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HALLOWEEN AT KAS!

Superintendent's Message

News from the KAS School Board

The KAS Board of Governors held its first meeting on October 29th since the Annual General Meeting. Board Officers and Board Committees were set for the remainder of this school year.

President: Ms. Leticia Christiaens

Vice-President: Mr. Mohamed Omer

Treasurer: Mr. Mubarak Ibrahim

Secretary: Mr. Abdelrahman Elmahdi

Member: Mr. Michael Holmes

Member: Mr. Amin Elmaghrabi

Member: Dr. Mario Samaan

Member: Dr. Salma Mustafa

Member: Representative from U.S. Embassy

Member: Mr. Steve Alexander – ex officio

Finance Committee: Mr. Mubarak Ibrahim, Steve Alexander, Mona Hassan

Policy Committee: Mr. Michael Holmes, Mr. Abdelrahman Elmahdi, Steve Alexander

Facility Committee: Dr. Mario Samaan, Mr. Mohamed Omer, Mr. Amin Elmaghrabi, Steve Alexander, Mona Hassan

Board Decisions Approved

Two Board Decisions were approved from the August, 2017 Board Meeting.

1. The School Fee plan will remain the same for 2017-18. ALL tuition will be paid in U.S. Dollars beginning with the 2018-19 school year.
2. June 3 & 4 will be removed from the calendar. Staff will add one extra workday. Eid Holiday established by government will be made up as a school day on Sat. Feb. 3, 2018

Parents can find out Board meeting dates and access Board Policy at the KAS website. Any parent who would like to read approved Board Minutes may do so in the KAS Superintendent's office

Steve Alexander
KAS Superintendent

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Letter from the Middle and High School Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

There are four Drivers of the Evaluation and Accreditation process. A driver is a theme of central importance. These driving forces are expected to drive everything that we do in the school and the evaluation team's comments will be seen through their lens.

The four Drivers of the Evaluation and Accreditation process are:

PURPOSE & DIRECTION - the implementation of the mission, vision and values, including the development of global citizenship, as defined by the school.

THE STUDENTS' LEARNING - the nature and quality of the students' learning and the resulting progress made by the students.

THE STUDENTS' WELL BEING - Their protection, safety, security and overall wellness.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

At KAS we have been focusing on these drivers and especially on the Development of Global Citizenship. After receiving feedback from faculty members, parents and students, a committee made up of faculty members worked on developing our own and unique definition of Global Citizenship. Please find the definition below:

The Khartoum American School maintains Global Citizenship to be the responsibility of all of its members. Every person will develop an awareness of themselves and an understanding of their own impact on both their community and the broader global reach. As Global Citizens, KAS expects and accepts that all people are different with unique experiences, customs, and values. We are interconnected and strive to better understand global issues. KAS embraces difference and takes a stand against social injustice. We at KAS know we are the caretakers of the earth and are committed to taking action and persevering in our service to others. We embrace the unknown with a sense of humor and an adventurous heart knowing that through our dedication as global citizens, we will make a positive global impact for future generations to advocate for others who cannot advocate for themselves.

The rounded development of global citizens, as human beings who believe in responsible social action, inter and intra-cultural understanding and appreciation and are promoters of conflict resolution and peace, is a goal of KAS and central to the mission of CIS.

At KAS we strive to prepare our students to collaborate with others beyond the classroom as they work to appreciate a shrinking world.

Susan Boutros

Middle & High School Principal

END OF BASKETBALL SEASON

Our basketball season is coming to an end. KAS teams have displayed strong performances this year. The HS boys have only lost one game this whole season. Last week the boys won a thriller, in which MI hit the game winning free throw with 0.00 seconds left on the clock. This propelled KAS to a 1-point victory over KICS. The HS girls have also had a strong season. They have only lost one game so far. The MS girls and boys have improved their skills greatly and have had some strong finishes of late. Way to go KAS and keep up the hard work! To conclude our season please take note of the following dates:

November, 13th - MS Championship Tournament @ Unity HS (boys and girls)

November, 20th - HS Championship Tournament @ KICS (boys and girls)

November, 21st - Basketball season concludes



Breyon Burrell
Athletic Director



THANK YOU PTA

WE VOLUNTEERS

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who helped make our PTA Halloween Bake Sale a great success. We as a community came together in a giving spirit to raise money for a worthy cause. Your contributions were greatly appreciated and very much valued.



We would also like you know that the PTA is planning many fun family events to celebrate our amazing KAS spirit. Announcements to those events will be coming out soon, so keep a look out for them in our future Enews editions. Once again we appreciate everything you do in support of our PTA.

Nada Salih
PTA Teacher Representative

Dear E-News Readers,

We are proud to inform you that this year's 8th graders will be taking the annual trip to Uganda for our Ecology Unit.

Throughout the year we will be fundraising for an indigenous tribe called the Batwa. The Batwa were removed from the rainforest by the government for the conservation of the gorillas. Those who refused to leave were beaten and killed. The Batwa have been stripped of their land and resources and now solely depend on the donations of others.

As part of the trip, we will be helping to build a hygienic toilet for the community and a home for one of the families. The toilet will cost \$2,000 and the home will cost \$1,500 but we cannot provide them with their needs without your help and donations. We will be hosting many fundraising events for this purpose. Please watch for more information about our fundraising events such as a movie night and bake sales. To donate you may also go to the front office, the trunk and the kiosk where you will find donation boxes.

**Haneen Elmahdi
& Huda Abdelghani**
Grade 8 Students

Saying of the Week

An **Achilles' Heel** is a perceived weakness in someone or something otherwise considered solid and perhaps infallible. As the ancient Greek legend goes, Thetis dipped her son Achilles into the river Styx with the intention of making his skin armor-like and impenetrable. But she held him by his heel, which remained out of the water and as a result his only vulnerable spot. Achilles grew up to be an invincible soldier but his deadly enemy, Paris, learned of his weakness and killed him during the Trojan War with an arrow shot straight at his heel. Homer told the full story in his *Iliad*.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department