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Friday, May 30, 2014, from 7:30 PM at KAS



Letter from the Superintendent, Mr. Steven Alexander

I would like to report on some issues this week that are important to our school. The first is notifying school when your child is absent. It is important that we know clearly as soon as possible when your child will not be attending school. We have a telephone message service so that even during non-office hours you can call and let us know when your child is not in school. This is very important for security reasons. If your child is late or absent we want to know as soon as possible. We ask that you please comply with this policy.

A second issue has to do with the use of the KAS pool. The official policy is that the use of the pool is strictly for KAS families – immediate family members and for KAS staff and families. We want this great facility to be available to our community and when outsiders, either relatives or friends are brought to the pool it makes managing the pool more difficult. We are taking steps to implement an identification system and when it is ready it will be put into operation, most likely at the beginning of the next school year. I am asking everyone to please honor and respect this policy. When outsiders are discovered they will be asked to leave the school. Again this is also a security issue.

The last issue I would like to address is that too many students, primarily middle school students, are waiting for a long time after dismissal for their rides home. Please know that after school activities are finished and all students should be picked up as close to 2:15 pm as possible. Students waiting a long time for their rides must wait in high temperatures presently at the pick up area. This is not good for them. Please make sure your children are picked up on time after school. Thank you.

Steve Alexander



Art Exhibition at KAS

Our Students have all worked hard this year and put in a lot of effort in their artwork. Please come and join our Art Exhibition starting Sunday 25th, Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th of May 2014 from 07:15 AM to 03:00 PM. If you would like to purchase the student's artwork, please feel free to contact Ms. Maie our art teacher at mahassan@krtams.org.

Dear Middle & High School Students,

The summer holiday is almost here! While it is important to catch up on the much-deserved rest from the long school year, it is just as important to keep your brain active. Many of the things you don't have time to do during the school year are perfect for the summer break, and are a great chance to sharpen some of your personal and academic skills. Consider doing some of the following activities:

READ!

No more homework, so you can just kick back and read for fun! (Shh.. it's a secret! This will make you smarter for the next school year by increasing your vocabulary, and improving your reading comprehension and fluency skills. Don't forget to read books in your first language, too. It's just as important as English!)

VOLUNTEER!

Whether it's filing paperwork, teaching young children new games, or picking up trash, giving some of your time to a local community service organization will teach you great skills towards becoming a global citizen. It can be fun, too!

PLAY!

While a few hours of video games are ok, take some time to get outdoors, play board and card games, practice that instrument, and do the art project you have been thinking about for months. This is the time to be creative without the stress of homework or exams on your mind. Go ahead, tap in to your creative spirit!

PREPARE!

For high school students, the summer is a great time to prepare for any of your standardized tests, such as the TOEFL, IELTS, ACT, and SAT. You can purchase study books or visit www.collegeboard.org for plenty of practice problems, study tips, and full-length tests.

STUDY FOR FUN!

Would you like to learn how to play guitar? Or about comic books and graphic novels? Or maybe you want to learn more about the Beatles or the makeup of the brain. All of these topics, and more, can be found on several web sites, known as MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses). You can register for classes offered by real university professors at hundreds of universities around the world. Better yet, it's free! Check out any of the MOOC sites below to find out more.

[Coursera](#)
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I can't wait to see all of you at the beginning of next school year and to hear all about your summer holidays!

Sincerely,
Katee Jo Ross, KAS Counselor

Message from the Mr. C



So this will be my last entry to the KAS newsletter. Unfortunately this is the end of my contract. As I reflect on my time in Sudan I notice that all the qualities so important to this country seem so prevalent in our school. The main theme, that I see, is that of community. During my time in Sudan I have seen the affection and loyalty that people have for their fellow man (or woman). It has been so enlightening. I feel like a lot of the stereotypes, that I did not even realise I held, have been completely drowned. I will leave Sudan (and Africa) with a picture of people working together, eating together, laughing together, crying together ... experiencing life as a community. Coming from a western life, which seems comparatively detached, it is a very nice perspective. This is what I see inside our school. Big kids working with little kids, relationships at every level, success of one enjoyed by all, participation that shows no bounds. I see this and it makes me smile. I will miss Sudan as I will miss KAS. It is a community feeling that is very rare elsewhere in the world.

GOAL Program at KAS



"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try"

Gail Devers

"A journey of thousand miles begins with a single step"

Lao Tzu



These two quotes represent the idea, which inspired my goal group students and motivate them to accomplish their campus improvement project this year. Their idea was to renovate the Basketball court floor by resurfacing it with rubber or a better solid concrete floor. They came with very creative ideas for fundraising such as:

- A donation jar put in the Kiosk for students and teacher to donate their small change.
- A power conservative drive school wide to save money toward their cause.
- A pool party for high school students.
- And finally, a bake sale.

The rewards for their hard work came in the shape of 4551.00 SDG. The money will be put toward the renovation of the basketball court. Thanks to the school board for agreeing and supporting the idea.



Student's Corner

By Mariam El Sanousi, Grade 10

One of the most important events at KAS is the graduation day of the seniors. The date of the celebration for this year is going to be on Friday May 30, 2014. Let's take a minute to celebrate the happiness of the graduates of the Class of 2014. They have been a great pleasure to have as friends and colleagues in KAS. They have for sure left their mark on the school and once they will be missed and remembered. I had the pleasure to interview them about their experiences in KAS and what helped them along the road to success.

