

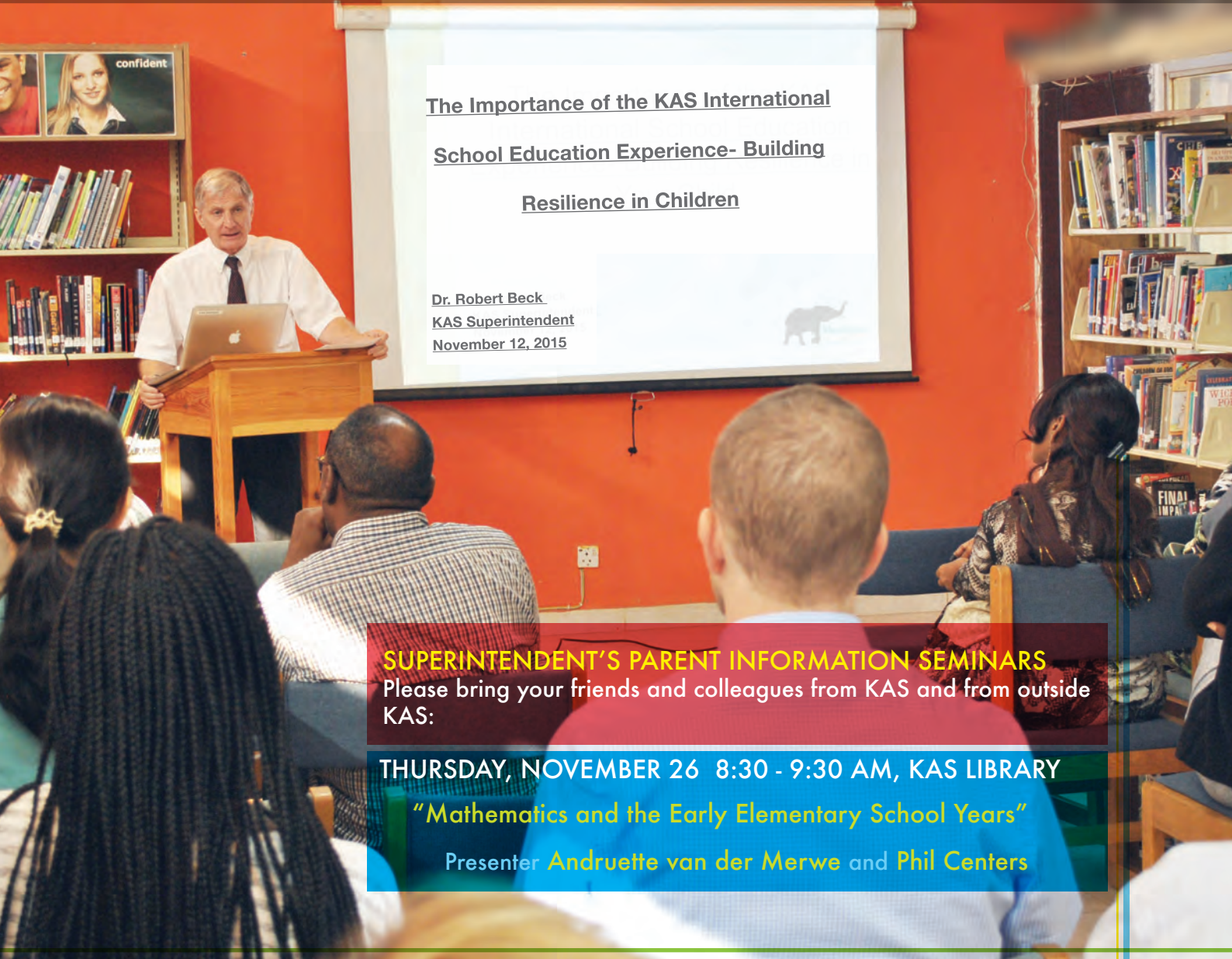
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SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT INFORMATION SEMINARS CONTINUE!



The Importance of the KAS International
School Education Experience- Building
Resilience in Children

Dr. Robert Beck
KAS Superintendent
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SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT INFORMATION SEMINARS

Please bring your friends and colleagues from KAS and from outside KAS:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 8:30 - 9:30 AM, KAS LIBRARY

"Mathematics and the Early Elementary School Years"

Presenter **Andruette van der Merwe** and **Phil Centers**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At today's KAS Superintendent's Parent Information Seminar I spoke about 'The Importance of the KAS International School Experience-Building Resilience in Your Child'. I would like to share some of the main points made at the presentation.

