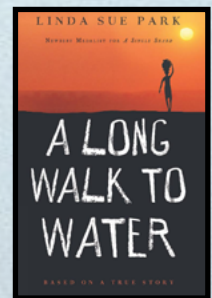


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News from the trunk!
Sunday October 2nd, 2022



Letter from the Superintendent, Bridget Davies

Dear KAS Community,

Although here in Khartoum we are often thinking about the security situation outside the school at KAS we also have protocols and drills in place inside the campus.

On Wednesday the whole school practiced what would happen in the event of a fire. Students, teachers, admin and workers all assembled on the field. Following the drill feedback was given on what went well and what needs to improve. The school has recently installed new speakers to ensure alarms can be heard all over campus.

In the coming weeks there will also be drills for our safe haven and lock down procedures. As much as we hope not to use these procedures it is important to practice and have everybody and everything ready in case of an emergency.

Best wishes,

Bridget Davies



Letter from the Principal, Bruce Doig

Fall Break at KAS is coming up soon. In fact, there are five school days left as I write this. What does that have to do with anything? Break is a time for students to recharge their batteries, teachers to prepare for the second phase of the school year, get reports ready to go out, and reflect on learning in the first part of the year.

Reports will be coming out at the end of October, with Parent-Teacher Conferences following shortly afterwards. This is a chance for you to receive an update on your son or daughter's performance and progress in their subjects and classes.

It has been a very busy two months of learning! In the Elementary our Pre-School and Pre-K students are learning foundational social and receptive learning skills which will be the foundation for the years of schooling to come. Kindergarten and grade 1 are learning letters, numbers and sight words and working on reading. Grade 2 has started journals, while grade 3 to 5 are working hard on Language Arts and Mathematics.

In the Middle and High School, students are moving deep into their courses, learning about North America, Africa, and World Events in Social Studies and History, reading novels and analyzing literature in English, progressing in Arabic and French, and swimming in PE. For our Grade 12 Senior Class, the push is on to get ready for college applications which will start in October and November. Overall, it is so nice to see students engaged in learning and preparing for their futures!

One thing you can do is to talk with your son or daughter at home. Ask them how their day went. Ask them what they learned, what they like, what work they are doing. As mentioned in earlier e-news, make sure they have a study spot and use it regularly. For our younger students, read with them, ask them about letters and numbers and geography and listen to them. This will help keep them thinking, which will benefit them when they return to campus on October 16th!

To all, have a wonderful Fall Break!

Bruce Doig
Principal

Saying

Despite sounding like a modern-day phrase, Cool as a cucumber actually first appeared in John Gay's Poems, New Song on New Similies, in 1732: "I ... cool as a cucumber could see The rest of womankind."

Minette van der Bijl
HS EAL Teacher



A Long Walk to Water

During this quarter in our Language Arts class, the 6th Graders read the book "A Long Walk to Water" by Linda Sue Park. This book is considered a #1 Best Seller In Children's Africa Books (Amazon). It retells the story of Salva Dut, one of the "lost boys" of Sudan. The story starts with his tragic journey as a refugee at the age of eleven to cover the African continent on foot to find a safe place to stay, and ends up with him finding water for South Sudan.

The students were very touched by his story, his perseverance and hope in facing hardships. They were so emotional during the reading experience with Ms. Erini, and in one of our LA classes, they wrote letters to Salva Dut, telling him how they felt about what he had gone through. The students wondered if he would read their letters.

I contacted "Water for South Sudan", an organization founded by Salva Dut, and sent them the students' letters to tell Salva about the positive impact the book has had on them. To everyone's surprise -including me- our students received a touching acknowledgement from the organization and a letter from Salva Dut thanking them for their heartfelt words.

Our students were absolutely thrilled and overwhelmed by his letter. I believe that this acknowledgment encouraged them to strive to be kind people in this complicated world.

Teaching can, at times, be very challenging but inspiring moments like these make teaching one of the most rewarding professions in the world.

Sally Boktor
MS Language Arts Teacher

Dear Salva,
This is the class of grade 6 in Khartoum-American School. We are currently enjoying a long walk to water written by Linda Sue Park. We are writing this letter to inform you that we are impressed by your tragic story and we want to wish you all the best in your life, after living a sad and unexpected life at the age of eleven.
Sincerely Doreen, Taleen, Salina, Moudi and Hamoudi



20/9/2022
Dear Salva,
We are reading your story a long walk to water. We are so sad to hear your traumatic story. We hope one day we can meet you and you can tell more about your story.
Sincerely,
Ali, Sarah, Sahar, Ali Al-Hadi, Diana, Sarah, orhan, Maryam, Adnan, Mubad, Hassan

Dear Salva, August 28 2022
we are Talia, Ethan, Jude and Sofia a group of 6th graders. We are reading your story and we are very sorry about what happened to you and hope you are feeling better now. The people in your village are very kind and you deserve to live. The story really inspired me, that you are very brave. The first group of people that left you was the first group. You are a very brave person for what you have been in. You are the bravest person we've ever heard about. The girl you have married must be very lucky. We hope your successful recovery is better.
From: Talia, Sudanese
Amy, Chinese
Sam, Sudanese
Jude, Sudanese
Ethan, Sudanese
From: Khartoum American School

25/8/2022
Dear Salva,
We are: Michael, Tsmar, Gadi, Amir. We read your book and we find it really interesting. We are sorry you went through though. Time we have been through though. Times not as though as yours though. We hope you have a good life.
Sincerely Michael, Amir, Gadi and Tsmar.

CIS University Virtual Fair

KAS is committed to fulfilling its vision and mission to support students as they prepare for university. Part of that process is giving our high school students an opportunity to explore universities from around the world. Therefore, KAS participated in The Council of International School's Virtual University Fair on September 20th.

Students had the opportunity to speak to different university admission officers from around the world, also listened to testimonials of other international students studying abroad, and get more information about what it is like to study at universities in different part of the world. It is important that students make informed choices when they are engaged in post-secondary planning and we at KAS believe that in order for that to happen they need our support and encouragement as this process can be stressful and may be daunting. If you would like to speak further about your child's post-secondary planning, please feel free to reach out to me via email at sfrancis@krtams.org. It is always my pleasure to serve you and your children.

Kind Regards,
Ms. Francis

