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NEWS FROM THE TRUNK THURSDAY, MAY 21,



KAS

YARD SALE FRIDAY MAY, 22ND AT 3:00PM
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL JUNE, 4 AT 11AM
POOL IS OPEN FOR EVERYBODY ON SUNDAY 24TH



Letter from the Superintendent, Dr. Robert Beck

Dear Parents,

For those of you who were able to attend the performance of the spring musical, Aladdin, you saw the end product of many months of hard work and preparation by Didith Lanario, our KAS music teacher, and over 100 hundred students who participated in the production of Aladdin. I congratulate Didith and the children. Bravo! I wish also to thank and congratulate Mr. Centers, the teachers, the maintenance staff and Mrs. Mai Hassan, KAS art teacher (she created the set backdrop) for all their hard work and support in making Aladdin the wonderful experience that it was. And, of course, we thank you KAS parents for your support throughout the many weeks of practice and preparation for the play.

Participating in fine arts productions and activities such as a school musical can play a significant role in the education of a child. In addition to gaining an appreciation of the art of acting and appreciation of music, the preparation involved in practicing for a play teaches important skills such as: time management, discipline in studying and learning one's lines and songs, learning how to focus on a task and, importantly, how to collaborate and cooperate in the interest of completing a quality group project.

I was chatting with a parent after the play. He recalled being in a school play when he was in elementary school. He related how important, pleasantly memorable, and formative the learning experience was for him. Such broadening and formative learning experiences stay with us for life! We are so pleased that the children had such a learning and joyful experience this past week as participants in Aladdin. It is predictable that this experience will be recalled with pleasant memories for many many years to come.

I wish you a pleasant weekend with your family.

KAS School Board-Congratulations to KAS Parents

Following the General Assembly Meetings that was held this past Tuesday, the following parents were announced as members of the KAS School Board:

Alexander Detert - Katarzyna Grabska - Mario Samaan - Mohamed Omer - Nicole Lumezi - Pinar Teckam - Mohib Faig - Sandra Huang - Mubarak Ibrahim

Thank you for serving as KAS Board Members!

School Opening and Closing Times starting August 2015-2016 - 8:00am classes begin and classes end 2:50pm (Gates open at 7:45)

Nursery and Early-Childhood Opening/Closing Times: 8:00am - 12:30pm

Presidential Palace Trip

Are we going to the Palace tomorrow Ms. Andurette??? Are we.....

The three weeks we had to wait since Ms. Andurette told us about the trip was very loooonnnngggggg. We nearly drove her nuts. Finally the day arrived..... On Wednesday May 13th we went on a trip to the Presidential Palace. Ms. Shireen, Mr. Hanro and David's mommy went with us. We were feeling really excited.



Ms. Andurette gave us two challenges. On our way there we had to make tally marks for every blue car, bus and, motorcycle we saw. We then had to add them up to find out which one was more. On the way back Ms. Andurette told us to look at all the old buildings. We had to draw our favorite building and say why we liked that building.

When we went to the Presidential Palace we wanted to see all the old things that was there from very long ago.



We wanted to see the old cars that were used by Presidents and Kings. We learned that the first car was made in Britain in 1924. It was a Rolls Royce. It was a gift from Khedive of Egypt to the Governor General of Sudan Mr. Robert Howe in 1952.



Next we went into the Cathedral. It is now used as a museum. It is beautiful building.



We saw so many old things in there. Some of the coolest things were the organs and pianos and the very old weapons. The first piano brought to Sudan was in 1884 and the first electrical piano brought to Sudan was after 1916 and was used until 1955.

We felt really hot after we had a stroll through the museum. Ms. Andurette said we can sit under the tree and have our snack and some nice cold water that she brought with for us.



Thank you Mr. Hanro, Ms. Shireen and Ms. Nancy for going with us. Thank you for helping us read all the information and explaining all the things we could see.

Andurette van der Merwe
1st Grade Classroom Teacher

Letter from the Early Childhood/Elementary School Principal, Phil Centers

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Community Members,

“Every day brings new learning opportunities.” How many times have we heard this? So many times that the words have become a cliché. Yet the saying is true – every day does present unique experiences that offer us extraordinary possibilities for becoming more intelligent and compassionate, wiser and better, human beings.

An example of this happened just this morning. During recess a young student brought to my awareness that something special was in the tree near the playground. Looking where the child was indicating, I discovered that one of nature’s greatest wonders—a natural beehive—was extending from a sturdy branch relatively high up in the tree. I have only seen a natural beehive a couple of other times in my life! But this one was even more special, in that it was shaped like a heart (see photos). How many times do you come upon a heart-shaped natural beehive in nature? Very rarely, indeed.

We could devote an entire article to the mystery of the bee, and how important the bee is for our life as humans. It is said that if the bees disappeared, the plant-based part of our diets would consist only of grasses (grains), that the rich array of fruits and vegetables that we enjoy and take for granted every day would be a relic of a past time. The tragic thing is that the bees are disappearing, particularly in America where they simply cannot bear the stress of the toxins in their environment and in their little bodies, and the way they are used to pollinate mono-crops around the continent instead of their natural diverse diet of many flowering plants. The Science Fair was yesterday, and a future subject for our science students could be the crisis of the bee and what we can do to help our little friends who are so important to the quality of our life.

