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Thursday, May 2, 2019



PLEASE NOTE: SUNDAY, MAY 5, EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:00PM



KAS Board Annual General Meeting

Superintendent's Message

KAS Board Annual General Meeting

On May 1 the KAS Community had its annual General Meeting to elect 4 members to the Board. The community was also updated on the school year by Board President Mohamed Omer and Superintendent Steve Alexander. The financial report was given by Board Treasurer Mubarak Ibrahim.

Elected to two year terms starting in August, 2019 are the following KAS parents:

Mohamed Omer Suleiman

Eman Ali Albrair

Jimmy Nadapdap

Ahmet Kivan Arifioglu

Congratulations to these candidates.

The Board members for the 2019-20 School year will be the following:

Mohamed Omer Suleiman

Eman Ali Albrair

Jimmy Nadapdap

Ahment Kivan Arifioglu

Mubarak Ibrahim

Ihab Ayoub

Candace Vassallo

Sungjoo Im

Zulal Vincent - appointed by the U.S. Embassy

KAS Superintendent ex officio

Technology Learning in the Elementary School Next Year

Next year we will start laptop learning with grade 4 students and continue through grade 12. Our grade 3 class will receive a set of new Apple ipads to use in their classroom next year.

Throughout the school we will continue to use Classe to communicate to all in our community.

Steve Alexander
KAS Superintendent

A MESSAGE FROM KAS LIBRARY



Dear Parents,

As the end of year approaches please note that:

Library will be open for use till the 31st May, but there will be no checkouts.

No more checkouts for students. Please remember to start returning your books, we will also be sending out notices.

The cost for each lost book is 1000SDG.

All students who do not return library books and/or pay for it will not be receiving their report cards at the end of the school year.

Have a great end weekend and a blessed Ramadan Kareem.

Thanks & Best Regards,

Shireen Shiber
Librarian

Letter from the Middle & High School Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

I can't believe that we are already in May, the last month of the school year. Time really does fly when you are in school. The weather is becoming very hot, students and teachers are starting to daydream of summer vacation a month before it actually starts. This last stretch of the school year defines the laws of quantum physics by both flying by and lasting forever. It flies because there is still so much work to be done during this last month of school and it drags because we are waiting for the summer holidays to start with its adventures as well as relaxed and lazy times.

Often students and teachers do a "countdown" to the last day of school. I, on the other hand would advice that we make the last month of the school year count.

Here are some tips to make the most of the last month of school:

1. Continue Routines - Studying and learning routines must continue with as much intensity as they have been throughout the entire year. High levels of learning and engagement must be the norm at all times. The culture of learning at KAS has to be ongoing.
2. Manage Disruptions - It's very important that the last month of school doesn't become one huge party. There are many social events that happen during this time of the year but it is vital that we refocus and get back to our work. I, of all people, love socializing and class parties, however quality, memorable learning is what needs to be happening as well.

3. Plan for Summer- Making plans for the summer can be very inspiring and motivating. Summer plans can be more than a holiday. Summer break is a perfect opportunity for students to gain experience through paid or volunteer jobs, internships, camps and other summer activities. We understand that not all of our students have summer plans. We as educators can help you find summer program offerings for students.

I am sure that in spite of us looking forward to the end of the school year, we are also looking forward to the next school year.

Wishing you a happy and productive last month of the school year!

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal

Saying of the Week

A Soap Opera has become the accepted term for regular radio, and later TV, drama shows usually based around normal life. Each episode ends in suspense to ensure listeners and viewers return to find out what happens next. The origin of the phrase lies in America during the 1920s with a popular weekly radio program called Amos And Andy. As the show was always broadcast during prime time, and for family viewing, the soap manufacturers Proctor and Gamble started to advertise their products during the breaks and later sponsored the program. soon afterwards other similar shows (and soap manufactrers) followed suit and a critic, writing in 1938, began referring to them generally as 'soaps.' The word 'opera' was then borrowed from the popular 'horse operas' (a term for cowboy films) of the 1930s.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department

Goodbye Grade 5 It Has Been a Wonderful Year!



Jananne Healey
5th Grade Classroom Teacher