

TRUNK NEWS

news from the trunk

Thursday, November 14, 2013



Elephants Triumphant at the Basketball Games!



MUN Conference @ KICS

Wednesday, November 20 - Saturday, November 23, 2013



Letter from the Principal, Susan Boutros

Dear parents,

It seems like only yesterday that I was writing the first newsletter of the school year and already we have started the second quarter. Time really does fly when there is so much going on. On that note, I would like to thank all the staff and students for their efforts in making this such a positive and purposeful school year so far.

The academic program is now in full swing. Apart from excellent teaching and learning taking place all around the school, students are also busy with other activities that are part of their educational program.

Our Gr. 10 and Gr. 11 students have sat for the PSAT. The PSAT is a multiple-choice test taken by about 3.4 million high school students every year—mostly sophomores and juniors. It is a great way to get some early practice for the SAT and get comfortable with standardized tests. The PSAT includes math, critical reading and writing questions.

Our Gr. 7 and Gr. 11 students are on a trip to Meroe. The trip takes place as part of their courses i.e. Social Studies 7 and African Studies respectively. The students have already studied the geography and history of the area. This is an excellent opportunity for students to truly understand what they are studying as it gives them a 'hands-on' learning experience.

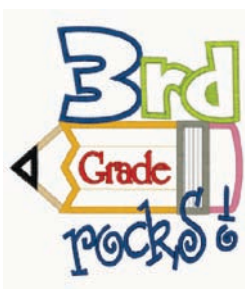
Our MUN students are getting ready for the KICS MUN VIII Conference that will take place at KICS on November 20-23. The eighth annual Model United Nations Conference will focus on the topic of "The Role of Humanitarian Action". I am sure that our students will do an excellent job of representing our school at the conference.

It is wonderful to see so many of our Elementary students engaged in their classes and leading the morning assemblies. It is also great to see them choosing from the wide and diverse range of after school and extra activities and classes.

On the lighter side, there is great excitement in the air amongst the middle school students who are planning their first dance of the year. Students and teachers are also excited as preparations for the annual International Potluck Dinner have started.

I greatly enjoy having the opportunity to talk to parents during Coffee Mornings every Thursday as well as morning drop off and pick up times. Please do come to the school during these times whenever you have the opportunity. If you would like to meet with us, please feel free to call the school and make an appointment. We would love to see you.

I hope that you all have a great weekend!



As an international school that promotes an ethos of internationalism it seems fitting that grade three started their year with a unit based on global citizenship. Global citizenship is a complex idea that takes our students beyond the knowledge of different cultures and attempts to instill a sense of empathy and sensitivity around their attitudes to others.

I look back at the place that I was raised in and I realize how lucky the children at KAS are to grow up in an environment that is so culturally diverse. I was so impressed with the way my students understand the broader community that they are a part of. We finished our unit with an afternoon of public speaking. All students got up and spoke in front of a proper audience for the first time and they all did amazingly! We have a student who began speaking English two months ago, we have students who are very new to the school, we have students who's second language is English and we have students who I know where a little apprehensive. It was so inspiring to see them all display a confidence far beyond my expectations.

Through this activity I hope that grade three have learned the importance of practice, self-confidence and dealing with constructive criticism.

John Charrington
Grade 3 Teacher



English Sayings...



Ignorance Is Bliss is used to suggest that lack of knowledge equals lack of concern. Originally the phrase alluded to the innocence of youth described in 1747 by Thomas Gray in his poem 'Ode On A Distant Prospect Of Eton College' in the lines 'Thought would destroy their paradise / No more where ignorance is bliss / 'Tis folly to be wise'. The context Gray uses for the word ignorance is one of limited knowledge rather than the impoliteness or arrogance with which the word can also be associated.



WELCOME TO THE KNOWLEDGE ZONE

The KAS library has been busy because most of the students are active readers. It would be wonderful to see more students and even parents coming in and using all the available resources to them. The library provides books, periodicals, audio books, DVDs, computers and of course there is an amazing board games corner. Come and check out our awesome chess games, we have good players too!

A note to the parents: We have a section only for the adults. The books in this section were donated to the school. You are most welcome to check them out. Please feel free to stop by the library anytime during the school day the library is open everyday from 7:00am to 3:00pm except on Tuesdays when we close at 2:00pm.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please don't hesitate to see me or email me. It would be great to hear your opinions and suggestions to improve our library.

