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KAS ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION A GREAT SUCCESS!



Letter from the Middle & High School Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

This week KAS prepared for transitions at the Middle School and High School levels. One of the important activities at the end of the year is helping the ES Grade 5 students see what middle school will be like. On Monday the 5th Grade students had the opportunity to shadow the current Middle School students to learn the expectations, and meet the teachers, of the Middle School. Thank you Mr. Dworak, Ms. Healey and Ms. Erini for organizing the Gr. 5 shadow day.

To allow the 5th graders to visit in smaller groups, the class was broken into three groups which shadowed either the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade classes. The students were able to visit the core subjects of mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies, plus art, music, foreign languages and PE. Some of the teachers explained grading and Engrade to them, which may seem a bit overwhelming as they realize that this will be the first time they will receive official grades. The G5 students purchased their food at the Kiosk and thought the older students were really friendly. It is exciting to be bringing the next class of students into the Middle School!

So how was this experience for the 5th Graders? Ms. Healey and Ms. Erini informed us that the G5 students are excited about next year! Having experienced shadow day, they are ready to embrace the next academically developmental step!

At the other end of the MS/HS spectrum, Seniors are reviewing for their last (ever) high school exams and preparing for Graduation next week (Friday, May 26 at 7pm), where they will say their farewells, which will complete their KAS experience. When you see them, please take a moment to congratulate the Seniors on their outstanding achievement!

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal

SAYING OF THE WEEK

To **Sling Your Hook** is often used as a 'polite' instruction for somebody to go away. There are several possibilities for this, some referring to the hooks miners or dockers hung their day clothes on during a shift. But the earliest reference is a nautical one with the hook being a ship's anchor and the sling being the cradle it rests in while at sea. To 'sling the hook' meant to be upping anchor and leaving harbor.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department

"It took me four years to paint like Raphael, but a lifetime to paint like a child."

Pablo Picasso



The annual KAS Art Exhibition was held Wednesday, May 17, 2017. KAS was honored by the presence of our our guest of honor, Madame Grizellda Eltayeb, former KAS Art teacher and wife of the famous late author Eltayeb Salih, and Dr. Abu Bakr Elhadithe, Dean of Faculty of Fine Arts at Sudan University.

The event was indeed a huge success, and the diligent and creative work of the KAS art students throughout the year has truly paid off. They made us proud! KAS students are talented and dedicated. Their ages, 4 to 18, only added to the uniqueness and variety of the exhibition.

Thanks for all the support from my colleagues and administration. I am lucky to be part of the KAS family where everyone comes together as a team to organize, operate and contribute in such splendid school events. Teachers, students, workers and support staff all came together on this special day, each one adding their own touch of Art in the display. Once more, thank you for being part of our Art Exhibition. I wish the best of luck to our two Senior AP Art students, Lius and Hassabu. I will miss having those talented artists in my class next year.

Maie Hasan
Art Teacher

KAS Annual Art Exhibition

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The annual Khartoum American School Art Exhibition was a great success! I would like to thank all our students, parents and guests who attended.

It was a great honour to have the following guests at the Art Exhibition:

- Dr. Abu Bakr El Hadi, the Dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts at Sudan University.
- Ms. Griselda El Tayeb, our guest of honor and former KAS Art teacher (who taught Ms. Laila Abulela, our alumna and internationally renowned author).
- Prof. Kamal Hashim, Director of ElNeilen University.
- Mr. Abu Bark Sherif, the famous Sudanese mosaics artist.
- Mr. Ismail Mohamed, the well-known caricaturist.



Ms. Griselda El Tayeb and Dr. Abu Bakr El Hadi officially opened the Art Exhibition. After Ms. Boutros' speech, we were honored by the speeches from Ms. Griselda El Tayeb, Dr. Abu Bakr El Hadi and Prof. Kamal Hashim, who spoke very highly of our Art curriculum and Visual Arts Department. I am very pleased to inform you that we received an offer to relocate the Art Exhibition to the College of Fine and Applied Arts, which is the only fine art college for higher education in Sudan.



We are very proud of our Visual Arts Department at Khartoum American School. We offer a quality art education and we have an exemplary Art teacher, Ms. Maie Hassan. Ms. Maie knows the importance of quality art education. She sets high standards for her students and helps her students achieve those standards. The students not only learn art and but also have fun doing so.

Ms. Maie continuously encourages her students to practice self-expression. She strives to have her students produce unique work in each class. Her students explore their hidden talents while gaining an appreciation of art and the role it plays in the world around them and also how it relates to core subjects. At KAS we offer Advanced Placement Studio Art, which is a university-level course. Students have to submit a portfolio consisting of a minimum of 24 works of art to outside examiners in the United States.



One of our former AP Art students, Dina Elomarabi, is currently studying Design and Management at Parsons, the New School, in Paris. This year's AP Art students are intending to attend the following universities and programs:

Hassab el Rasoul Omer: Architecture
University of Manchester, UK

Baikun Liu: Accounting and Art
University of Iowa, USA

The hard work of these fine students, under the dedicated and passionate guidance of our very own Art teacher, Ms. Maie Hassan (and with the help of her teaching assistant Ms. Fatma), is paying off in their choices for higher education. I would like to congratulate Ms. Maie and her students on their outstanding achievements. We wish them every success in the future.

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal

We have grown into Kinder "Gardeners"!



This year has been a marvelous year for the Pre-Kindergarten class. We have made friends, become independent, encouraged each other, and taken risks. This year we studied personal hygiene and healthy habits, oceans, buildings, transportation, dinosaurs, reduce-reuse-recycle, bugs and flowers, and much more.



We are a close-knit family in Pre-K and I will be sad to say goodbye to the students, especially because of how delightful each and every student is, how uniquely perfect they are, and how they have become an amazing class and more importantly, a family.

So it's not goodbye, it's see you soon!



Sarah Boyer
Pre-Kindergarten Teacher



ANNOUNCEMENT



Pre-Kindergarten Dinosaurs Graduation

Thursday, May 25, 2017

After the Morning Assembly

Quad area



Elementary Assembly Masters

This Week's Winner



Sara Al-Fatih
Grade 1

Aleen Alzein
Grade 1

Amro Omer
Abdasalam
Grade 4