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**KARATE AND GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT
AT KAS**

Superintendent's Message

Dear KAS Community,

Teachers are currently working on progress reports for all students. After you receive these you will have the opportunity to meet with all of your children's teachers. Parent-teacher conferences allow you to not only have personalized conversations about your children's learning and social/emotional wellbeing, but also to provide an opportunity to ask teachers any questions you may have. The home-school connection is vital in ensuring your child is happy and thriving educationally.

As we approach a busy period of school events, I thank you for your support of KAS.

Best wishes,

Bridget Davies
KAS Superintendent

THIMUN 2020



Surprised, happy, and proud were all the emotions I felt when I had opened that email from the THIMUN 2020 director, Mrs. Fatima Elmahdi. As THIMUN Qatar (The Hague International Model United Nations) is the greatest, and the largest MUN conference held in the Middle East, I was sure there were thousands of other applicants and I was not so sure if I would be granted this special position even though I was confident of my MUN skills.

The application process was really an adrenaline rush that left me with mixed emotions. MUN in general had been a passion of mine for the past 7 years. It all started when I served as an usher. Now I am serving as secretary general for KASMUN (Khartoum American School Model United Nations). When I received that email and read the subject "Congratulations Nadia..." I could not believe my eyes. I am happy and proud to accept this position. Finally, I would like to thank my mentor, Ms. Minette for believing in me.

Nadia Saeed
2020 KASMUN Secretary General
Grade 12 Student

Saying of the Week

Dead In The Water means an idea or scheme has no momentum and no chance of success. This is a nautical expression, dating back to the days of the sailing ships. On a windless day, with nothing to propel the vessel, a boat sitting motionless in the sea, was known as 'dead in the water', going nowhere.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**KAS POOL IS
CLOSED FOR
MAINTENANCE**

Letter from the Middle & High School Principal

At Khartoum American School, we regard the safeguarding of children as our main priority. We believe that all students have the right to be safe, to be happy and to learn. We all have the responsibility to make this happen. This is clearly stated in our Safeguarding Policy: *“The Khartoum American School believes that the safety and well-being of children is everybody’s responsibility and that everyone coming into contact with children must care for children. Employees need to be clear about what is expected of them individually and how they need to work together with families, services and agencies”.*

Parents should be assured that the school will take any reasonable action to ensure the safety of its students at all times. KAS seeks to be a safe haven for children who may be experiencing abuse or neglect in any aspect of their lives. As such, KAS has safeguarding policies in place. Please take the time to read the KAS Community Safeguarding Policy Manual on our website.

At KAS, we take safeguarding very seriously because we know it can have a huge impact on learning. With this in mind, we have policies in place for safeguarding and child protection in order to:

- Protect students from harm and abuse
- Provide training and education to all staff and everyone who comes in contact with our students so that they know what to do if they are concerned
- Deliver the safeguarding curriculum to our students
- Ensure that KAS has safe recruitment procedures that prevent unsuitable people from joining KAS.

Here are some things that we could all do to promote the safeguarding of our students:

- Wear badges at all times when at KAS
- Make sure that you have a KAS car sticker
- Make sure that your child is picked up on time
- Speak to your children about their concerns
- Encourage your children to report any concerns to a trusted adult.
- Report any safety issues to KAS principals and counselors
- Use designated bathrooms for adults when at KAS

We believe safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility and we take great pride in this work.

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal

Arts and Crafts in Psychology



To help study the layout of the brain, our psychology class made brain mobiles. Each student traced his or her head onto coloured paper, illustrated the sections of the brain, cut out the images, labeled the sections and suspended them from the ceiling.

Here is what students had to say about the neuroscience unit:
“I found it really exciting and interesting to learn that personality traits are not only based on environment, but also genetics.”

“We learned the story of Dr. Jill Bolte, neuroscientist, who had a stroke and how her knowledge of the brain allowed her to recognize what she was experiencing and phone for assistance. Her phone call took 45 minutes to complete because she kept missing the next number.”



Jon Marck
HS Mathematics Teacher

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Students from kindergarten to grade 5 have attended swimming lessons for the past three weeks. Our "big picture goal" is that all students at KAS will be able to swim a minimum of 25 meters by the time they get to grade 6. The first weeks in swimming have been focused on water confidence. So far, almost all students from grade 1 to grade 5 are able to enter and exit the water safely, jump in from deep end, submerge to a minimum depth of two meters, fully submerge to pick up an object from the bottom of the pool, and, finally, to perform a flat, stationary scull on their backs with or without swimming aids.



Most importantly, swimming provides loads of health benefits that can help to keep students healthy and happy at the same time. Swimming keeps your child's heart and lungs healthy, improves strength and flexibility, increases stamina and even improves balance and posture. It also gives adults peace of mind when children are near the water.

But swimming is also fun! Please read what a grade 3 student wrote about swimming lessons.

everybody has fun in the pool. There learning how to swim in the deep end. There lesson is to swim around the pool edges. All the coaches are doing a good job keeping the students safe and teaching them how to swim. And there teaching what to do based on there level. There learning how to do tricks under the water. And ~~swim~~ above. There also learning how to hold there breath under water longer. Now they can all swim in the deep end. They can also jump in the pool safely.



Gilles Peyron
ES P.E. Teacher



KAS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



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Saturday, October 19, 8:00 am - 1:30 Pm

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