

FUN NEWS

news from the trunk

Thursday, ¹⁸September 18, 2014



The
BOOK FAIR
was great FUN!

KAS

BAKE SALE Thursday, September 25, 2014



Letter from the Superintendent, Dr. Robert Beck

Dear Parents,

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING SAFETY AND SECURITY AT KAS!!

SAFETY is of the highest priority for our students, for our staff and for you.

When children and adults come to the KAS campus, we want everyone who is permitted to be on the campus to know we are taking the maximum precautions to provide a safe school environment. And, we want the members of the larger community (community members who may not be current members of the KAS school family) to understand that KAS is very serious about safety at all times.

Toward that end we have and will be putting into place **strict regulations, for example, on the entry of vehicles and individuals** who wish to enter the campus. In an E News message from me earlier this year, I wrote that all cars of KAS parents or guardians **must show their KAS security sticker**. Please be advised that starting this **SUNDAY**, September 21st if a car does not display the KAS security sticker it will **not be permitted to enter the campus**. If you need a sticker you can pick one up from the administration office.

An additional strict security measure will be the requirement that all adults (parents and KAS staff) show a KAS issued ID before they are permitted to enter the campus. We will send more information about the KAS IDs as the IDs are developed.

We ask for your full cooperation and understanding in the implementation of these strict security measures. Although there are some who may feel this is an unnecessary inconvenience, experience tells us that such prevention and proactive actions are indeed very important and necessary.

Thank you and have a pleasant weekend.



Letter from the Early Childhood Center & Elementary School Principal, Phil Centers

Dear KAS Community,

A book is a special thing. It's like a seed. Within its small space is contained hundreds or thousands of words that are strung together like pearls on a string. These words, the order that they are strung in sentences, paragraphs, and chapters, stimulate our imagination like little else in the world can do. They open worlds in our imagination that would have remained dormant in us without the power of the word. Like a seed, these imaginations grow into something strong in our lives. From the example of the worlds we access through our imaginations, from the stimulation of books, along with the examples of the living people in our lives, we construct the edifice of our characters. We decide what is noble for us, and how we want to be noble like that as well, like the best people we have known, and the best people we have heard about, and the best people and the most wonderful stories and worlds we have read about.

A good book is a treasure because we treasure it. We know a book will be a treasure for us when we see it and walk away from it and afterwards we can't stop thinking about it. We know that we want to have that book, either to borrow it from the library or from a friend, or to purchase it so it can be part of our own library or treasure of books. That book tells us something about the world that we want to know through reading about it, and we want to remember it by being able to read about it again and again, as often as we like. So our books, the ones we have taken time to read, especially more than once, and the once we have taken the trouble to purchase to have in our personal libraries or treasure houses of books, are extensions of ourselves. We can tell a lot about a person from the books we notice in their libraries.

Because a book is a special thing, because a book is a seed, because a book is a treasure, it is always a wonderful thing to be around good books. They call to us. A good bookstore or book sale or library is like a symphony of songs singing to us. I can spend hours in a good bookstore just admiring the ingenuity of the authors who have imagined and/or researched the stories surrounding me in such a place, admiring the quality of the craftsmanship that went into editing and illustrating and printing and binding these gifts to humanity. This admiration renews my joy at being a member of the human race.

We have had such a symphony of songs of books on our campus this week at our Scholastic Book Fair. I took time, only a few minutes that I was able to spare but it was enough, to admire the books on the tables and stands, and walked away. One book about big cats called me back, and I purchased it. It clarified for me my understanding of big cats that was only partial before, and is of course still only partial but is more complete and clear than it was. Stop by my office and take a look at this book and at the other one I purchased on the life of the first African-American to play baseball in the American Major Leagues – Jackie Robinson. Let's pass the book passion on to our children!

HOMERWORK

HELP CENTER

Middle/High School Principal, Susan Boutros

Dear Students,

Do you need help getting started on a homework assignment or project? Do you need help studying for a quiz or a test? Do you want to discover ways to do research better and faster, so you can improve your grades and spend less time doing homework?

Visit our Homework HELP CENTER!

- **When:** Sunday, Monday and Wednesday 2:15-3:00pm
- **Where:** Khartoum American School Library
- **Who:** This service is provided for all middle and high school students.
- **How:** A Math teacher, an English teacher and a Learning Support Teacher are available at every session.

Homework HELP CENTER staff can assist you with:

- Assignment Comprehension
- Study Strategies
- Organizational Ideas
- Research Skills
- Test Preparation
- Reading and Writing Support

Visit the Homework Help Center if you need help with any of the above or you can just drop in and work on your homework independently in a quiet, supportive environment.



GREEN LIGHTENING STRIKES!



The high school Global Issues 2 class is all geared up to revive the Campaign for a Greener Khartoum! So far, we have been planning our activities till the end of Quarter 1. Students have brainstormed a number of ideas to “green” our campus with two main focus points: Awareness building and Composting/Gardening. As part of a project-based learning class, students learn practical project management, communication, leadership and problem solving skills, within the broader context of serving our school community. We expect to collaborate with the High School Student Council, GOAL leaders, and other staff members in order to implement our goals. A suggestion box is available in the Social Studies classroom for anyone with awesome (and realistic) ideas to make our school more environmentally friendly and reduce our carbon footprint. We welcome your ideas and support, and expect the students aka the “Green Lightening” team to strike next week!

Rhona Bhuya
HS/MS Social Studies Teacher

English saying


NAMBY PAMBY

is a phrase used to emphasise weakness and childish manner in an adult. The original Namby Pamby was the poet Ambrose Philips (1674-1749), a fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge. Philips had achieved success with both *The Distrest Mother* (1712) and his later adaptation of Racine’s *Andromaque*, but his infantile language was ridiculed by the great poets of his day. It was Henry Carey who bestowed on Philips the nickname ‘Namby Pamby’ because his verses were addressed mainly to babies, and it was quickly adopted as part of the English language.

Minette van der Bijl


MR. MANN'S MATH MINUTE

Elementary School Math problems:

- KG Draw a triangle, a rectangle and a heart.
- Grade₁ 10,5,7,1,8,4,9,2,3,6.
- Grade₂ Write the digital time for the time shown on the analog clock: 
- Grade₃ What is 7×7 , 6×8 and 9×7 .
- Grade₄ What is the unit of measure for the size of an angle? What symbol is used?
- Grade₅ Is 552 divisible by 6? Explain the divisibility rule for the number 6.



Last week's solutions:

- KG. ☆ ○ □ , G1. (9,6,3,16,19) , G2. 
- G3. (64) , G4. (1,2,4,5,8,10,20,40),
- G5. G $\begin{matrix} D \\ / \\ S \end{matrix}$

Last weeks WINNER'S are!

- KG. Ecenur
- G1. Dave
- G2. Alan
- G3. Huthaifa
- G4. Faiza
- G5. Adam



KAS VS UNITY

Basketball Games @ Unity High School

- Monday September 22, 2014 Gr. 7-12 @ Unity
- Wednesday September 24, 2014 Gr. 5-6 and Gr. 7-9 @ Unity


Join us at the GAMES to CHEER on our **KAS** Athletes




Ross's Rebus

LOOKING @ 2 C UR ANSWERS!


Elementary Rebus



Middle & High Rebus



Teacher's Rebus



- Last week's solutions:
Elem: Raining cats and dogs
MS/HS: Student council
Teachers: Saved By The Bell
- Last week's WINNERS are!
Elem: Saba gr. 5