



# news

news from the trunk

Thursday, April 12, 2018



**CONGRATULATIONS KAS FOR WINNING GOLD IN KARATE AND GYMNASTICS!**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Annual General Meeting and Board Elections of the KAS parents for the school year 2018 - 2019 will take place on May 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM at KAS.

## Superintendent's Message

### Parent Seminar – Thursday, May 3

On Thursday, May 3rd our last parent seminar of the year will be about MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing. Students at KAS take MAP tests in Literacy and Math skills two times per year. These tests help us with understanding measured student progress in these areas. Ms. Susan Boutros, our Middle/High School Principal and Ms. Dina Shalash, our Curriculum Coordinator will present information about MAP testing to parents.

### KAS Annual General Meeting – May 13, 2018

The KAS School Board will hold its May, 2018 Annual General Meeting on Sunday, May 13th beginning at 6:30 PM. The Board Treasurer will present a financial status report and the Superintendent will update the community on SPACIT – the KAS 5 year Strategic Plan. There will be a ballot to elect 4 members to the KAS Board starting in the 2018-19 school year. The members are elected for 2 year terms. If you would like to serve on the KAS Board please review the criteria for being a candidate for the Board.

### Candidate Criteria for Parents Who Want to Serve on the KAS School Board

1. Candidates should request from the Superintendent a declaration form that needs to be signed and delivered to the Superintendent no later than 4 PM on Sunday, April 29th.
2. Attach an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (cv)
3. One paragraph why you want to be on the Board  
Must be in good financial standing – all fees must be paid by May 1st
4. Must Submit up-to-date cv

**All documents should be sent to the Superintendent before April 29 – you can bring them to the Superintendent's office or submit by email.**  
[salexander@krtams.org](mailto:salexander@krtams.org)

**Steve Alexander**  
KAS Superintendent

## KAS Takes The Gold

Congratulations to KAS ASAP students for their fantastic performance in last week's karate and gymnastics competitions. KAS students won 1st place in both gymnastics and karate. Students had a wonderful time competing against students from Nile Valley and Unity. All schools displayed excellent sportsmanship and cheered for each other during the competitions. Thank you to everyone that attended and showed support. Thank you coach Hatim, Sadig Hamid and Ibrahim . We look forward to many more karate and gymnastics events in the future. Go KAS!



**Breyon Burrell**  
Athletic Director

## Letter from the Middle and High School Principal

Dear Parents,

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Spring tests will begin on Sunday, April 15, 2018. This testing season, we are really proud to announce that we are moving to **Web-based MAP** testing. Students in grades 2 -11 will take the tests. These tests help our KAS teachers to determine your child's instructional level and measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of reading, mathematics and language usage.



MAP Assessments are given to students in the fall and spring. When taking a MAP test, the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all the previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions become more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions become easier. In an optimal test, a student answers approximately half the items correctly and half incorrectly. Although the tests are not timed, it usually takes students about 75 minutes to complete each test. The final score is an estimate of the student's achievement level.

**MAP Growth measures what students know and informs what they're ready to learn next.** By dynamically adjusting to each student's responses, MAP Growth creates a personalized assessment experience that accurately measures performance. Timely, easy-to-use reports help teachers teach, students learn, and administrators lead.

Wishing all our students a very successful MAP testing season!  
Have a great weekend!

**Susan Boutros**  
Middle & High School Principal

## ANOTHER (LAST) ONE



During the upcoming period, with the rising heat, we are more likely to experience power cuts. Some will turn on the generator, and some will just resort to a nice warm shower, sometimes even hot from the sun. Wouldn't it be great if you still had power even during a power outage? In How Things Work class, students studied about the environment and ways we pollute our planet in order to gain what we regard as essential comforts: such as charging our cell phone or, playing video games. One solution came to mind to produce electricity for such purposes without such a heavy carbon footprint. Students started to research about renewable energy sources, wind in particular. The class designed and implemented the project and produced a small windmill that will power lights for our local workshop. With a few more tweaks, we should have a sustainable renewable source of energy that can save on the electric bill and diesel consumption.



**Khalid Abdeltam**  
Middle & High School Science Teacher

# Global Citizenship

Over the past few weeks our students have had hands-on lessons in Global Citizenship and last Thursday was our culminating activity! All students from grades Kindergarten through 12 were seated outside around campus discussing what they believe as Global Citizens. High School students led each small group and helped encourage students to write down their beliefs and ideas. We are excited to see our students continue to develop as Global Citizens!



## KAS Global Citizenship Definition:

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.

**Dina Shalash**  
Curriculum Coordinator



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## The First KAS Community Talent Show

Sponsored by

**High School Music Instrumental Class 2018**

Monday, April 16, 2018

7:00 PM

KAS Stone Garden

FREE ENTRY

**Battle of the Books**  
KAS vs KICS  
KAS VOTES ARE COMING FROM:  
KHARTOUM AMERICAN SCHOOL  
THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF TANGANYIKA  
BINGHAM ACADEMY  
KHARTOUM INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL (KICS)  
AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LUSAKA  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF UGANDA  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF KENYA  
International Community School of Addis Ababa

**THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**  
Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by parents  
The Stone Garden  
8:00 P.M.  
April 18th and 19th  
Adults: 80 SDC  
Children: 50 SDC  
KAS Students: 30 SDC

## Saying of the Week

To keep something **At Bay**, such as danger or illness, means to fend it off and not be affected by it. In ancient history the bay tree was thought to possess great protective powers, as it never seemed to be struck by lightning. Romans and Greeks would seek shelter under a bay tree during storms and warriors took to wearing bay leaves as a means of protection against both the enemy and thunderstorms in an attempt to keep them 'at bay'. During the Great Plague of London in 1665 city folk did the same in the hope they would avoid the disease and keep the place 'at bay'.

**Minette van der Bij**  
High School English Department