the zoo
I saw a crocodile. It was a green crocodile....

Animal Families
My mom is like a chatter parrot because she
loves to chatter and sing in the shower.....

My Animal Family
My mom is like a bluish green peacock,
because she is very BEAUTIFUL....

Horse at School
I came across a foolish horse on my way to school....

Please visit our website www.krtams.org to see these students' poems in full.

Aqua Picnic

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P.T.A. for a wonderful picnic and to say a big thank you for the hard work those present put in to make it a great success. The weather was great and the children had a wonderful time splashing around, getting wet. Judging by the laughter and beaming smiles, it was a big hit.

Special thanks go to the Community Service team who worked very hard to make the day go smoothly. Keep the good work going!

Mr. Michael

A Parade of Self-Portraits

It is almost here!

The KAS International Potluck Dinner is the time when we all come together to celebrate our cultures and nationalities. This year the background for the stage will be filled with self-portraits from Grades 2 through 5 and the current Grade 7 students. The collection of artwork will be filled with faces that are very happy, sad, silly, serious, and much more. Come and see the Parade of Self-Portraits at this year's International Potluck Dinner.

By: Ms. Jamie





Cameron-KG, Hugo-G1, Yann-G2, Aayaan-G3, Hamadelnil-G4, Fawzia-G5, Abdelrahmen-G7.

Elementary School Math problem:

Kindergarten: What four numbers come next?

1 1 2 2 1 1 2 2 1 1 _____

Grade 1: What is the value of seven dimes, three nickels and four pennies?

Grade 2: Measure the height of your bed in cm's and inches.

Grade 3: James had \$40 in his wallet when he went to the picnic. When he came home, he had \$18 left. How much did he spend? Show your work.

Grade 4: Use your favourite subtraction method to solve $869 - 342$.

Grade 5: Find the sum of $359 + 298$ using the Partial-Sums Method and the Column-Addition Method. Show work for both!

Middle School Math problem:

Clark is between 30 and 50 years old. The sum of the digits of his age are 11. His age is an even number. How old is Clark?

High School Math problem:

What does it mean graphically for a system of two linear equations to have no solution?

Solutions from the last week: Kindergarten: Circle, Rectangle; **Grade 1:** 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30; **Grade 2:** Answers will vary; **Grade 3:** 561

$$\begin{array}{r} 325 \\ 800 \\ 80 \\ \underline{6} \\ 886 \end{array}$$

(800 + 80 + 6)

Grade 4: 7; **Grade 5:** 3, 229, 224, 732.05; **Middle School:** $(22+22) \times 2$;

High School: A must be a square matrix with a non-zero determinant;

Circle one:

High School Middle School Elementary School

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Answer: _____



Muscle Tone

In the past, the Learning Center has written about muscle tone in children. This is an important issue that does not often receive much attention. More, and more doctors are encouraging parents to give their babies "tummy time" every day, so that the children can develop their muscles, but how often to pediatricians remind us to make sure our children are physically working and exercising daily?

With our increasingly technological world, our children are becoming increasingly sedentary and an alarming number of children have low-tone. This affects bone and muscle development and has a life-long effect.

At <http://consciousplay.blogspot.com/2008/06/activities-for-kids-with-low-muscle.html> a list of exercises for children with low muscle tone is listed, but these are good exercises for all our children. We encourage you to take a look.

Soccer League 2012/2013

The soccer league for 2012/2013 is up and running and our teams, both boys and girls, are in high spirits and eager to get off to a flying start. Needless to say, expectations are high. The beginning of the league was fantastic and full of emotions. We won two games at KAS with the Under 15 girls and U 18 girls getting spectacular results.

RESULTS:

Boys Under 15	Girls Under 15
KICCS vs. KAS 6 – 0	KAS vs. KICCS 2 – 0
KAS vs. Unity 0 – 7	KAS vs. Unity 2 – 1
Boys Under 18	Girls Under 18
KICCS vs. KAS 7 – 1	KAS vs. KICCS 4 – 8
KAS vs. Unity 6 – 3	KAS vs. Unity 2 – 0

The emotive news is that our students loved and enjoyed playing and that everyone got some time to play! We still have the whole soccer season ahead of us.