I asked, 'Exactly what is happening to your child's developing personality as a result of the KAS international school experience?' Research shows that by attending a quality international school with children and families who represent many different nationalities and cultural backgrounds, and a school that is dedicated to providing an open minded inquiry based approach to learning, positive personality characteristics are developed in a child. Students in international schools are often referred to as Third Culture Kids (TCK). Their unique personalities become a mixture of elements of their own country's culture with elements of cultures from other countries.

Here are some of the positive personality characteristics and skills that our TCK's develop at KAS:

- resilience and adaptability
- strong cross-cultural communication skills
- an open minded "three dimensional" flexible world view
- greater maturity and 'wisdom'
- the ability to effectively collaborate and cooperate when working with others who are 'different'
- high emotional and interpersonal intelligence ('EQ')
- a caring and understanding attitude toward others (empathy)
- an optimistic "growth mind set" (see 'the glass as half full, not half empty')

I hope you attend our last Superintendent's Parent Information Seminar for this semester. It will take place on Thursday, November 26 at 8:30-9:30 AM in the KAS Library. At that time Ms. Andurette Van der Merwe and Mr. Phil Centers, a teacher in our Elementary School Division, will be presenting information on "How Young Children Learn Mathematics". Please invite your friends from KAS and from outside of KAS to attend. These Parent Information Seminars are free to all who wish to attend. Additional Superintendent's Parent Information Seminars will take place in the second semester.

I wish you a pleasant weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rob Beck
Superintendent

To Use Your Loaf means to show some common sense and intelligence. The origin for this is simple ~ 'use your loaf of bread', which is 'head' in cockney rhyming slang.

Somebody is **Larking About** they are playing around in a silly manner. There is a suggestion that the phrase is linked to skylarks, who frolic around in the sky on summer evenings, but the expression derives from the Middle English word 'Laik, which means to play and the Old English word 'Lac, meaning a contest. By the 18th century the word 'lark' was established as part of the English language meaning 'amusing adventure or escapade'.

MATH CORNER

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS!



Aya Ibrahim - Grade 2

Bashar Abdulhaq - Kindergarten

Samir Amir - Grade 1

Math Minute Questions and Answers

Q

Kindergarten

(Math minute challenge sheet sent home with Kindergarten students.)

Q

Grade 1

Make a number line from 0-20 by 1s. Then complete the following problems and show how you solved them by drawing the hops on the number line:
Start at 2. Count up 6 hops.
Where do you end up?
2 + 6 = ____
Start at 19. Count back 10 hops.
Where do you end up?
19 - 10 = ____

Q

Grade 2

Q: In the number 678, how many tens are there? How many ones are there?

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

At KAS we celebrate student achievement, this is why we have awards assemblies every quarter. On Wednesday, October 28, we had our First Quarterly Awards Assembly. Middle and high school students, parents and staff were here as we presented award certificates in the following categories, which align with the 4 C's of our Mission Statement:

Curriculum:

Golden Honor Roll - students received this award if they received all A's on their 1st Quarter report card.

Blue Honor Roll - students received this award if they received all A's and B's on their 1st Quarter report card.

Character/Citizenship/Community

Perfect Attendance - students received this award if they attended all days of school during the 1st Quarter.

Character Award - students received this award after being nominated by a teacher who feels the student has demonstrated good self-discipline, a positive self-image, and a strong sense of personal commitment and dedication to his/her own learning.

Citizenship Award- students received this award after being nominated by a teacher who feels the student has demonstrated the ability to reflect upon their own world and the world around them and is developing the skills required to make positive changes worldwide. Students who earn this award have shown the ability to embrace the diversity present at Khartoum American School and celebrate the fact that it makes us a richer school community.

Community Award - students received this award after being nominated by a teacher who feels the student has demonstrated he/she is a cooperative, communicative, productive, and responsible young adult who views themselves and our school as integral parts of the global community.

Congratulations to all the students who received award!

Susan Boutros
High School / Middle School Principal

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Integrity Passion Solidarity Discipline Respect

“Pressure is a Privilege”

Sport is about more than winning on the scoreboard. It's about helping you become better people who will succeed in life after you no longer participate in sports. Teams that qualify for the post-season are usually doing a lot right. The teams that play their best in the post-season usually keep doing what they've been doing. So even though we don't always compete in finals, let's keep doing the things that got us so far, the things a true positive competitor does.

