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News from the trunk!

Wednesday April 27th, 2022






STUCO Presents (pun intended)



Gift Day!

Exchange a 5-10\$ gift with a randomly assigned classmate. Spread love as we near the end of an amazing year!

April 14TH



Letter from the Superintendent - Bridget Davies

Dear KAS Community,

As we approach the month of May our mind turns to transitions; as students plan to move grade levels and for some leave the KAS community.

As we plan for the new school year, this week Bruce Doig, incoming KAS Principal, has been spending time virtually at KAS. He has met with a wide range of community members and will be happy to meet with parents on Tuesday morning via Zoom. We look forward to welcoming Bruce to the KAS community in August.

I would also like to remind everyone about the following information about the Annual General Meeting:

Announcement of AGM and Call for Candidates

KAS Annual General Meeting will be taking place on the evening of May 11 2022.

There are a four vacant board positions, so we welcome applications from any KAS parent who will have children in the school during 2022-23 school year. Please send your resume and an application letter to bdavies@krtams.org. If you would like to find out more about the board please feel free to contact me. The deadline for applications is April 27.

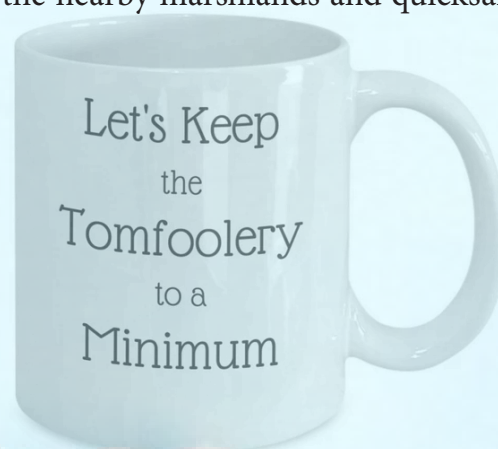
Best wishes,

Bridget Davies

Saying

The word **Tom-foolery**, meaning playful or foolish behavior originates from Thomas Skelton's behavior.. Thomas Skelton was the 'Fool' or Jester of Muncaster Castle and spent many hours of his time sitting under a tree. When a traveller passed by he would speak with them and decide whether or not he liked them. If he didn't he would send them on their way in the direction of the nearby marshlands and quicksands where they would meet their peril (BBC).

Minette van der Bijl
HS EAL Teacher



Letter from the Principal – Susan Botrous

Dear Parents,

Grade 5 Shadow week which took place from April 10-14, 2022 was a great success. The 5th graders shadowed the 6th Grade class in preparation of transitioning to middle school.

Shadow week was a great opportunity for the Grade 5 students to spend time and experience firsthand what it is like to be in middle school. Shadow students attended classes with the Grade 6 students and got a true feel for student life in middle school. I would like to thank Ms. Nicole who organized every single aspect of Grade 5 Shadow Week as well as Mr. Marcus and Ms. Marieta for making this possible. I would also like to thank all the Grade 6 teachers for welcoming our Grade 5 students into their classes. I am sure that the first day of middle school for our students new middle schoolers will feel more comfortable now that the students are more familiar with middle school.

Here are some direct quotes that we have received from Grade 5 students regarding Shadow Week:

Our day at middle school was kinda scary, but interesting although we didn't like walking to different classes or having hard assignments to work on.

Middle school has a lot of hard work. We have been told that in middle school we need to be organized and on time with our assignments. Middle school was very fun but complicated.

- *Doreen, Gadi and Michael*

We liked shadow week, the classes and the teachers. It was fun, we experienced many things.

- *Meryem, Ethan, Nehal and Ahmed*

It was amazing because the teachers and the students were nice. We got a whole hour for lunch. We learned so much, it was overwhelming because there were so many teachers. We were working so hard that the teacher let us play UNO.

- *Amir and Ali Alfatih*

In our opinion we did not like the fact that we had to walk around the school and carry our backpacks. Some of the teachers were very nice and funny and some of them were strict. Selina thought it was overwhelming. Dana thought it was fun and overwhelming. Talia thought it was fun and easy. After all, it was exciting and we are somewhat excited.

- *Dania, Selina, Talia*

I thought it was fun but hard. That day I realized how hard middle school is.

- *Taleen*

I like shadow week. Science was fun.

- *Sam*

I liked Shadow day. I liked math.

- *Ali Abdelsalam*

We loved our grade 6 experience. All the teachers were nice. All the classes were fun, especially science. We can't wait to be 6th graders.

- *Amena, Mihamed E. and Mohamed H.*

We are looking forward to welcoming our new middle schoolers next year.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend!

Susan Boutros
Principal

The Grade 5 Poetry Slam

Grade 5 students have been working hard this year on developing writing skills and experience writing in a variety of styles. Recently this culminated in a Grade 5 Poetry Slam!

Each student got dressed up for the occasion, with some wearing smart suits or dresses. They took to the stage to each perform one of their poems. Their classmates watched whilst clicking their fingers, drinking juice and eating popcorn.

It was a fantastic event and each student did an amazing job performing under pressure - with a spotlight on them and a microphone in their hand!

Grade 5 are continuing to share their passion for writing. Throughout the year they have been producing a variety of books and we now have a small library of student written books. Grade 5 have now begun touring the elementary classes to read their books to the students, answer questions and help inspire even more young writers.

Marcus Rowntree
Grade 5 Teacher



STUCO Gift Day

On Thursday April 14 KAS students experienced Gift Day. Many students from all grades exchanged gifts with each other. Students were previously paired together, and each student gave and received a gift to the fellow student whom they were paired with. Gift Day was a success. Students practiced their gift-giving skills by learning how to give a gift. When trying to choose gifts for each other, students may have learned more about their classmates personalities and considered what their fellow students would like as gifts. This mindful consideration leads to greater understanding of each other. It is important for students to learn to be considerate, mindful, and skillfull in assessing what others like and don't like. I'm happy that students in KAS were able to practice this important social skill through gift exchanging.

Many students seemed happy and delighted to receive gifts from their fellow students. It may have made them feel appreciated, understood, cared for, loved, and valued. I recieved a very beautiful plant from my fellow student Hashim. I love gardening, and I was happy to see that Hashim's gift was tailored to my interests. His effort to give me a gift that matched my hobby truly made me smile.

At KAS we value diversity and community. Gift day promoted both these things. The student pairs were chosen by random, so that gave an opportunity for students to make new friends with students whom they may have been uncloze with. Giving a gift to a fellow student and seeing their happy reactions makes the gift-giver happy as well. When I gave my gift to Hashim, his happiness and gratitude made me haply too. School spirit was also greatly boosted by Gift Day. Students who put a lot of effort and work inti their gifts showed their dedication to school spirit. The spirit of generosity, care, giving, recieving, and joy seemed to roam the campus. The event was much appreciated, especially as we approach the end of a demanding school year and as we near the tough exams season. The community bonds that tie students together were also strengthened today as students had a chance to develop closer friendships.

Gift Day should definitley be incorporated next year by the next student council. We can even include teacher gift exchanges aswell to promote stronger KAS bonds in every corner of our school. We hope you all enjoyed your gifts!

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