*Alia Mahmoud, Librarian
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Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce the PTA Bake Sale which will be held on Thursday, November 21st during lunch time (11:31-12:30 pm). The PTA is inviting you to make a contribution in the form of a cake or another culinary sweet specialty so as to make this special day a sweet success for our students. You can simply send your homemade treats with your child the day of the Bake Sale. The treats may be dropped off at the kiosk.

Suggestions: brownies, cookies, pancakes, cakes, cupcakes, donuts, etc.



The Basketball Tournament at KICS

Under the sweltering heat of Khartoum, the KAS Sports basketball teams competed in this year's final Basketball tournament on the 7th of November. The tournament started with a dropped ball, a fumbled pass, and an ill-timed jump, but towards the end it was sheer brilliance.

All the teams played with great spirit. Dressed in their KAS uniforms our teams looked sharp and moved and seemed very upbeat. They have a lot of talent, and great skill on the court. The KAS supporters enjoyed seeing them play, and they were fun to be around. After seeing them play, Grade 1 teacher Mrs. Andurette vd Merwe said, "The KAS Basketball teams were very entertaining in addition to exposing us to awesome basketball. KAS ROCKS"

Thank you to all teams that participated and especially the team coaches:

- Miss Erika, Mr. John, Mr. Yonas and Mrs. Dusica
- Our parents and teachers Mr. Joel, Miss Jocelyn, Miss Aya and Mrs. Andurette for their support.
- Students from KAS.

Our girls' teams made a clean sweep at the tournament, well done!

RESULTS:

U/15 Girls

KAS vs. Unity 8-0
KAS vs. Nile Valley 6-0
KAS vs. KICS 8-0

U/18 Girls

KAS vs. KICS 8-2

U/18 Boys

KAS vs. KICS 6-8

U/12 Boys

KAS vs. Unity A 2-6
KAS vs. KICS A 6-4
KAS vs. Unity B 10-2
KAS vs. KICS B 12-2

U/15 Boys

KAS vs. KICS 2-6
KAS vs. Unity 2-8



Didn't mean to scare ya mate. MATE?



+ Mr. C's Amazing Math Contest

Elementary School Math problems:

Kindergarten: Complete the pattern:
8, 8, 5, 8, 8, 5, 8, _____, _____

Grade 1: Which of these numbers are odd?
14, 17, 13, 8, 3, 20

Grade 2: Using the numbers 7, 9, and 16, can you make two addition and two subtraction problems that belong to this Fact Family?

Grade 3: Explain what perimeter means. Explain what area means.

Grade 4: Circle the numbers below that are square numbers:
64, 13, 42, 49, 9, 25, 31, 16, 54

Grade 5: Did you know that we use 14 muscles when we smile? If the entire Grade 5 class of 14 students are smiling, how many muscles are being used? Please show work.

Middle School Math problem:

If a pizza with a 10 inch diameter is cut in 5 pieces and two pieces are eaten, then what is the area of the remaining pieces?

High School Math problem:

Solve the equation $|x-3|-|x+2|<11$

Solutions from the last week: Kindergarten: 1, 2; **Grade 1:** 60; **Grade 2:** 96, 106, 116, 117; **Grade 3:** Sides of 11 & 1, 10 & 2, 9 & 3, 8 & 4 or 7 & 3; **Grade 4:** RULE: +35, MISSING NUMBERS: 1835, 1905; **Grade 5:** 24 fish; **Middle School:** 144; **High School:** $(x+2)^2-5$;



Last Week's Winners

Elisa, (Pre-K), Danny (Kindergarten), Mariam (Grade 1), Reeda (Grade 2), Su Hnin Htet (Grade 3), Youssef(Grade 4,, Tawfeeg (Grade 5).



Junior Varsity Soccer

Our greatly anticipated U/15's Soccer Try-Outs were held last Sunday. The boys were split up into teams of seven and each team was given a twenty- minute slot to display their skills, fitness and enthusiasm.

All of the boys played hard and the games were played with each player down to a man showing mutual respect for each other. Well-done lads! There were some great moments and great goals paving the way for what looks like being an exciting season ahead.

Our U/15 practices will take place every Sunday from 2.00-3.00 pm and more sessions may be introduced before the big game at KICS on the 5th of December.

HA'WAY THE LADS!