Good Luck KAS students!

Kangaroo at school

**I came across an energetic Kangaroo
on the way to school
His wiggly tail was fat and hairy
His immense, king size mouth was appallingly
stinky
I hid him in my mucky shoes so that the
teacher would not see
He stayed there very mutely
Until frightened by a flea**

By: Mohammed N El-Fatih

Animal Families

My mom is like a Chatter parrot because she loves to chatter and sing in the shower.

My sister is like a vexing monkey because she likes to jump and hang in places.

My Dad is a brawny lion because he is the boss and he protects me and my family.

I am like a snappy cheetah because my speed is like a turbo jet.

By Sami Elmubarak

Rhino at School

I came across a **HIDEOUS** rhino

On the way to school

His **rough** legs were **enormous**

And his **grumpy** head was **cruel**

I hid him in my **foul smelling** pencil case

So that the teacher wouldn't **see**

He stayed there very **calmly**

Until frightened by a **tiny** Flea

Rafiza Mirza

School bully

There is a thin boy,
That was born in New Zealand,
His name was Ricky.
And now he lives in Khartoum Sudan,
He often get bullied by a boy named John,

*John often put salt in Ricky`s drink at lunchtime,
He put frog on Ricky`s shoe,
And he also stole Ricky`s math book.
Ricky just wished that John would change,
Then, about 2 years,
Ricky moved to another school.*

ZUHAIR

RAT AT SCHOOL

I CAME ACROSS A TINY RAT
ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL
HIS orange TEETH WERE VERY POINTY
AND HIS shiny EYES WERE
FIERCELY **WIDE**

I HID HIM IN MY **massive** HAND
SO THE TEACHER WON'T SEE
HE STAYED THERE VERY QUIETLY
UNTILL, I squished HIM WITH MY KNEE

By: Kristina Grkovic

Animal Family

My mom is like a **vibrant** bird

because she is so **stunning**. Tweet, tweeeeet ,tweet

My dad is like a **lion**

Because he is **powerful** and **handsome**.

My brother is like a **puppy**

because he is **adorable** and **energetic**.

My sister is like a **cat**

Because she has **loooooong** nails.

I, I'm like a **dolphin**

Because I'm a **fantastic** swimmer.

By: Fawzia M.Omer

My Animal Family

*My mom is like a bluish green peacock, because she is very
BEAUTIFUL.*



My father is like a brave lion, because he is the one guarding me and my family.



My older sister is like a Bunny Rabbit, because she is friendly and gentle.



MY OLDER BROTHER IS LIKE AN ANNOYING MONKEY, BECAUSE HE IS ALWAYS TEASING ME.



My younger brother is like a sluggish turtle, because he always makes me late to school.



And me, I think I'm a **chatter** parrot, because I talk a **lot**, and also **COOL**.



Horse at School

I came **across** a **foolish** horse on my way to **school**.

His neck was very **boney** and his back was **phony**.

I hid *him* in my *tea* so
that the *teacher* would not
see.

He stayed there very
quietly until frightened by a
bee.

By: Nita

When I went to the zoo

On my way to the zoo
I saw a crocodile
It was a green crocodile.
It was a horrific, green
crocodile.

It was a chubby, horrific,
green crocodile.

It was a funny, chubby,
horrific, green crocodile.

It was a hungry, funny,
chubby, horrific, green
crocodile.

It was an escaped,
hungry, funny, chubby,
horrific, green crocodile.

And it wanted to eat me.

By Jairo

Dragon at School

I came across a fierce dragon

On the way to school

His wings were very large

And his look was very cool

I hid him in my purple pencil-case

So that the teacher would not see

He stayed there very quietly

Until frightened by a tiny bee

By Anne-Myrthe

On my way to the park I saw a tiger
It was an orange tiger.
It was a hungry, orange, tiger
It was a fierce, hungry, orange, tiger
It was a muscular, fierce, hungry, orange, tiger
It was a massive, muscular, fierce, hungry, orange, tiger
And it wanted to eat me! Roar!

Bu Jayden