Noon Mamoun

How did KAS impact you to prepare you for university?

"The class with Mrs. Ross definitely helped us a lot (Intensive College Writing). We used our time productively in class so that we didn't get a lot of homework. This class helped us with everything related to the application process, and prepared us well. I just wish we had it last year! Mrs. Ross also took time off her schedule and outside of school to help us get through the rough days with the application process."

Howard Mbithi

How long have you been in KAS? And how does it feel knowing you are graduating?

"I have been in KAS for about 3 years. It feels like an achievement, and all I have been witnessing all these mixed feelings. KAS has been my home for 3 years and now it's going away, so that's kind of sad. However, the fact that I'm going into the world and becoming a man of my own, being responsible for myself is something I'm looking forward to."

Alice Miao

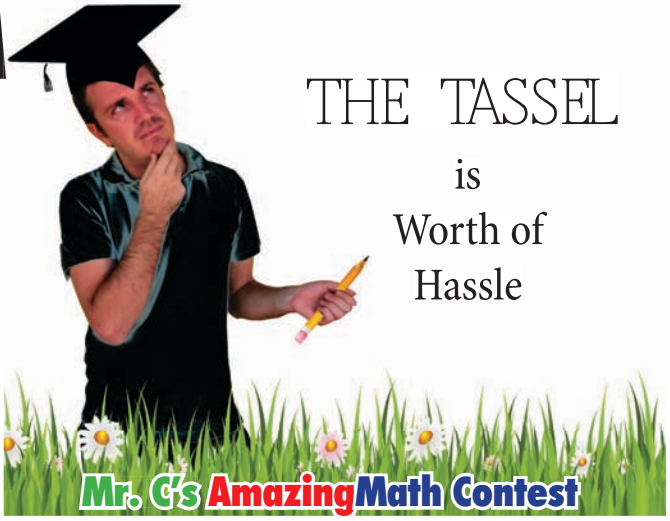
What is the most challenging requirement you faced when you were applying?

"I found it quite difficult to write the essays needed. The universities need my transcripts from my previous schools – it was quite difficult as these transcripts had to be translated from Mandarin into English. I also need a bank statement and for this I have to go back to China."



Spirit Week at KAS

This week, students and many of our teachers got into the spirit of things and came dressed up in all manner of costumes. Pajamas were all the rage one day, lots of wigs and weird hairstyles another and the list of wacky outfits just went on and on. It really was wonderful to see everyone having so much fun, and this is one of those times where a picture speaks a thousand words.



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Mr. G's Amazing Math Contest

Elementary School Math problems:

Kindergarten: $5-2=$ __, $8-5=$ __, $10-3=$ __.

Grade 1: Choose 2 numbers between 1 and 9. What is the biggest 2 digit number you can make with your numbers? What is the smallest 2 digit number you can make with your numbers?

Grade 2: $1/2 = ?/4$ and $1/3 = ?/6$

Grade 3: $32 * 45$
Complete using: a) lattice method
b) partial products method c) original method.

Grade 4: Find five 3-dimensional shapes in your home.

Grade 5: Lucy is picking out a new skateboard. The board can be black, white, or dark brown, and the wheels can be pink, yellow, purple, or orange. How many different combinations does Lucy have to choose from?

Middle and High School Math Problem:

Solve the following: $X+4=X-3$.

Solutions from the last week: Kindergarten: 4; **Grade 1:** Grade 2: 11; **Grade 3:** 1/3; **Grade 4:** 3/7, 4/6; **Grade 5:** 21; **Middle & High School:** -31, -63, -127;



This Week's Winners

Sofia (Pre-K), Shatakshi (KG), Iman (G1), Kamal (G2), Nursyifa (G3), Youssef (Grade 4), Noah (G5).

Ross's Rebus
I am looking forward to seeing your answers!

Elementary School Rebus


Middle and High School Rebus


Teacher's Rebus


This Week's Winners are...



Solutions from the last week:
Elementary School: Cartoon Show
M&H School: Final Exams
Teachers: Frozen in Time

English Sayings...

To **Flog A Dead Horse** is to waste time and energy on a situation that will clearly have a negative outcome. Far out to sea, the Horse Latitudes can be found 30 degrees either side of the Equator. Where the subsiding dry air and high pressure results in weak winds. According to naval legend, the area was so called because the tall sail ships, relying on strong winds, always slowed considerably or even stalled altogether. Often it took months to pass through the Horse Latitudes, by which time sailors had worked off what was known as the 'Dead Horse' - the advance wages they had received when signing on. As seamen were paid by the day, the slow passage was to their benefit and there was no incentive to expend much effort in the Horse Latitudes as they worked off their advance wages. Therefore this period of months in the painfully slow mid-ocean became known as 'flogging the dead horse'.

African Literature at KAS

Grade 11 African Literature students have been hard at work for the past few weeks creating memoirs of their experiences in Sudan. To celebrate this accomplishment, we held a coffeehouse reading of the memoirs, in which fellow students, staff, and teachers were invited to listen. What a tremendous success and a great opportunity for students to share their valuable insights. Thanks again for everyone who came out to support our budding authors!

