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news from the trunk

Thursday, October 8th 2015

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTED



CONGRATULATIONS

OFFICERS!



Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents,

This past week secondary school students (grades 6-12) elected their student government officers for the 2015-2016 school year. We congratulate all the students who were elected, and we congratulate all the students who ran for election. Please see the letters in this E News from Susan Boutros, our High School/Middle School Principal, and from Leena Salih, Student Council Advisor. Their letters list the names of the new Student Council Officers.

Our curriculum is a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. It prepares students to enter highly selective universities throughout the world. Along with our rigorous program of studies, students also participate in quality extra-curricular programs that include sports and after-school activities. A 'value added' addition to our educational programs, and to our sports and after-school activities offerings, is the opportunity for students to assume leadership roles as Student Council Officers or as grade level representatives to the Student Council.

Taking on leadership roles in student government, and/or participating as a member of a Student Council sponsored activity, teaches students the 'art and science' of responsible leadership. That is why we are excited that KAS is a school that offers student government leadership opportunities. Student government gives practical meaning to our school's mission and vision of promoting the KAS C's of "Citizenship", "Community", and "Character". Well done and good luck this year to our Student Council for 2015 - 2016!

I wish you a pleasant evening and weekend.

Sincerely,

DR. ROBERT BECK
SUPERINTENDENT

Letter from the Middle and High School Principal

Congratulations to Student Council 2015 – 2016!



On Sunday, October 4, 2015, the middle and high school students and some elementary students attended the elections ceremony for the new High School Student Council. Only high school students voted for the Student Council.

This year we have one class representative for every grade level at the school. This will help the Student Council reach more students and relay the messages and desires of all Students to the Council.

Congratulations to the following students, who have been elected for this school year's student council:

PRESIDENT: IBRAHIM IBRAHIM GRADE 12
VICE PRESIDENT: HAMZA KAYANI GRADE 11
SECRETARY: ANIS SULAIMAN GRADE 10
TREASURER: SUMIN PARK GRADE 10
PUBLICIST: TALHA KAYAN GRADE 10

GRADE 9 CLASS REPRESENTATIVE: BERYL KEM-BUMBARA GRADE 9

GRADE 10 CLASS REPRESENTATIVE: TALHA KAYANI GRADE 10

GRADE 11 CLASS REPRESENTATIVE: HAMZA KAYANI GRADE 11

GRADE 12 CLASS REPRESENTATIVE: HIBA SALIH GRADE 12

Faculty advisor for the Student Council is Ms. Leena Salih. I would like to thank Ms. Leena for organizing the Student Council elections and for supporting the Student Council with their work.

We are looking forward to many exciting Student Council activities and events this school year.

SUSAN BOUTROS
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

**NEXT WEEKS MORNING COFFEE AND ASSEMBLY IS CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 14TH AT 8 AM**

Presenting your High School Student Council!

Congratulations once again to the members of the prestigious service organization called the Student Council! The High School Student Council is a student organization where members are formally elected by their peers to serve their school community and provide leadership for the student body. Here are the new members:

PRESIDENT: IBRAHIM IBRAHIM (GRADE 12)
VICE PRESIDENT: HAMZA KAYANI (GRADE 11)
SECRETARY: ANIS SULAIMAN (GRADE 10)
TREASURER: SUMIN PARK (GRADE 10)
PUBLICIST: TALHA KAYANI (GRADE 10)

GRADE 12 REPRESENTATIVE: HIBA SALIH (GRADE 12)
GRADE 11 REPRESENTATIVE: HAMZA KAYANI (GRADE 11)
GRADE 10 REPRESENTATIVE: TALHA KAYANI (GRADE 10)
GRADE 9 REPRESENTATIVE: BERYL KEMBUMBARA (GRADE 9)

These members will dedicate themselves to the following duties and responsibilities:

- Be a positive example to the school community in being helpful, courteous, and positive
- Provide an open forum whereby other students can address concerns and questions
- Liaise between the student body and faculty or administration once concerns and questions have been voiced
- Organize events to promote school spirit, leadership, and overall betterment of the community
- Participate in service projects to better their overall community
- Fundraise for their school activities to ensure it a success
We are so proud of these leaders and we look forward to a group that will:

**Serve with pride, Lead with confidence,
and Inspire to impact**

LEENA SALIH,
STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR,
LEARNING SUPPORT TEACHER



HIGH SCHOOL /MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

OCTOBER 14TH: PSAT FOR 10TH AND 11TH GRADERS

THE PSAT IS AN EXAM THAT HELPS STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE SAT, AN ASSESSMENT USED BY AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AS WELL AS SCHOOLS WORLD-WIDE FOR ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY. 10TH AND 11TH GRADERS HAVE ALREADY MET WITH THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CONTENT, FORMAT, AND IMPACT OF THIS TEST. PARENTS CAN BEST SUPPORT THEIR STUDENTS BY MAKING SURE THEY GET PLENTY OF SLEEP AND A GOOD BREAKFAST THE MORNING OF THE 14TH! SCORE REPORTS WILL BE RECEIVED IN NOVEMBER AND MADE AVAILABLE, WITH EXPLANATION, SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

FROM THE COUNSELOR

HELLO! I WILL BE USING THE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER EVERY MONTH TO PROVIDE UPDATES FOR PARENTS/FAMILIES AND SHARE ARTICLES, THOUGHTS, AND IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING THE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM. AS A PARENT, YOU ARE WELCOME TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT WITH ME ANYTIME ONLINE AT dworak.youcanbook.me TO DISCUSS SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL, ACADEMIC, OR COLLEGE AND CAREER COUNSELING TOPICS RELEVANT TO YOUR STUDENTS. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ALL THIS YEAR!

-DOUGLAS DWORAK, M.A.
HIGH SCHOOL /MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION SEMINARS FOR PARENTS

The Following Parent Information Seminars will be Presented in the library on the following days in October and November from 8:30-9:30 AM .Bring Friends from KAS and Outside of KAS.

- Thursday, October 22: "positive Parenting -How to help Your Child Succeed"
- Thursday, November 12: "The Importance of the KAS International School Experience - Building Resilience in Children"
- Thursday, November 26: "Mathematics and the Early Elementary School Years"

We Look Forward to seeing you at the Seminars!

DR. ROBERT BECK
SUPERINTENDENT

MATH MINUTE QUESTIONS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2015

Kindergarten

Q: DRAW A SHAPE THAT HAS NO CORNERS.
WRITE THE NAME FOR THIS SHAPE.

GRADE 1

Q: (THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS AS "MATH BOXES")

Grade 2

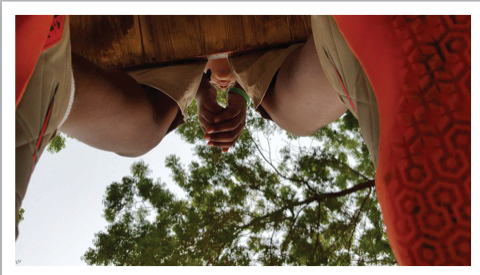
Q: WRITE YOUR OWN "CHANGE-TO-MORE" NUMBER STORY AND SOLVE IT!

Seeing Differently: Photography Exploratory Class

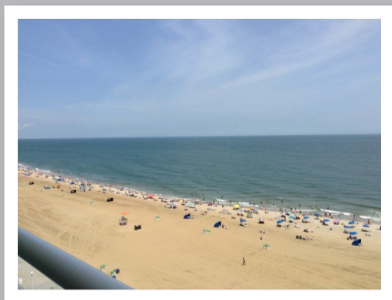
CHASE JARVIS IS AN AWARD-WINNING COMMERCIAL, ADVENTURE, AND FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHER WHO'S 2009 BOOK, THE BEST CAMERA IS THE ONE THAT'S WITH YOU, WENT A LONG WAY TOWARD CHANGING HOW PEOPLE THOUGHT ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHY. IT USED TO BE THAT EVERYONE THOUGHT THAT IN ORDER TO TAKE REALLY GOOD PICTURES ONE NEEDED A REALLY GOOD CAMERA. ALL THE PICTURES IN THE BEST CAMERA ... CHASE TOOK WITH HIS IPHONE, AND THEY ARE AMAZING. IT'S NOT THE CAMERA - IT'S KNOWING WHAT TO DO WITH IT THAT CHANGES A PICTURE FROM A SNAP-SHOT INTO A PHOTOGRAPH. IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY EXPLORATORY THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING, AND PRACTICING THE DESIGN CONCEPTS THAT WILL HELP THEM TAKE AMAZING PICTURES WITH THE CAMERA THAT IS ALMOST ALWAYS WITH THEM: THEIR PHONES. HERE ARE SOME OF THE RESULTS.



