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news from the trunk

Thursday, February 11th 2016



2nd Grade At the Souq

(Please read the last page of the E News)

Don't miss the Superintendent's Parent Information Seminar-
"ART AS A LEARNING TOOL" presented by Mrs. Mai Hassan, February 18 8:30-9:15am at KAS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I recently returned from the annual international school director's faculty recruitment fair in the United States. I am pleased to report that the following educators were selected to join the KAS faculty. As you will read below, they are all highly trained teachers who have had experience teaching in international schools. They are excited that they have been selected by KAS, and they are looking forward to meeting their students, you, and our staff.

Welcome to the New Hired Overseas Staff-They will join the KAS faculty this August:

Alissandra Butzbach-Alissandra will be teaching in our upper Elementary School. She is currently an elementary school teacher at the Baku International School in Azerbaijan. She has taught in the Condon School District in Oregon. Alissandra received a Bachelors Degree from Portland State University in Oregon, and went on to complete a Masters Degree in Education at Clark College. She is certified in mainstream education, special education, and teaching English as a Second Language. She is fluent in French. We welcome Alissandra and husband Breyon to KAS!

Breyon Burell-Breyon will be teaching physical education and assume the responsibilities of Athletic Director. He has been a PE teacher and Athletic Director at the Baku International School in Azerbaijan. He received his Bachelors Degree in Psychology and Physical Education from Eastern Oregon University. He has coached a wide variety of sports including: basketball, volleyball, baseball, and track at the junior and varsity levels. He is passionate about helping all children learn and enjoy sports and physical activities. Welcome Breyon and wife Alissandra to KAS!

Miriam Easterling-Miriam will be our kindergarten teacher starting this August. She is currently a mainstream lower elementary school teacher at the Dominican School in Taiwan. Miriam has also had extensive experience as a teacher of English as a Second Language, including in Saudi Arabia. She completed her Bachelors Degree at Campbell University in California, and went on to complete a Masters Degree in Education from the College of New Jersey. She grew up in France. She has developed and taught yoga for young children. Welcome Miriam and husband Jonathan Williams to KAS!

Jonathan Williams-Jonathan will be teaching physical education. He is currently a teacher at the Dominican School in Taiwan. He has taught English As a Second Language for several years. He received his Bachelors Degree with a major in Human Kinetics from the University of Ottawa, Canada, and went on to complete a Masters Degree in Education from the College of New Jersey. He has experience and training in outdoor education, life saving and water safety, and in coaching archery and fencing. In addition, Jonathan is trained in first aid and CPR. Welcome Jonathan and wife Miriam to KAS!

Jananne Healey-Jananne will be teaching in our upper Elementary School. She is currently an elementary teacher in Gabon. She has been a literacy specialist at the district level, and a classroom teacher, in the San Antonio, Texas school system. She has also been a teacher for the Kipp Aspire Academy in San Antonio. Jananne has been a staff development instructor. She received her Bachelors Degree from Columbia University, Barnard

College in New York, and went on to complete a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Teaching from Columbia University, Teachers College. She has a keen interest in the development of the writing process in children. Welcome Jananne to KAS!

Charlene Joyce- Charlene will be teaching Secondary Level Social Studies. She has extensive experience teaching history and social studies for the Albuquerque, New Mexico school system. She has also taught history and social studies in Honduras and in Myanmar. Charlene received her Bachelors Degree in Education from Minot State University in North Dakota, and went on to complete a Masters Degree in Secondary Education from the University of New Mexico. She is also trained and certified in English as a Second Language. She has a passion for service activities. She has been active in developing service-oriented student projects. Welcome Charlene to KAS!

Ann Crowley- Ann will be teaching in our upper Elementary School. She is currently teaching at the elementary school level in Abu Dhabi. She has had wide ranging and extensive teaching experience in the Detroit Michigan school system. She also served as an instructional coach for teachers. Ann received her Bachelors Degree in Education from Wayne State University in Michigan, and went on to complete a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from Wayne State University. She has coached volleyball and soccer, and she enjoys debate. Ann takes a keen interest in learning about local customs and cultures. Welcome Ann to KAS!

Nicole Stacey-Nicole will be the KAS Coordinator of Student Support Services with student support teaching responsibilities. In the US (Morrisville Indiana Public Schools), and abroad (International Schools in Madagascar, Kuwait and China), Nicole has taught special education students. She works closely with mainstream teachers and administrators to develop effective strategies and behavioral plans to support students with learning challenges. She has had extensive experience across the continuum ranging from mild to moderate to severe learning challenges. She holds certification in special education and in school counseling. Nicole received her Bachelors Degree from Indiana University, and went on to complete two Masters Degrees at Indiana University, one in Special Education, and one in School Counseling. She is a strong supporter of collaboration and teaming in the interest of students and staff. Welcome Nicole to KAS!

