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news from the trunk

Thursday, November 24, 2011



THIMUN Conference  
Singapore 2011



**KAS Bazaar**

Friday, December 9, 2011, from 1:00pm to 6:00pm



## Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

This week, we welcomed back our Model United Nations (MUN) students from their trip to the Singapore Model United Nations Conference. This trip is becoming a regular journey for many of our senior students who take part in this annual conference which is run by The Hague Model United Nations (THIMUN). It is one of the most prestigious conference worldwide and of the 70 or more schools which attended, Khartoum American School is the only African school to attend.

The Model United Nations program is a simulation of the United Nations and it allows students from all over the world to participate in their own diplomatic world. As with the actual United Nations, there is a set protocol which must be observed and students are required to demonstrate knowledge, presentation skills, and the confidence to address hundreds of people.

This year our delegates represented the nations of Senegal and Australia, and were challenged to address a number of resolutions relating to a multitude of topics including ecotourism, cultural literacy, the rights of migrant workers, and chemical weapons.

Beyond researching the nature of these topics, it is also essential for delegates to understand the country to which they are assigned and to then address these from that country's perspective. This dual challenge is definitely formidable but year after year our students excel on all fronts.

An event such as this requires the hard work behind the scenes and for that we are thankful to Ms. Wilson for all of her hard work and effort in bringing the trip to fruition and also to Mr. Kessler for helping chaperone and support the group. Our MUN students were a true credit to our school, and as a community we thank them also for representing our school in such a dignified way. Of course, there were also a few small opportunities to see Singapore and I am sure that our students took full advantage of these.

At Khartoum American School, we believe strongly in providing a holistic program for all of our students and the MUN is just another way in which students can express themselves beyond their regular academic program. It is my hope that this wonderful tradition continues for many years to come and KAS students continue to reap the rewards that MUN has to offer, as much as the Singapore MUN conference benefits from our students' outstanding participation.

As always, have a great weekend.

## Letter from the Elementary School Principal Ben Voborsky



Families and communities throughout the U.S. and around the world celebrate the American Thanksgiving Holiday today, November 24th. Traditionally, Thanksgiving is a time for families and friends to come together, eat Turkey and watch American Football. The underlying focus of this tradition is to give thanks for what we have. At this morning's elementary assembly, Grade 1 students shared what they were thankful for. There was a lot of thanks going around! Parents, teachers, friends, and pets were mentioned. Their words really demonstrated what an exceptional community school we have going on here. Personally, I am thankful for all the students, parents, teachers, and staff who make up the Khartoum American School community and make KAS the truly special place that it is.



## THIMUN Conference, Singapore

Model United Nations (MUN) is a program that simulates the decision-making processes of the United Nations by actively involving students in researching major world issues, creating resolutions, and debating policy and possible courses of action.

From November 13-20, 15 KAS students traveled to Singapore to participate in the seventh annual THIMUN Singapore conference, one of the most prestigious MUN conferences in the world. Along with over 1300 students from schools around the globe, the KAS students spent four days discussing and analyzing current world issues ranging from the growing world drug problem to the treatment and exploitation of migrant workers.

This was KAS's third year participating in the conference, and once again, the KAS team members definitely made their presence known. Ambassadors Mustafa Elamin, representing Senegal, and Mengfei Wang, representing Australia, delivered excellent speeches to the General Assembly, and all members of the KAS delegation were active and critical participants within their forums, giving strong speeches and asking pointed questions. The students put considerable time and effort into preparing for the conference, and their hard work clearly paid off.

KAS was ably represented at the conference by the following students: Hasan Babiker, Lina Babiker, Rida Chaudhary, Mustafa Elamin, Moi El-Bashir, Ali Elomarabi, Hayam Elsanousi, Fu Xianli, LJ Lee, Rawan Omer, Sarah Saif Omer, Leticia Pereira, Mengfei Wang, Susan Zhang and Bole Zhu.

Great work KAS!