Thought for the week:

“Don't make excuses make improvements” – Tyra Banks

Tennis great Billie Jean King said: “Pressure is a Privilege.” She meant that most athletes and teams don't get to play in games where a lot is at stake. Pressure can degrade performance when athletes focus on what-ifs rather than what they need to do – What if I mess up? What if we get beat?

If you get nervous, just focus on what you need to do next. Let the results of the game take care of themselves.

Reflection- Discussion Topics: What is your opinion about the statement that “pressure is a privilege”? Please submit your response at <http://goo.gl/forms/eKB65tvQ1h>

P. E. News

Participants learn about and practice how to invade another group's territory through a group basketball game. We ended this unit by playing an Inter-class basketball tournament.



Hanro van der Merwe
Athletic Director



2nd Graders Say the Darndest Things!

While processing with a student:

Me: Do you understand that it's not fair to everyone else on the spelling test if you spell the words in the air to help your friend?
 Student: (dejectedly) Yes.
 Me: What will you do next time to make a better choice?
 Student: Go to the zoo.
 Me: The zoo? What do you mean? What does that have to do with the spelling test.
 Student: There are lions and tigers there. Seems like fun. Seems like a better choice. I choose the zoo instead of the spelling test. Or math...can I choose the zoo instead of math some days?

While looking at graphic organizers:

Me: Do you know what these two circles together are called (referring to Venn Diagram)?
 Student: Two circles together.
 Me: Well, yeah, but what is it called?
 Student: Two Circles Together. You just told us. What's wrong with you?

While drawing a picture of someone shopping at the supermarket:

Me: Who is doing the shopping?
 Student: The mom. Of course it's the mom. It's always the mom.
 Me: What? Why does it HAVE to be the mom? (controlling...need...to go off on feminist rant at a 7 year old)
 Student: (nonchalantly) 'Cause the mom has all the money. The mom always makes all the money. Look at these shoes she bought herself! They are high, awesome, and expensive. She's shopping in them.

One student's conversation, out loud, with himself:

"Okay I'm done...mumbles...Oh! But I'm not going to say I'm done out loud. Oh! I just did. Okay. Well I'm done, but I'm not talking. Nope. Not saying anything. Because we're supposed to be working silently. This is a silent activity. I am being silent."


Working on self-control:

"Ms. Meyer! Ms. Meyer! Ms. Meyer!"
 (bouncing up and down)
 "I can only call on students who are raising their hands like scholars. It's, like, teacher rules." Call on other student.
 "Oh Ms. Meyer! Ms. Meyer! Ms. Meyer! I have a thing to say! It's a thing! I have to say it."
 "I promise I will call on you when you look like a scholar."
 Student sits for approximately 17 seconds, arm stretched out so far you can see his muscles straining, eyes bulging, looks like he's going to explode. I'm more worried that he's going to have some kind of aneurism than I am about him "sitting like a scholar."
 "Okay...what would you like to say?"
 "I have a question. No! Two questions! Actually...none of them are questions. They're just things to say. It might be three.
 Okay. You know the...the...the...the...the...(long pause)."
 "The?"
 "I forgot."

One student's declaration of aversion:

"Ms. Meyer. I don't like cheese. If there is anything with cheese on the menu, I will NOT order it. It's so not nice. I wouldn't eat it in a million million years."
 Me: Well, what are you eating right now?
 "Just cheese sticks."

ANNOUNCEMENTS




WARM hearts bodies

For those in need
 We will be collecting clothes and blankets from Sunday November 8th till Sunday November 29th please make sure the items are washed, folded and placed in bags with labels of size and gender.

THURSDAY
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 AT KHARTOUM AMERICAN SCHOOL

PLEASE SUPPORT THE PTA



BAKE SALE

PLEASE SEND BAKE SALE DONATIONS IN THE FORM OF CAKES, TARTS ETC.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



Ahmed one of our KAS staff members brought a selection of tree branches, flower stems, and shrub stalks for us to explore. We smelled lemon tree leaves, guessed what was inside a huge seed pod, and admired beautiful flowers. We really enjoyed it.

Sarah Boyer
 Preschool Teacher