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News from the trunk!
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SPORTS DAY



Letter from the Superintendent, Bridget Davies

Dear KAS Community,

I am writing at the end of another busy week here at KAS.

We are particularly proud and excited to host an event this weekend to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation alongside INLAB are organizing an afternoon of events showcasing the many talents of persons with disabilities.

From a soccer match to a fashion show to a musical performance, we are proud to host such an event which matches Khar-toum American School's mission and vision. As educators and a school community, we believe we are all stronger when we include and celebrate human diversity.

Best wishes,

Bridget Davies

Letter from the Principal Bruce Doig

Community & Curriculum

The past couple of weeks has seen KAS community outreach through events on and off campus, events off-campus. On November 18th, KAS hosted United Nations Day, attended by UN staff, dignitaries, and our very own Model United Nations students who returned from a 4-day Model United Nations event.

This weekend KAS is hosting an International Day for People with Disabilities function, reflecting our care and concern for inclusion. Various local organizations working with people with disabilities, the sponsoring Italian agency, as well as dignitaries and KAS representatives, are attending. Through both of these events, KAS is engaging with local and community members, organizations, as well as national representatives.

Our participation in community doesn't just mean hosting events. KAS students have participated in football matches with other schools and had the pleasure of both our Middle School and High School Boys' football teams in away fixtures. Our MS boys acquitted themselves admirably in two 7 vs 7 games, tying one game 1 - 1 behind excellent goalkeeping by Sam R, and tying the other game 3 - 3. Both teams were very excited. Our HS boys didn't fare as well, falling 3 - 1 in one 7 - 7 game and 5 - 0 in a concurrent game. In the last game, it went to golden goals, with KAS falling 1 - 0 in the end.

In addition to this, yesterday our Swim Team participated in another Swim Gala, where our swimmers gave their all in competition. There was a strong parent cheering section to cheer them on, and students had a great time.

There is one more HS and one more MS boys' soccer fixture next week, which marks the end of football season. After Winter Break, basketball season begins for boys and girls.

In terms of curriculum, HS Semester exams are upon us as we wrap up Semester One and Head into Semester Two. Exams are the week of December 11th to 15th, with the 11th being a study day and the 14th and morning of the 15th used for make-up exams for students who are missing. During the next two weeks students will choose electives for semester two, to be ready for a new start January 8th.

How can you help your son or daughter? Give them a quiet space to study. Monitor to make sure they stay focused. Make sure there are healthy snacks for them while they study. Talk to them about their upcoming tests. Make sure they drink lots of water. Also make sure they get sleep - there is nothing worse than writing an exam if they haven't had enough sleep. Finally, make sure they have pens, pencils, and a ruler for exams, as well as their calculator for Mathematics.

Good luck to all of our High School students as they gear up for Exam Week!

Model United Nations Conference Passes with Unanimous Vote

KAS Delegates:

- Mina Elnoaman (Croatia) General Assembly Fourth Committee
- Yahia Hagelhassan (Suriname) General Assembly Fourth Committee
- Mohamed Mohammed (Algeria) General Assembly Fourth Committee
- Haynes Hunt (Tajikistan) General Assembly Fourth Committee
- Daniel Matte (Papua New Guinea) General Assembly Fourth Committee
- Sambhavi Sarma (Luxembourg) General Assembly Fourth Committee
- Nagi Hassanein (Saudi Arabia-Observer) Human Rights Council
- Diana Samson (Eritrea) Human Rights Council
- Hashim Osman (United Kingdom) Security Council
- Ismail Kayani (United Kingdom) Security Council

The above high school students successfully attended Model United Nations at Khartoum International Community School-KICSMUN conference accompanied by MUN director Mr. Lane Hunt, students represented various countries in three committees. Schools from all over Khartoum attended this MUN conference.

MUN is an educational exercise as our student delegates simulate the Councils, Commissions, and Conferences of the United Nations. Thus, for the period of the Conference, they must be regarded as diplomats and ambassadors for the countries they represent, as well as representatives of their schools. This demands a high standard of personal conduct and behavior from all delegates, both during the conference sessions and outside the Conference itself. Additionally, formal dress, i.e., the kind of clothes that real UN diplomats might be expected to wear when attending UN sessions, is required at all meetings. A Model United Nations conference can be one of the most valuable educational and social experiences for students to experience.

