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news from the trunk

Thursday, October 12, 2017



Dear Parent,
Please be informed that Fall Break will start on Thursday, October 12th, 3:00 pm. School resumes on Sunday, October 22nd.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES IN KAS

Superintendent's Message

Annual General Meeting

Last night KAS held its annual general meeting. At this meeting parents voted and elected the following parents to each serve two year terms on the KAS School Board.

Dr. Salma Mustapha

Dr. Mario Kamal Saad Samaan

Abdel-Rahman El Mahdi

Mohamed Omer Sulieman

Congratulations to the new Board members. The next Board meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on October 29th in the KAS conference room.

Parents also learned from Mr. Mubarak Ibrahim, the Board Treasurer that KAS is in excellent financial form. KAS is planning to construct a new building that will include a cafeteria and a multi-purpose room. It is hoped that construction of this facility will begin during the December holiday.

Parent Seminar

The next parent seminar will be on Thursday, October 26th in the Library following the elementary morning assembly. The topic will be Community Survey Results and how they are used to prepare our accreditation self-study report. Susan Boutros, our Middle School / High School Principal will present.

Parent – Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all KAS teaching staff and parents for participating in parent-teacher conferences last night.

Steve Alexander
KAS Superintendent

What's cookin' in Music Class?



Hi! My name is Mrs. Didith Lanario and I am your child/children's music teacher. I welcome all students to my class this school year 2017-2018 with an eagerness and excitement to help them LOOK FOR LEARNING (L4L).

During the first quarter, my younger elementary students (Kindergarten- second grade) learned about identifying basic music concepts such as high and low, fast and slow, loud and soft. They worked very well in class and showed very good participation as they sang, moved to the music, played musical games and created sound patterns using classroom instruments such as the drums, lumni sticks and tambourine. This quarter, the students also learned to identify line and space notes and made illustrations to show their skills and understanding.

My older elementary students learned the elements of rhythm and melody. At these grade levels, the students are able to apply note values and create note patterns. The fifth grade students discussed the Development and Origin of Music and created short stories. The fourth graders continue to read notes to play pieces on the recorder. The students are very excited to perform in a school event coming up in December. In the 5th week, elementary students participated in an activity that they love so much: singing. They are echoing back melodies and learning a lot of music vocabulary words.

Middle school students studied music composers and African music. I have seen the students cooperate and work better in groups. I always encourage my students to discover their learning styles as I continue to improve my strategies and teaching styles.

Without a doubt, the high school instrumental class is doing great music. The students study music theory and have learned to do chords, scales and transposition.

I am very proud of my students and their accomplishments this first quarter. If you'd like to know more about the music class of your child, you may contact me at dlanario@krtams.org or call 0901930171.

Didith Lanario
Music Teacher

Letter from the Middle and High School Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

KAS has been an accredited school for the past decade. We are the only school in Sudan that has a dual accreditation. KAS is accredited by the Council of International Schools and Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The quality and rigor of these two International Accreditation agencies is recognized by Ministries and Departments of Education around the world.

The CIS International Accreditation process has been validated and is recognized by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) Commission on Accreditation, a body which "accredits the accreditors" in the United States. CIS International Accreditation is further validated and accepted by other countries internationally as a mark of quality assurance including NCCT in China, ONESQA in Thailand, State Departments of Education in Australia, the Council of British International Schools in the UK, and others.

As an organization, over 500 of the top universities in the world are part of our membership community. They recognize and value the mark of CIS International Accreditation, targeting students who graduate from CIS-Accredited schools for admission to their institutions. This verifies CIS International Accreditation as a mark of high quality, and therefore, endorses the quality and rigor of international education provided to student graduates of CIS-Accredited Schools. Accordingly, universities and colleges in the United States and around the world fully recognize and accept students' transcripts from CIS Accredited Schools.

Khartoum American School is now going through the process of Re-Accreditation. The school has been granted Candidate Status for CIS (Council of International Schools) Re-Accreditation. We, as a school, have now started the Self Study process, which is the most important part of the whole evaluation and accreditation cycle, both in terms of time and effort and in the value for the school. While identifying and validating our school's strengths, this process also involves the identification of areas for improvement and initiates actions to address them. Schools find that considerable improvements in alignment with the CIS School Evaluation

Standards and Evaluation Criteria occur during this vital Self-Study stage.

After submitting the Self-Study Report to CIS, a team of evaluators will visit the school for a week. The visit is scheduled to take place in October 2018. The evaluation team assists the school by providing an objective evaluation of the conclusions of the Self-Study and the process taken. The evaluators will be observing all types of learning contexts and talking with students, parents, faculty/staff and members of the school's Board/Governing Body. The team will analyze all aspects of the school in the light of the Self-Study Report, the school's own Guiding Statements, and the CIS School Evaluation Criteria.

I am sure that we will all work as a community to ensure that our reaccreditation is as rewarding as it promises to be.

Have a great weekend!

Source: <http://www.cois.org/>

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal

Saying of the Week

When somebody claims they **Don't Give A Jot** they are implying they care nothing at all about a circumstance. The phrase is thousands of years old and is exactly the same as the expression **I Don't Give One Iota**. The origins of both can be found in the Greek language. A jot is the letter 'iota' which is the smallest in the Greek alphabet. It was used at the time implying 'the least of anything'.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department

KEEP YOURSELF ON TRACK DURING FALL BREAK

Fall break has approached us very quickly, but that doesn't mean that learning needs to stop! It is very important that we continue to keep our brains and bodies busy and working even when we are on break. We compiled the following list of tips and tricks for parents to help keep students engaged at home during their breaks.

1. Practice your typing skills.

- No more than 15 minutes a day.

2. Exercise

- Stay healthy and try to be out doors for atleast 20 minutes a day.
- Swimming at KAS.
- Go on a walk at _____

3. Catch up on your reading

- Library books
- Reading A-Z or any online reading program.
- IXL
- Your personal favorite book.

4. Spend quality time with family

- Have a picnic.
- Build a fort in your living room.
- Go on an adventure walk with your family.
- Have someone create a scavenger hunt for you.

5. Keep a diary of what you do each day.

6. Practice drawing or painting, art is just as important as other subjects we are learning at KAS.

Patricia Marquez
Grade 2 Teacher



ANNOUNCEMENT

KAS Pool will be open during Fall Break, every day from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. Sunday -Ladies Only- from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

TI-84 CE Graphing Calculators for Math



TI-84 CE Graphing Calculators:

KAS is eagerly trying to keep up with the latest technology for math by using the newest colored TI-84 Plus CE graphing calculators. These calculators are a must for all of the math classes starting with grade 10. Current math textbooks incorporate the use and applications of graphing calculators in Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, Statistics, AP Statistics, and AP Calculus. A student without a graphing calculator is at a huge disadvantage, not only in their math classes, but also in their advanced science classes. These calculators are also allowed and invaluable for your child's SAT and AP exams for math and science.

If your child does not already own a graphing calculator, please purchase one from Mr. Jhun in the finance office as soon as possible. Let's not leave any of our students behind!

Mattie Boyce
High School Math Teacher