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news from the trunk

ASAAP

after school activities program

Thursday, September 8nd 2010

## A Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

Life overseas has some tremendous rewards and I know that many of us can recall amazing stories of the sights, sounds and smells that we have experienced while living abroad. There are, however, the challenges that exist in terms of establishing a lifestyle that in many ways is similar to life back "home".

Children, in particular, can find life overseas to be a bit boring at times due to the lack of sports, clubs and other structured programs that exist in the Western world but are not readily available in Khartoum. Here at Khartoum American School we are very cognizant of this fact and now that the month of Ramadan has almost finished we are looking to fill this void and offer an outstanding activity program to all of our students in the coming weeks, which will hopefully inspire, entertain and more importantly give that element of fun that children need at the end of a school day.

Our teachers have made a wonderful commitment to make this activity program one of the best on record and the activity block will now be extended to be a three-day-a-week program, and I am sure students will enjoy many of the new offerings that will be available. Additionally, we will be offering a number of activities for the Middle and High School students that will compliment the many sporting teams that are already on offer.

Small schools such as ours really need to be the focal point of our community and our school goes out of its way to foster this belief. Beyond having excellent sporting opportunities for our students our campus is a buzz most afternoons with people playing basketball, touch rugby, volleyball and soccer as part of our adult sporting programs.

As well as having a fantastic ASAP (After School Activities Program), there are other activities that are ongoing and these, too, offer experiences that broaden our educational program and enrich the lives of our students. One of the most notable of these is

our Model United Nations (MUN) Program, which gives students a glimpse into the world of diplomacy. Students develop a range of skills which culminate in them attending an international conference, where they meet and actively work with students all over the world. This year our MUN students will be travelling to Singapore and no doubt the experiences that they will bring back will live with them for a long time.

While activities are often seen by many people as a peripheral part of school life, to our students they hold a much higher level of importance. For many students the chance to play, interact, and be with their peers doing the types of activities they like is very special, and we are committed to making it even more so.

### ASAP (After School Activities Program)

The After School Activities Program has been greatly expanded this year. An extra effort is being made to provide a solid variety of choices of activities. The activities now range from Kindergarten through Grade Twelve. We are adding another day to the schedule, too. There is something for everybody. The program will be a good complement to the already solid educational program at Khartoum American School.

The After School Activities Program begins on Monday, September 13. Sign up sheets need to be returned to the school office by Wednesday, September 8. Please contact Mr. Dave with any questions.

### Have an Afternoon free from ASAP? A.S.P.I.R.E. to Learn!

To seek to attain or accomplish a particular goal.

A: Attitude: Approach your studies with a positive mind.

S: Select: Select and survey the material to study.

P: Piece together: Put aside your books and piece together what you studied.

I: Inquire: Investigate other sources of information and inquire from academic support, teachers, librarians, and experts.



R: Reflect: What questions would I ask? How can I apply this material to what I like?

E: Examine: Examine your process toward improving it and explore options with:

The Learning Center

Academic and Homework Support from 2-3pm!

Find us on Moodle at hyperlink "<http://krtams.org/moodle/course/view.php?id=114>" <http://krtams.org/moodle/course/view.php?id=114>

## Swim Team Starts practice **Next** week - September 6th!

All students ages 8 and older are welcome to join the swim team.

Practices are on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Greek Club from 3:30pm - 4:30pm.

Practices will start September 6th, so get your permission forms from Mrs. Paar.

## U11/U14/U19 Boys and Girls Basketball has started!

All basketball teams have started practice.

Ø U11 boys practice on Mondays from 2-3pm with coaches Ms. Abdullah and Ms. Kelley.

Ø U14 boys practice on Sundays from 2:15-3:15pm with Coach Mr. Abdullah.

Ø U19 boys will practice twice a week, please check Sports Information board for times and dates from Coach Mr. Paar.

Ø U19 girls will practice on Sundays from 3:30-5:00pm with Coaches Ms. Shannon and Ms. Fredericks.

Good Luck teams. Go Khartoum American School!

## Adult Sports

In case you missed it this week: Adult Sports at Khartoum American School have started! Middle and High School students must be with a playing parent in order to participate in the sporting activities.

Same guidelines for adult sports as last year:

Ø Non - Khartoum American School members are required to register at the door each day and pay 5 sdg and show a photo ID to match the name on the list. This includes all adults, playing or not, and children 12 years of age and older.

Ø In order to register with the door an email must be submitted to Mrs. Audrey Paar - [apaar@krtams.org](mailto:apaar@krtams.org).

Ø All children that are not playing must be supervised - especially on the playground areas.

Ø Playing areas should be kept trash free.

Ø Any Khartoum American School students wishing to participate in the activities need to contact Mrs. Paar first.

## Weekly Sports at Khartoum American School for Adults

Door opens at 5:30pm, and games start around 6:00pm

Schedule	
Sunday	Volleyball
Monday	Basketball
Tuesday	Ultimate Frisbee
Wednesday	Soccer and Touch Rugby

## Need Help Crunching Numbers?

Beginning next week we will be offering a mathematics help center. The center will be open on Sunday and Monday from 2:10pm-3:15pm, in Mr. Cronin's classroom. We will be looking to add another day later in the week if the demand is there. All are invited to attend, especially those who are having difficult in math class.