The conference convened Tuesday, November 15, with a welcome by the Co-Secretary-Generals and a guest speaker at the opening ceremonies. From there, the committees met separately, where one-minute opening speeches were delivered among the formality of the UN protocol. Each committee had "honorable chairs" who directed the speeches and the subsequent discussion. After a speech, the delegate would entertain points of information whereby other delegates could ask questions of the speaker. After the speeches, delegates were allowed to lobby and merge with other nations. This lengthy process entails joining together 5-8 countries with similar views on the issues at hand and writing a resolution that will later be presented to the entire committee. Writing the resolutions proved to be no easy task, as a strict format must be followed, and perfect grammar must be implemented! Draft resolutions were submitted to a panel of experts who rejected or approved the resolution, with rejections being rewritten and resubmitted.

For each resolution, one country would be the primary submitter, making the opening defense speech at the formal forum debate session. The chairpersons set time limits to debate for and against each resolution. Amendments could be written and voted into the resolution. In formal debate, chairs directed delegates by saying, for example, "Greece, you have been recognized." At this time, the Greek delegate would stand and state a "point of information," which must be phrased as a question. These formal debates would last from 60-90 minutes. A formal vote would ensue at the end of the discussion, and the resolution would pass or fail.

After three full days of debate, the conference's committees passed many resolutions. Almost all AISJ delegates were a part of at least one passed resolution, many AISJ students proposed written amendments, and all spoke at least once among a potentially intimidating audience.

After three long days of formal language and dress and a short weekend at home, the delegates returned to campus to face their make-up work for classes. All delegates gained more than expected: they learned about global issues and their impact on the economy, environment, and politics. Perhaps most importantly, the KAS students unanimously declared they had much fun!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 4TH COMMITTEE (GA4)

Initially, the committee was created to address sensitive political issues and decolonization-related matters in the second half of the twentieth century. Today, SPECPOL deals with issues ranging from peacekeeping and peaceful uses of outer space to the Middle East and the effects of atomic radiation.

This year, the following topics were discussed in GA4:

- The Question of the War in Yemen
- Passed Resolution: (Egypt) (Co-Submitter: Croatia/Mina Elnoaman)
- The Question of the Sustainable Colonisation of Space
- Passed Resolution: Sambhavi Sarma/Luxembourg - (Main Submitter) (Co-Submitters: Algeria/Mohamed Mohammed, Papua New Guinea/Daniel Matte, Tajikistan/Haynes Hunt)
- Passed Resolution: (Russia) (Co-Submitters: Suriname/Yahia Hagelhassan, Tajikistan/Haynes Hunt)

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL (HRC)

The Human Rights Council is an inter-governmental body within the United Nations system responsible for promoting, protecting, and addressing human rights violations across the globe. It investigates and discusses human rights violations within the UN member states and addresses essential thematic human rights issues such as but not limited to freedom of association and assembly, freedom of expression, freedom of belief and religion, and woman's rights.

This year, the HRC debated the following topics:

- The Question of Afghanistan
- The Question of Free Speech
- Passed Resolution: (UAE) (Co-Submitter: Eritrea/Diana Samson)

THE SECURITY COUNCIL (SC)

Of the six principal organs of the United Nations (UN), the Security Council is the most powerful. It is tasked with maintaining international peace and security. It is the only council with the ability to create legally binding resolutions that all member states of the UN must comply with, the only committee with the power to impose economic sanctions, and the only council authorized to employ military force to resolve disputes.

This year, the agenda of the SC consists of was:

- The Question of Illegal Settlements in the Palestinian-Occupied Territories
- Passed Resolution: KAS student Hashim Osman/United Kingdom - (Main Submitter)

(3 Clauses passed out of 10)

- The Question of Darfur
 - Passed Resolution: KAS Student Ismail Kayani/United Kingdom
- (2 Clauses passed out of 10)
- UK Delegation received the Outstanding Delegation award for Security Council.

Lane Hunt
MUN Director

MAJOR EVENTS AT KAS!



GRADE 4 TRIP TO THE FARM!



GRADE 2 MORNING ASSEMBLY



**MUSICAL PERFORMANCE OF THE
FIFA 2022 SONG "HAYA HAYA"!**



PEER READING BUDDIES



KICS VS. KAS FOOTBALL GAME!