However special and beautiful the natural, organic, heart-shaped beehive is that has taken up residence on our campus, for obvious reasons I moved immediately to have our little friends removed from their new home. We sought a beekeeper to come right away to gather this treasure, though we will miss the beauty of the hive’s presence. Still, many of us received the gift of wonder that this learning opportunity in the shape of a heart presented to us this morning. Every day does bring new learning opportunities.



One of the 4Cs in our school mission is the word “Community”. At KAS students and teachers actively participate in different types of activities that usually create a strong sense of society and work together to make KAS better place for everyone in the community. One of the things usually done quietly and not a lot of parents are aware of is the ESL Workers classes, which run every Tuesday from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. These classes are offered by volunteered teachers who feel that they can help our workers to be better users of the English language. High school students are also being encouraged to participate in these classes and earn some community service hours.

I would like to share some thoughts from some of the teachers who volunteered to teach the ESL classes for the workers, which have just finished in April 2015.

“I had a lot of fun teaching this group of eager learners. There was a lot of laughing, good questions about the English language and an obvious desire to learn and become better English speakers. It was obvious that their English was getting better as the morning greetings became more of a balanced mix of Arabic and English. I hope they continue to practice English and I look forward to teaching them again next year.” Mr. Dave Lauchmen

“This is my second year with the ESL programs and I absolutely love it! It’s a great privilege to teach such wonderful and engaging students and to get to know the staff at our school. Thanks for another great year.” Ms. Jocelyn Urkow

“I’ve been teaching the school workers for the first time now and it is a great experience for me as an ESL teacher. It is heart-warming to see their English level improving and inspiring to hear their stories and plans. Most of all, I am SO PROUD of our workers. They ROCK.” Ms. Salma Saeed

“It has been three years since I started volunteering in teaching this amazing group of adult students. Their eagerness and enthusiasm surrounding the ESL room is amazing. They have learned a lot since they started and developed a lot of speaking skills that became very obvious in our community.” Ms. Egbal Mohamed



English Saying

The phrase *Going For A Song* is used to indicate that something is cheap and priced well below its true value. The actual song, which describes the origin, is in fact a long poem called ‘The Faerie Queene’, presented to Queen Elizabeth I by Edmund Spenser. At the time it was regarded as Spenser’s most popular work but Lord Burleigh, the Lord High Treasurer, was unimpressed. When he heard the Queen intended to pay Spenser £100 for the work, he famously exclaimed, ‘What! All this for a song?’ The Queen, much to Burleigh’s dismay, insisted the money was handed over. The incident was widely reported and the phrase became English slang, although meaning of low value instead of high. The reason for this was the pennies and small change people would toss to buskers and singers entertaining in the hostelrys around old London town.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MATH PROBLEMS:

KG
 $4+2=$ _____, $3+4=$ _____
 $2+6=$ _____, $5+1=$ _____

GRADE₁
 WHAT IS THE VALUE OF: (IS IT HUNDREDS / TENS / UNITS)
 9 IN 98 (9 TENS OR 90)
 1 IN 71 (1 UNIT OR 1)
 1 IN 145 (1 HUNDRED OR 100)
 5 IN 566 (5 HUNDREDS OR 500)

GRADE₂
 THERE ARE 18 STUDENTS IN MS. MEYER'S CLASSROOM AND THERE ARE THREE PICNIC BLANKETS FOR LUNCH OUTSIDE. HOW MANY EQUAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS CAN FIT AT EACH PICNIC BLANKET?

Be Sun Smart!

The summer season is upon us, and the sun is beating down on us here in the inferno of Khartoum.

Exposure to ultraviolet radiation during childhood and adolescence can increase the risk of skin cancer. It is important to protect your son/daughter from the sun's damaging rays every day. It is never too late to start.

You can encourage your son/daughter to be Sun Smart with a few simple steps.

- Slip on protective clothing.
- Slap on SPF30+ sunscreen.
- Slap on a hat.
- Seek shade.
- Slide on some sunglasses.

Some haiku for the summer:

Scorching hot summer
 Swimming in the pool all day
 Slap on a blue hat

and

Fantastic summer
 Slip on protective clothing
 Slap on a pink hat

Enjoy your weekend!
 Hanro van der Merwe

THE PROM

On the Thursday night, the After School Community Service Club and the High School Student Council collaborated to host PROM! They didn't let the dusty Haboob slow them down. The event was a success and our students danced the night away. A special 'Thank You' goes out to Ms. Leena for facilitating the Student Council this year! Ms. Mona and Ms. Boutros - thank you for your support in organizing the event. Thanks to all of the chaperones and Middle School students who helped out - it couldn't have happened without you!



Winners are:
 KG: Jade
 G1: Surchi
 G2: Joyce

Ross's Rebus
 Looking for 2 C UR ANSWERS!
 Elementary Rebus



Middle & High Rebus



Faculty Rebus.



Last week's Answers are!
 Elem: Nile crocodile
 MSHS: ready for summer
 faculty: viva sara!

Last week's WINNERS are!
 Elem: Cameron gr. 2