## Does Khartoum American School need to be Re-branded?

All students, staff and parents please visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/72VYFT6> and vote on which logo Khartoum American School should adopt. The deadline for voting is Thursday, September 9th. Thank you.



# The Breakdown

Elementary Schedule	
Period 1	7:20 - 8:10
Period 2	8:12 - 9:02
Break	9:02 - 9:12
Period 3	9:19 - 10:09
Period 4	10:11 - 10:58
Period 5	11:00 - 11:46
Lunch	11:46 - 12:16
Period 6	12:18 - 1:08
Period 7	1:10 - 2:00

Middle School / High School Schedule	
Period 1	7:20 - 8:10
Period 2	8:12 - 9:02
Break	9:02 - 9:17
Period 3	9:19 - 10:09
Period 4 Block	10:11 - 11:26
Lunch	11:26 - 12:16
Period 5	12:18 - 1:08
Period 6	1:10 - 2:00

## 2010/2011 Academic Calendar

New Teacher Orientation | August 1st - 4th

Teacher Workdays | August 5th - 9th

First Day of School | August 10th

**Please Remember** | Eid el Fitr Holiday | September 9th - 12th

Fall Break (Eid al Adha) | November 12th - 20th

Winter Break (Western Christmas; New Years; Coptic Christmas) | December 19th 2010 - January 8th 2011

Spring Break | March 10th - 19th

Long Weekend (Coptic and Western Easter; Shem el Nessim) | April 21st - 25th

Last Day of School | May 25th

Graduation | May 26th

Teacher Work Days | May 27th - 29th

## Save the Date

Friday, September 17th, 2010 - Family Picnic

## Wanted

Administrative Assistant

Substitute Teachers

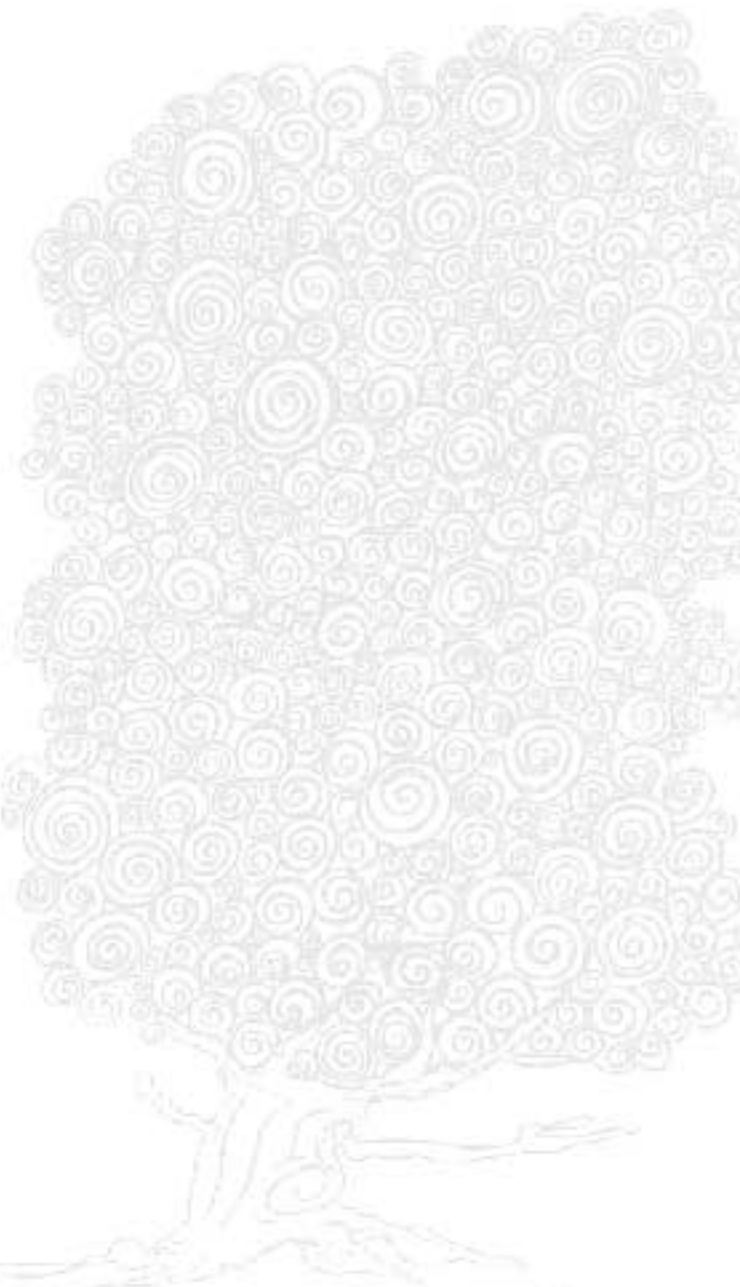
Teaching Assistants

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