

# news

news from the trunk

Thursday, May 8, 2014

School is  Cool

Elementary Musical  
Wednesday, May 14, 2014, from 7:00 pm



## KAS Pool Closed

Friday, May 9, 2014

## Annual Association Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2014, from 6:00 pm at KAS



## Letter from the Superintendent, Mr. Steven Alexander

### Student Access of Websites at School

From my discussions with different students and classes at different schools over the past three years it is clear that most students including upper elementary grade students use their computers and smart phones in ways their parents are often not aware they are using them. The recent rise and popularity of social media has attracted most students of all ages. It is easy to access, it is free, and it can be accessed by computer, ipad, and smart phone.

While using technology is good for many reasons it can also be used to cause harm to others. Cyber-bullying is now common in many schools and countries. It can do serious harm to students and is sometimes difficult to detect who is doing it. It's also different from traditional bullying in challenging ways. The bully can remain anonymous and unaware of the pain inflicted on the target. Middle school kids who are just learning to navigate the social scene may not realize how hurtful online comments can be.

While research shows that cyber-bullying makes both boys and girls feel angry, sad, and embarrassed, girls are more likely to react with frustration-"Why doesn't anyone like me?"-while boys are more often scared, perhaps of back alley retribution.

Schools need to discuss with students the proper uses of cyber communication and help them to understand the hurt and harm that cyber-bullying can cause. This is an area KAS will spend more time discussing with students and helping them to use technology responsibly.

The most important instruction students can get is from their parents. Parents should know what their children are doing on their computers and discuss with their children their family and cultural values in relation to what they are accessing. It is often the case of children going to their rooms and parents simply not knowing what their children are doing on the internet.

KAS has now taken strong steps to eliminate access for students and staff at school to social media and sites that are inappropriate. We encourage parents to become actively involved with knowing what their children are accessing and having family discussions about this.

Steve Alexander



Dear KAS Community,

This week was a very busy week for many of our students, staff, and families. Some of our 11th and 12th grade students were faced with an extra challenge – sitting for the AP exams. Here at KAS, we offer several Advanced Placement (AP) courses, which students can enroll in during their 11th and 12th grade years. These year-long, AP courses are extra rigorous by including teaching methods, course material, and assignments at the university level. They are much faster-paced, and cover more material in their duration. For this reason, not every student is required, or expected, to enroll in an AP course. These courses are designed for those who have met pre-requisite requirements, and who show a genuine interest in being challenge by course in a study of their interest. AP courses look great on school transcripts when applying to universities abroad because admission committees recognize a student's ability to perform at the college level. Furthermore, some universities even offer college credit to students who earn a high score on their AP exam. As you can see, a student's decision to take an AP course, and sit for an AP exam, can sometimes save time and money down the road.

There are over 30 AP Courses in a variety of study areas such as the Sciences, Mathematics & Computer Science, English, World Languages, History, and the Arts (see link below). While it is impossible to offer every course here at KAS, we try to offer a variety every year, in order to meet the needs of our students.

[http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers\\_corner/index.html](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/index.html)


One of the best things about the AP Exams is that any high school student can take them, even if they haven't taken the course! This means, if you have background knowledge in Chinese, for example, you could sit for the AP Chinese Language & Culture Exam and possibly earn college credit. Or, you can prepare for an AP exam by studying over the summer, using the many resources available online and in book format, before sitting for the AP exam. The College Board web site is the first place you can start:

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/home>

AP exams are only offered once a year, during the month of May, so you must contact me before December 2014 to place your order in advance.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about the AP courses or exams, please contact me.

Sincerely,  
Katee Jo Ross, KAS Counselor

  
**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
GET A 5 ON  
THE AP EXAM**

## Grade 1 Stories

In 1st Grade we are learning about the stories people have to tell. We have been looking at the lessons we learn from different types of stories, and we have been re-writing some of the more famous fairy tales and folk stories.

Over the last few weeks, we have been using story maps to understand how we can write our own stories. While focusing on the elements of stories, we have tried to improve on our own writing.

This week Mrs. Andurette challenged us. She combined our unit work with our grammar work. We had to write a story using these nouns: store, banana and mom. Here are two of our stories:

A funny story:

ONCE UPON A TIME A MOM WENT TO BUY SOME BANANAS. SHE ASKED, "IS THERE TEN BANANAS?" "NO," SAID THE MAN IN THE STORE.

THE NEXT DAY SHE WENT TO THE STORE. SHE ASKED, "DO YOU HAVE TEN BANANAS?" "NO," SAID THE MAN IN THE STORE.

THE NEXT DAY SHE WENT TO THE STORE AGAIN. SHE ASKED, "DO YOU HAVE TEN BANANAS?" "YES, YES," SAID THE MAN IN THE STORE.

"OK, SO I WANT TWO BANANAS." THE MAN IN THE STORE FELL DOWN.  
WRITTEN BY: JOY

A once upon a time story:

Once upon a time there was a banana. The banana was walking down the street to the store. The banana saw mankind. She never saw mankind before. She asked her "What is your name?"

