



Presents its

Annual Fundraising Event

THE INTERNATIONAL

Potluck DINNER



KAS Gives Hope

Friday, April 12, 2019. Gates Open 6:00pm

Special Performance by *The Ethiopian Habesha Band*



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Main Dish + Salad or Dessert + Entrance Ticket

Each dish, salad or dessert must be enough for 10 people

- Groups of 1 to 5 persons, bring 1 dish + salad or dessert
- Groups of 6 to 10 persons, bring 2 dishes + salad or dessert
- Groups of 11 to 15 persons, bring 3 dishes + salad or dessert

TICKET PRICES

Adult = **300** SDG
 Child = **250** SDG
 Raffle = **200** SDG

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AT THE GATE FOR HIGHER PRICE

Tickets available at Khartoum American School (The Trunk, The Office & The Nurse).

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Superintendent's Message

Tuition Fees and Payment Schedule for the KAS 2019-20 School Year

The KAS School Board at its March 31, 2019 Board meeting set the following policy for payment of Tuition and Fees for the 2019-20 school year.

1. There will be no tuition or fee increases for the 2019-20 school year. This is the third year in a row the Board has not raised fees.
2. Returning families must pay 10% of the tuition fees by June 1, 2019 in order to secure places for their children, otherwise KAS cannot guarantee places when school starts in August, 2019.
3. All school fees are due by December 31st, 2019. Payments after this date will be assessed a 10% late fee payment.

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the KAS Superintendent.

Annual General Meeting

The KAS community will have its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, April 21st, beginning promptly at 7:00 pm. Profiles of candidates for the Board election will be put in Enews next Thursday.

It is important to note that we are in the last quarter of the school year and parents should have paid all school fees by now. Any parent who has not paid school fees in full by April 20 will not be able to vote at the AGM.

Parent Seminar

The last parent seminar of the school year will take place on Thursday, May 2nd at 8:30 am following the elementary assembly. It will be held in the Library. The Superintendent will inform parents about new staff and other changes for the following school year.

Steve Alexander
KAS Superintendent



ANNOUNCEMENTS

KAS PTA
PTA- No-Bake sale
In celebration of World Health Day

Date
Sunday,
April 7th, 2019

Time
Lunch

Place
Quad

Saying of the Week

As Bold As Brass is applied to anyone with the courage of their conviction and not afraid to be seen either succeeding or failing. It is recorded that the phrase dates back to the late 1770s and refers to a London magistrate called Brass Crosby. At that time it was illegal for the workings of Parliament to be published for public knowledge. However, one London printer produced a pamphlet revealing some of the proceedings and was immediately arrested. He was brought before Brass Crosby's court and the magistrate, in tune with public opinion, let the printer off. Crosby was immediately arrested for treason and himself thrown in jail. However such was the public outcry in support of the magistrate that Brass was released and he became something of a hero. His brave stand against authority was widely reported, leading to the term 'as bold as brass' passing into common parlance.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department

A Message from the Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

Happy Thursday Everyone!

Being the first week of April, we are now heavily into our MAP testing process. This is a chance for us as educators to understand how our curriculum is matching the needs of our students. How do we do this? The results of the tests are analyzed to ascertain what each student has gained in each domain of learning. Then the teachers identify where patterns of mistakes commonly occur in effort to determine why students did not get those answers correct. Was it because of their effort or because of how we as a school present our curriculum? Perhaps the curriculum itself may need to be examined as well.

So, even though the MAP testing does not tell us specifically how our students are doing on a daily basis, it gives us an idea of how they progressed from the first MAP test this year till this one. The MAP test ultimately shows us student growth. It is up to us to figure out the why of it all, which is what teachers do every day. Teachers take results and adjust constantly. Isn't that what we all do in our jobs every day? We complete a task, then we examine what we did, then we adjust as best we can to make our outcomes more effective.

As I mentioned in our first issue of Enews this year, and in last month's too, empathy and compassion are crucial qualities that all of us must have. In addition to our formal daily curriculum, every staff member teaches the students about the importance of community, citizenship and character. We will continue to emphasize these traits at KAS till the last day of school.

We are now completing the first week of the final after school program session. Please make sure your child has registered for a club if he or she wants to participate.

Third quarter progress reports are now available for inspection online. Please let us know if you cannot access your child's progress report and we will make it available to you as quickly as we are able to.

As always, thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school and each of its students, employees and programs.

Take care,

Joe Kaminski
Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE BEE!

Many have questioned the value of spelling bees, complaining that they force children to perform mindless rote-memorization in a high pressure and potentially traumatizing environment. This couldn't be further from the truth. The competitors gain the experience necessary to develop a healthy sense of sportsmanship and friendly rivalry, while learning how to both win and lose with grace. Students are encouraged to interact with each other and connect over a mutual interest in language. They also gain confidence by performing in public. Spelling bees provide students who are interested in language to enjoy the same opportunity to compete, perform and experience those valuable life lessons on their own terms.

Aside from personal life skills, spelling bee participants also gain incredible language-based knowledge and literacy skills. Students who target their spelling study not only increase their vocabulary, but develop cognitive abilities and learning strategies which can be applied to any field later in life. Spellers equip themselves with the tools to reach a higher writing level and to manipulate language. Their knowledge generally helps them to become great readers as well, enjoying a wide range of literature and reading material often beyond their years.

A spelling bee can spark a love of language and learning in children that will serve them well throughout their entire lives. The literacy, cognitive and life skills that they develop through study and competing have benefits far beyond the scope of mere spelling ability, reaching into every aspect of life and communication. Participating in a spelling bee may be hard work, but it can also be a lot of fun, with many unexpected rewards for all facets of life.

Source: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5595/stories/reasons-to-encourage-your-child-to-join-spelling-bees>

Janet Albright
Grade 1 Teacher



Journée Internationale De La Francophonie:

20 mars
2019



On the 20th of March each year, French speakers across the world celebrate International Francophonie Day.

The term Francophonie was coined in 1880 by French geographer Onésime Reclus to refer to the community of people and countries using the French language. Today, the International Francophonie Organisation (OIF – Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie) spearheads the campaign for the promotion of French language and culture.

The International Francophonie Organisation was created in 1970 with the aim to celebrate the values held dear to French culture, e.g. respect for the rule of law and human rights, gender equality, solidarity and cultural diversity. It has its headquarters where else, but in Paris, and is also permanently represented in Addis Ababa; Brussels; New York and Geneva. The organisation not only encourages the use of the French language and its associated culture, but also the humanist values that the French language stands for.

As the 20th of March fell in the middle of our school spring break, at KAS we celebrated during the week of our return to school.

Across all the French classes, students learned about the OIF, the idea behind having a special day dedicated to the exploration of all things French and beautiful and looked at Francophonie celebrations across the world. In Khartoum, the French Cultural Centre celebrated the week by showing French movies made by African directors.

High school students were encouraged to attend these film showings and reported having been surprised by the diversity of the films on offer. If you would like to see what will happen on March 20, 2020, don't forget to have a look at the websites of the French Cultural Centre of Khartoum and the OIF, both provided at the end of this article.

Celebrating the joy of French teaching and learning,

Ilse Young
French Teacher

Centre Culturel Français de Khartoum - <https://sd.ambafrance.org/L-Institut-francais-de-Khartoum>

OIF website can be found at - <https://www.francophonie.org>