Chelsea Utecht-Chelsea will be joining our Student Support Services team. Her experience includes teaching and supporting English as A Second Language students in the US and overseas. She has taught at the International Educational Center in Dzerzhinsky, Russia, and she has taught in Taiwan and South Korea. Chelsea received her Bachelors degree from Portland State University. She majored in Applied Linguistics and English. She has also been a dance instructor and has managed activities such as homework clubs. Welcome Chelsea to KAS!

Dr. Rob Beck
Superintendent

Dear Parents and Friends,

It was great seeing so many of you during Sudan Days. This annual celebration that has been held at Khartoum American School for many years and it is a time when we celebrate our amazing host country.

The history of Sudan goes back to the Stone Age. Sudan has the largest number of pyramids in the world and it was one of the first countries where iron was used.

Its capital, Khartoum, is where the famous Blue and White Niles meet to form the longest river in the world, the Nile. Sudan has hundreds of tribes and is a melting pot of Arab and African tribes. Sudan has a mixture of deserts, savannahs, and mountains.

It makes us proud to be located in Sudan. Sudan was one of the first African countries to have education for women. The Kenana Sugar company in Sudan is the largest manufacturer of White sugar in Africa. The Merowe Dam is the largest Hydro-dam in Africa. The largest irrigation project in the world is the Jezira Scheme. The largest Biosphere reserve in Africa is the Dinder National Park.

With a population of about 35 million, Sudan has a very promising future considering the widely extended land, water resources and the abundance of natural resources, such as agricultural produce, minerals and crude oil, animal resources & Fisheries.

I hope that you have enjoyed experiencing the rich traditions and culture of Sudan during Sudan Days.

Susan Boutros
Middle and High School Principal

This Week's Riddle

When I'm born I'm as tall as I will ever be,
I bring cheer to all those who look at me,
Especially when the dark makes it hard to see,
But I grow smaller every minute until I cease to be.

Answer: A Candle

Math & Riddle Master

This Week's Winner



Ahmed Aydin
Grade 2

Minatalla Elnaaman
Grade 3

NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

KAS has enjoyed many years of success in a wide variety of sports. KAS recognizes the values students' gain from participation in a well-organized, high quality athletic program, and is dedicated to excellence in this pursuit.



Hanro van der Merwe
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Athletic Director



2nd Grade Field Trip to the Souk

In 2nd Grade Social Studies, we are working on a unit called "Markets of the World." The students are learning about the exchange of goods and services and what that looks like in their own community. On Monday this week, KAS helped our class arrange a trip to Souk Shabby. The students recorded the various services (i.e. bicycle repair man, barber, rickshaws) and goods (i.e. tamia, perfumes, clothes, furniture) that people were selling in a popular market right down the road. Several parents accompanied our class, as well as the Elementary Principal, Mr. Centers. I don't know who was more entertained: the students or the people in the souk! All the vendors were interested in their project; they answered the students' questions, gave demonstrations, and helped them fill in their record sheets. It was a wonderful and engaging way for the students to see the real life application about what they have been learning in the classroom!

Chelsea Meyer
Grade 2 Teacher



ANNOUNCEMENT

Valentine's Day Bake Sale Sunday, February 14, 2016 at KAS

**Please support the PTA and send donations
in the form of cakes, tarts...etc.**

Elementary School-Counselor's Corner

Dear Parents,

Monday, February 14 – Wednesday, February is 'Random Acts of Kindness' Week (RAK) in the Elementary School. The goal of RAK is to support our children as we strive to create a school environment that is kind, helpful and considerate. All grades, kindergarten to grade five, will participate. KG and Grade 1 will have in-class kindness activities, while grades 2 – 5 will embark on 'secret missions' to spread kindness throughout the school. Students in the upper grades will receive cards stating their 'mission'. They will then set out to complete their 'mission'. The hope is that this RAK week will be fun, and that this activity will create a ripple effect of kindness in elementary classrooms and throughout the school. As parents, we all teach our child kindness by modeling the behaviors you would like to see. These are a few 'random acts' that you can model for your child.

- Leave an inspirational book in a place where you know it will be found. You can even leave a note telling the reader you hope they enjoy the book and to pass it on to someone else when they are finished.
- Do something nice for someone when they are ill.
- Bake cookies and take them to someone.
- Volunteer.

Dr. Anna E. Beck
Elementary Counselor

SAYING OF THE WEEK

☞ **To Throw Down The Gauntlet** is to lay a challenge, originally of combat but latterly to any form of contest. A gauntlet is a medieval armoured glove, forming part of a knight's suit of armour. Traditionally a knight would challenge another to a duel by throwing down his gauntlet. If his opponent picked it up it meant he was accepting the challenge and battle would begin. **Taking Up The Gauntlet** has since been a phrase used for accepting a challenge. The Swedish word 'gantlope' was anglicised to 'gauntlet' as a result of this tradition, but 'running the gauntlet' and 'throwing down the gauntlet' are not otherwise connected. ☞

Minette van der Bijl
High School/Middle School English Department