"My name is Ella," she said.

The banana fell in love with her. The banana married her and turned into a mankind. They lived happily ever after.

*Written by Hannah*



## End of the Year Musical

Mark your calendars !!!!



Next week, Khartoum American School will be celebrating the traditional end of the year show. The performance will be on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, right after the annual general assembly.

The theme of our musical play is "SCHOOL IS COOL." This year, the elementary department will be singing 8 songs with some dances to entertain the audience. The students have been working very hard to present this performance for our community. They are rehearsing everyday in their music classes and during break so that their musical numbers will be fantastic. Well, we've got fantastic students so the night of production will surely be awesome. Please come and enjoy a fun-filled celebration with us.



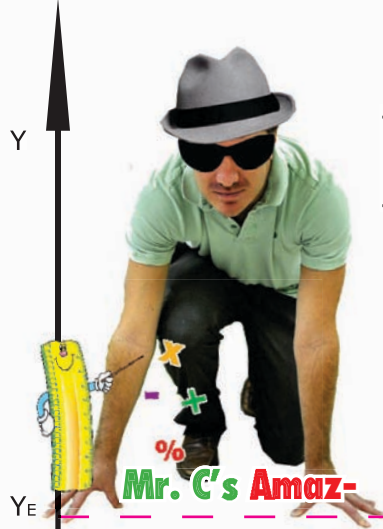
## Science Fair at KAS

Once again Mr. Khalifa and his middle school students prepared and implemented a very successful Science Fair. Our young scientist put together some amazing experiments and exhibits ranging from: the Solar System, Natural Disasters, A Solar Oven, Biomass to a Library Robot. Well done Mr. Khalifa and Middle School!



## English Sayings...

Making money **Hand Over Fist** alludes to the practice of making steady financial gain, and usually pretty quickly. Back in the 18th century the term was originally 'hand over hand' and was a nautical term meaning 'to make fast and steady progress up a rope'. Later modified to 'hand over fist', alluding to a flat hand passing over the fist gripping the rope, the phrase widened to describe any steady progress in the forward direction, never backwards, such as a boat race. By the late 19th century the financial markets, where often the largest sums could be made out of industrial shipping, had adopted the expression.



# MATH is Cool



## Healthy Carnival

To everyone who took part in this year's Healthy Carnival, we cannot thank you enough. Because of your amazing generosity the Operation Smile total stands at 50G 1200 and that money will change countless lives forever, across the world and hopefully here in Sudan.

### What is Healthy Carnival?

The grade four students after their Discovery unit about the human body decided to host a healthy day in the community. They also wanted to raise funds for people with cleft lips, and they ended up planning a day filled with fun activities. These activities included; capture-the-flag, water relay, egg hunt, potato sprint and healthy corner.

The participants experienced team building fun, strengthening their class spirit and raising funds for a worthy cause.

A very successful day!

Harro van der Merwe



### Elementary School Math problems:

**Kindergarten:**  $8+3=$  \_\_,  $6+6=$  \_\_,  $5+9=$  \_\_.

**Grade 1:** Hannah walked 4 blocks to the library. She also walked 16 blocks to the grocery store. How many blocks did Hannah walk?

**Grade 2:** Emir read 14 books last month. Mostafa Murtada read 26 books last month. Leke read 18 books last month. How many books did these boys read?

**Grade 3:** Mr C. loves to eat skittles. This week he ate 35 on Monday, 21 on Tuesday, 16 on Wednesday, 42 on Thursday, 31 on Friday, 111 on Saturday and 14 on Sunday. What is the Maximum, Minimum, Median, Mean and Range of skittles that he ate over the course of the week?

**Grade 4:** Which fraction is equivalent to  $\frac{1}{6}$ ?  
a)  $\frac{2}{10}$    b)  $\frac{2}{12}$    c)  $\frac{3}{11}$    d) 1

**Grade 5:** Rudy found an orange caterpillar and a green caterpillar in his backyard. The green caterpillar was  $\frac{7}{10}$  of an inch long and the orange caterpillar was  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch long. How much longer was the green caterpillar than the orange caterpillar?

### Middle and High School Math Problem:

Solve the following:  $X+4=X-3$ .

**Solutions from the last week: Kindergarten:** 17; **Grade 1:** Answers will vary; **Grade 2:** 81; **Grade 3:** 45; **Grade 4:** Yes (5.5 each); **Grade 5:** 1 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallons; **Middle & High School:** -31, -63, -127;



**This Week's Winners**

Dania (Pre-K), Jason (KG), Cameron (G1), Serene(G2), Muhammad (G3), Saba (Grade 4), Mustajab (G5), Zoltan (G6).

## Ross's Rebus

I am looking forward to seeing your answers!

Elementary School Rebus

Middle and High School Rebus

Teachers Rebus

This Week's Winners are...

Rana, Grade 2

Syaqiel, Grade 8

Leena, Teacher

Solutions from the last week: **Elementary Schol:** Chocolate Chip Cookie; **M&H School:** Falafel Sandwich; **Teachers:** Summer Holiday;