



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 2022

WELCOME

News from the trunk! Thursday September 8th, 2022



Letter from the Superintendent, Bridget Davies

Dear KAS Community,

This week, on Monday, the first Board Meeting of the school year was held at school. KAS is proud of our governance structure which includes parents and a representative of the US Embassy. Elections take place at the Annual General Meeting in May.

The board members for 2022-23 school year are:

Mohamed Omer

William Nix (US Embassy)

Isam Zarroug

Maarten Wensveen

Evis Shani

Muna Merghani

Yong-Woo Ban

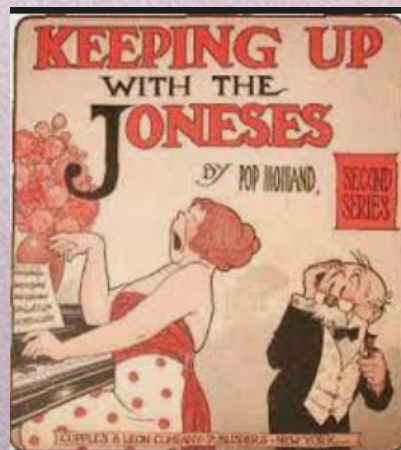
Due to unexpected departures from Khartoum we are looking for two new board members. Please do let me know if you would like to find out more about serving on the KAS school board. I would be happy to meet with you.

Best wishes,
Bridget

Saying

This American term **Keep up with the Joneses** emerged in 1913, when Arthur (Pop) Momand started a Keep Up With The Joneses comic strip in the New York Globe. The strip was so popular in, that in 1915 a cartoon film of the same name was released (Stylish).

Minette van der Bijl
HS EAL Teacher



Letter from the Principal, Bruce Doig

Student Agency and Opportunity at KAS

What's Up at KAS?

We are now finishing (or finished by the time this is published) the fourth full week of learning at KAS. During this time ASAP (After School Activities Program) offerings for K to 12 have been reintroduced, sports teams have started, Exploratory in Middle School is underway, and learning is happening across campus.

After School Activities are on Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays. Each session runs for most of a quarter and then a new set of activities are presented for students to sign up for. ASAPs offer skills-based activities such as embroidery and cooking for different age/grade levels as well as sports such as karate, swimming, gymnastics, and football (soccer). Computer skills based ASAPs include Scratch and HTML coding. For MS and HS students, Homework Help runs so that they can get extra help with assignments and better develop organization skills. For the first time in many years, other ASAPs are also for middle and high school students so that we share a range of activities for all students. Look for photos in our E-News!

As well as ASAP activities, sports teams for Middle and High School have returned! This is a very happy day for our upper school students. The first seasons this year are swimming and football (soccer), with Middle School team tryouts starting on Sunday, September 18th with weekly practices on Sundays and Wednesdays, and High School tryouts also starting September 18th with practices on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday.

For each team, our student-athletes are required to be in good academic standing, meaning they are up to date on all their work submitted for classes they have on the day of practice and that they also have a passing grade in those classes. The first word in student-athlete is student, and while we want our students to be active and participate on teams, our first commitment as a school is to their academic work. Students who do not meet these requirements will be sent to homework help until such time as their work is up to date and they are passing the classes they have on the day of practice.

In addition to ASAPs and sports teams, grades 6 to 8 are in Exploratory as part of their class rotation. Exploratories are a chance for students to explore an area of interest to them, dive deeper into learning and then acting in that area. Exploratory offerings are Nutrition and Health, Pencil Shading, Science Experiments, Anime, and Fashion Design, with students choosing what they would like to explore. This is an opportunity for student agency - students choosing the topic or focus they want to pursue, doing a range of activities in that topic, and conducting examinations or creating objects as a result of the focus and activities.

All these complement Teaching and Learning at KAS. Our goal is to provide academic structure to challenge our students to push their own learning while at the same time provide a non-academic structure that allows for student choice in pursuing other interests and being active in individual and group activities. Through ASAPs, sports teams, and exploratory, our students from K to 12 can direct their own learning experiences, develop their own skills and abilities through structured activities, and grow into a more complete learner and person.

Bruce Doig
Principal

Exploratory and After School Activities Program at KAS!