## We are Grade 2



During Language Arts each day, we take time for writing. In grade 2 we have been using 'Write Source,' to learn about the six traits of writing. The six traits are 'ideas,' 'organization,' 'voice,' 'word choice,' 'sentence fluency,' and 'conventions.' We have learned to organize our ideas with graphic organizers, such as brainstormers. Using the brainstormers we 'stretch' out our ideas to make sentences. Currently we are learning to order our sentences using a beginning, middle and end. We have also been learning to use the conventions of capital letters and periods. Please, check out the Write Source web page for more details about the six traits of writing:  
<http://thewritesource.com/>



## New Mentoring Program at KAS

We, at KAS, take pride in the feeling of community that exists at our school. This sense of community has been fostered in many ways, including the facilitation of mentoring (older/more experienced students helping younger/less experienced students). Learning Buddies is one of our current programs which focuses on academic mentoring among Elementary students. Due to such success, we have decided to take mentoring one step further by starting a mentoring program based on both academic and social relationships among older and younger students. This program, the Actions Speak Mentoring Program, takes advantage of the wide range of ages and life experiences at KAS by fostering trustworthy relationships.

We believe that the children selected for this program (whether as mentees or mentors) will have enriched experiences at school through the relationships they will form with their peers. Not only will mentees have the opportunity to look up to a role model within the school, but the extracurricular activities of them and their mentors will be expanded upon; mentors will plan activities (once per week) for themselves and their mentees to take part in outside of class time, such as studying and playing sports. One of the activities out of each month will require the mentors to plan more, catering to the interests of the mentees. All Action Speaks Mentoring Program participants have the potential to greatly benefit in some way.

Please contact Ms. Wood ([mwood@krtams.org](mailto:mwood@krtams.org)) or Ms. Shalash ([dshalash@krtams.org](mailto:dshalash@krtams.org)) with any questions concerning this new program.



MR. HOVDE'S  
AMAZING



Here are the **winners** from last week: Preet Grade 1, Hamadelnil Grade 3, Hafizi Grade 4, Lujane Grade 5. There were no Middle School and High School correct answers.

Elementary School Math problem:

**Grade 1:** Cut out the Amazing Math Contest answer slip carefully. Fold it to show a line of symmetry.

**Grade 2:** I buy an apple for 17 cents and a banana for 15 cents. I pay with \$1.00. How much change do I get?

**Grade 3:** List five everyday objects that are about one inch long.

**Grade 4:** Bob got 32 out of 50 on his math test. What percent did he get correct?

**Grade 5:** Write the number that has 5 in the tenths place, 3 in the ones place, 8 in the thousands place, 4 in the ten-thousands place, and 2 in all of the remaining places.

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Middle School Math problem:

Find the correct numbers for each letter to make this statement true: AREA - LAKE = ACE

High School Math problem:

Find all the zeros of the polynomial function  
 $P(x) = x^5 - 7x^4 + 9x^3 + 23x^2 - 50x + 24$

**Solutions from the last week:**

**Grade 1:** 39 **Grade 2:** 7 boys & 6 girls; 1 more, **Grade 3:**

\*Answers will vary\*, **Grade 4:** 0.008, 0.6, 0.74, 0.8, **Grade 5:**

\*Answers will vary\*, **Middle School:** 2982 miles, **High School:** 150 of the first packages and 100 of the second packages should be produced to maximize revenue

Circle one:

High School       Middle School       Elementary School

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## KAS Sport News

The KAS soccer season has officially begun! Our U14 and U19 Boys played on Tuesday against Unity High School. The U19 girls also played Unity on Wednesday. And on Thursday, November 24, the 11&U boys will play at KICS.

This is a reminder to everyone about the required behavior and attitude it takes to be on any of the KAS sport teams. If any student shows that they are unable to display respect and sportsmanship during or after school hours, then they are unable to do so while representing KAS at sporting events. We all want to see the best positive attitudes, teamwork, and sportsmanship all the time – not just during games.

Let's make this season one to remember!



## Progress Reports

Progress reports will be coming home before the end of this month. Final exams will be the last week before winter break for the high school students. This is a good time to check in with your sons/daughters regarding school work. Do they have organized folders and binders with their school work inside? Are they dating and keeping and reviewing their work? Are they writing daily in their planners? Do they have any missing assignments to hand in? Please do help your child get organized and hand in missing work before this month is through. Together we can build success.

## KAS Student Council Announcement

The KAS Student Council is hosting a movie night next Thursday on December 1st. We will be showing two movies:

- one movie for the Elementary students in the HighSchool ESL room
- one movie for Middle and High schoolers in the Chemistry laboratory.

All students in grade three or lower are required to bring their parents in order to be able to watch the movie.

The students will be given surveys on Sunday, November 27th, about movies they would like to watch.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR YOUR DESIRED MOVIE!**

Ticket Prices: SDG 10. This includes popcorn and soda. The gate opens at 6:30 pm and the movie starts at 6:45pm. Additional food and beverages will be available to purchase.