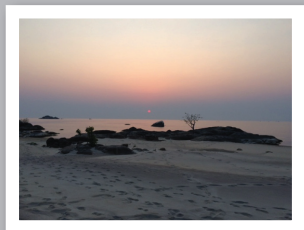
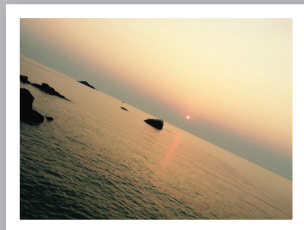
MOHANAD HANADELNIL USES DIAGONAL LINES AND THE RULE OF THIRDS TO PUNCH UP THIS PHOTO OF A BIRD ON A WIRE.



IN THIS SHOT, MOHANAD USES AN UNUSUAL POINT OF VIEW TO TAKE A PORTRAIT OF ONE OF HIS CLASSMATES



HERE TONY LUMEZI USES A COMBINATION OF HORIZONTAL AND DIAGONAL LINES TO PHOTOGRAPH THE VIEW OF THE BEACH OUTSIDE HIS HOTEL ROOM.



CHANGING THE POINT OF VIEW, AND TILTING THE CAMERA TO CHANGE THE HORIZON LINE FROM A STRONG HORIZONTAL TO A DIAGONAL, GIVES TWO VERY DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS TO A CLASSIC SHOT OF A SUNSET OVER THE OCEAN. BY ANZEL VAN DER MERWE.



USING EXPOSURE TO CREATE SILHOUETTES EMPHASIZES THE MOTION OF THE CHILDREN, NOT WHO THE CHILDREN ARE. PHOTO BY MARC J SCOTT.

LEARNING THE DESIGN RULES, OR GUIDELINES, THAT PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS, GRAPHIC DESIGNERS, AND ARTISTS USE TO CREATE POWERFUL WORKS WILL DO MORE FOR STUDENTS THAN JUST ALLOWING THEM TO BECOME BETTER PHOTOGRAPHERS, IT WILL ALLOW THEM TO SEE THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY.

MARC J SCOTT

MS / HS MATHEMATIC, 6 TH GRADE HOMEROOM, AND PHOTOGRAPHY TEACHER

Pre-K 2015-2016 (aka Dolphin Class)

Welcome to the Dolphin Class! In the first weeks of school we quickly became a close classroom community. We learned to trust and respect each other, to seek each other's help and company, and to acquire knowledge through play and inquiry. Some students were at KAS last year, others just joined KAS. In the Dolphin Class 9 nationalities are represented, each bringing cultural richness and diversity to our group.

Our enthusiastic students have already achieved several learning objectives. In the literacy domain, we have explored the first 4 alphabet letters. The students have learned the letter's name, the sound they make, and how to trace them. All the children can easily recognize their printed names, and many of them are able to independently write them on the morning attendance sheet.

In the numeracy domain the class has explored the numbers from 1 to 10 and the values that such numbers represent. We also enjoyed playing several counting and matching games. Colors and basic shapes were introduced through videos and songs, much to everybody's enjoyment when singing along while demonstrations their learning.

Arts & Crafts are an integral part of every school day; hands-on activities are a favorite engagement that enhances the students' self-confidence and contributes to the development of their fine motor skills. Gross motor skills have been supported by the numerous outdoor opportunities to climb, run, jump, balance and swim. Yesterday we went to the big pool for the first time and it was a big hit! A big thank you goes to the two coaches who were in the water with us, keeping the Dolphins safe while helping them to get comfortable in the pool.

You can follow the Dolphins progress through your Edmodo account. We will be posting information, articles, pictures, songs, clips, childrens, works and much more on a regular basis.

The Dolphin Class Team,

Ms. Ivana & Ms. Yeng