

# INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK DINNER

NEWS FROM THE TRUNK  
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# Letter from the Superintendent, Dr. Robert Beck

Dear Parents,

Congratulations and thank you to all who participated in and attended the 2014 International Potluck Dinner! I am sure you agree that it was an event we will remember for years to come. One of the highlights of the evening was the Parade of Nations. The children looked great in their national costumes. The food was wonderful, the talent show was just right, and the time spent with family, friends and colleagues made it a very special evening. The weather was perfect. A special congratulations to Mrs. Mona Hassan, KAS Business Manager, who coordinated the event; and, to Mrs. Didith Lenario, KAS art teacher who organized the talent show. To all the staff and faculty members who worked at the food tables, at the gate, and behind stage, THANK YOU! All proceeds will be given to a charitable health care organization for children. Thank you to the many sponsors who provided prizes for the raffle.

Did you know that every Thursday morning at the start of the school day we have an assembly given by our elementary school children in the area known as the "KAS Quad"? It is the area in front of the art and music room. It is fun to watch and listen to the kg-5 children as they perform 'mini' presentations on a wide range of topics that reflect the KAS 4 Cs of Character, Community, Citizenship and Curriculum. But did you also know that every Thursday morning at the start of the school day there is also an 'open-house' coffee where parents, including KAS school board members, come together to chat and meet for informal conversation and refreshments? It is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet and get to know each other. I encourage you to spend time at the open-house coffee hour, and at the performances of the children. I am there as well. I thoroughly enjoy spending time with you and the children at the weekly open-house Thursday get-togethers.

With one week to go in the semester, the children and teachers are working hard to finish with success. We thank you for your continued support during the final days of the semester. I wish you a pleasant afternoon and evening. And I look forward to seeing you in the future at the Thursday open-house meet and greet coffees.



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POTLUCK  
DINNER



## PTA PICNIC SEE YOU THERE

**PTA FAMILY PICNIC**

Friday, December 12  
3 - 9pm  
at KAS

DELICIOUS FOOD & BEVERAGES  
TONS OF FREE ACTIVITIES!

OUT DOOR BBQ  
COLD VEGETARIAN PASTA SALAD  
SWEETS  
HOMEMADE KOFTA SANDWICHES  
POPSICLES  
BEVERAGES  
BRING FRIENDS  
LAUGHTER  
JOIN THE FUN  
THE GAMES  
FREE HOMEMADE ICE CREAM



Last week's WINNERS are!

MsHs: Abdelaziz gr. 7  
Faculty: Nada - Nursery

Elementary Rebus



Middle & High Rebus



Faculty Rebus



## MR. G'S MATH MINUTE



Last week's WINNERS are!

KG: Sherifa  
G1: Shatakshi  
G2: Adrian



# Early Years of Development

Sarah Boyer  
Early Childhood Teacher

*Making friends is a skill that is not innate. One must learn how to make friends. In the early years of development, it is crucial for social and emotional development that children are nurtured. In the Pre-School classroom, we teach those skills. We work hard to build a community within our classroom where each individual has the opportunity to be appreciated, cared for, and loved by all. In Pre-School, we are all friends, and we discuss daily what it means to be a good friend and how to show that through our actions. This focus on social development builds the child's self-esteem and confidence with their peers. If you come by our classroom around 11:40 A.M. you can hear us singing our special song, reinforcing those objectives. A line in the song says, "Look around and you will see community, a family, we are brothers and sisters we are one..."*



## MS NEWS

### Grade 8 Mission Statement Posters!

Grade 8 has been working hard in their advisory class to create visual representations of our Mission Statement and the 4 Cs! With Ms. Jis guidance, they designed posters that included quotes and phrases that were inspired by the themes of Character, Curriculum, Citizenship and Community. Students also made sure to incorporate a drawing of our mascot, the elephant, into their designs to truly show their school spirit and link their ideas to everything that represents KAS. These posters will be on display in the quad next week so make sure to come check them out!

Citizenship is when we are part of a school. A student, a teacher, and even a worker, they all are citizens of their school. We listen to our leaders which are the adults, and follow their orders. We also have to write, and that makes you a good citizen and makes it a good school.



Ali Ahmar

CHARACTER  
It is good or bad we all have character. It is important because it shows who you are and makes you unique. Character is defined by your actions.

Omar Moustafa

Mrs. Shalash & Ms. Bhuyan

### Mer o e trip

Grade 7 and 11 just spent an adventurous night in Mer o e! Students ended their study of the ancient Nubian city by exploring Bagr awiyah. Students were eager to take on the role of archaeologists, and with their clipboards ready, they recorded their observations and impressions of the pyramids. Students trekked up and down sand dunes, and many had their first experience riding camels! The trip also allowed students to camp, make simones and enjoy sleeping under the starry sky. All in all, it was a successful trip that would not have been possible without the help of Mr. Mirghani, Ms. Lerma, Ms. Aleli, Mr. Abdul Karim, Mr. Abdul Rasul, Ms. Mona, Ms. Boutr os, Ms. Boyce, Ms. Meyer, Mr. Nick, Mr. Khalid, and Ms. Jocelyn and Mr. Joel. We are very grateful for your help in keeping our students safe, happy and inspired by history!



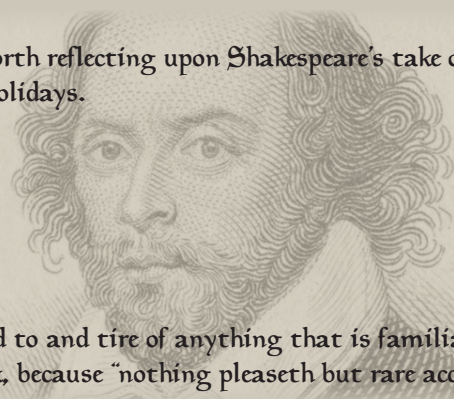
### Words of Wisdom from William

As our penultimate week before the winter break draws to a close, it is worth reflecting upon Shakespeare's take on familiarity in which he used the idea of holidays to get his point across. Happy holidays.

If all the year were playing holidays,  
To sport would be as tedious as to work;  
But when they seldom come, they wished-for come,  
And nothing pleaseth but rare accidents.

In Shakespeare's Henry IV, Prince Harry says that people quickly grow used to and tire of anything that is familiar: if every day were a holiday, he says, then holidays would seem as tiresome as work, because "nothing pleaseth but rare accidents."

Shakespeare Lover



Michael Metcalf