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Thursday, April 26, 2018



KAS CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

PLEASE NOTE: The Annual General Meeting and Board Elections of the KAS parents for the school year 2018 - 2019 will take place on May 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM at KAS.

Superintendent's Message

Tuition Fees for 2018-19 School Year

The KAS School Board voted to keep the tuition fees next year with no increase. Please read the letter to Parents from the Board in today's E News.

Annual General Meeting

KAS will hold its Annual General Meeting on Sunday May 13th at 6:30 pm. The agenda for this meeting will be:

Welcome – Superintendent Steve Alexander

Message from the Board – Board Vice-President Mohamed Suleiman

SPACIT – KAS Strategic Plan – Steve Alexander

Board Financial Report – Amin Elmaghrabi

Board Election Results

Biographical Information about Board Candidates will be in the next E News issue.

Parent Seminar – Thursday, May 3 after the morning assembly

The last parent seminar this year will be presented by Ms. Susan Boutros, our Middle School/High School Principal and Ms. Dina Shalash, our Curriculum Coordinator on MAP Testing. The Measure of Academic Practice is given twice a year to students at KAS. This seminar will give parents information about what this test measures and what we use it for.

Steve Alexander
KAS Superintendent

Letter from the Middle & High School Principal

Dear Parents,

The safety of our students is of the highest priority at Khar-toum American School. Therefore, we make every effort to ensure that all students are under appropriate supervision until they go back home to you at the end of their school day.

For that reason, we are concerned about students who are left at school after dismissal time or who are not picked up on time after school events. Another concern is regarding elementary students who come to school events without their parents. The school cannot provide supervision for students in these situations.

Younger children can feel confused and have a great deal of anxiety when they are not picked up on time, because they don't know why their parent was delayed. In addition, students who are not picked up on time usually feel very tired when they get home and find it difficult to focus on their homework thus falling behind in their studies. Students have to wait in the designated pick up area at the end of the school day. The heat at that time of the day may cause some serious health problems.

Parents, Please make sure that your children are picked up on time at the end of the school day and after school events. Thank you for your continued partnership and assistance in ensuring the safety of your children and supporting their learning and wellbeing.

Have a great weekend!

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal



Khartoum American School

A friendly, student-centered learning environment for the international community

April 23, 2018

Dear KAS Parent Community,

At its meeting on April 22, 2018, the KAS School Board set the school budget for the 2018-19 school year. The Board determined that there will be no tuition increase in fees for the 2018-19 school year.

The Board also set the following fee paying conditions for the 2018-19 school year:

1. No Fee increases.
2. All fees should be paid In U.S. dollars. Either cash or bank transfer to the school's account in the US. However, up to 10% of the total fees can be paid in Sudanese Pounds with a surcharge of 20% over the Bank of Sudan the commercial rate.
3. 25% of school fees must be paid before September 1, 2018 or within 10 days after enrollment after the start of the school year.
4. After December 31, 2018 there will be a 10% late charge on all unpaid fees.
5. All fees must be paid by May 1, 2019.
6. No local banks U.S. dollar checks will be accepted.

The Board will present a financial report at the Annual General Meeting on May 13 at 6:30 pm to be held at KAS.

If you have any questions concerning fee payment please contact the Superintendent or the Business Manager.

Sincerely,

Superintendent
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Preschool has fun with Math



Even for young children, Math is more than just a numbers game. Preschoolers may learn about Math through a variety of pathways, but by age 3 or 4 a child usually has a good grasp of basic concepts such as numbers and number sense. Researchers are recognizing that effective Math instruction in the early years can be key to later success in developing number sense and subsequent achievements. They have also found that young children are, by nature, curious about Math. Early Math learning is like assembling a jigsaw puzzle, with children mastering its concepts in no set sequence but still managing to assemble the complete picture over time. Because young children learn by doing, the preschool classroom is filled with opportunities to learn and practice number and counting skills through concrete, hands-on activities that work best with this age group. Lately our class has a lot of fun engaging in the Dice Tournament, a lively activity that showed the many levels of knowledge that our young students have achieved about Mathematical concepts. The students were able to recognize a numeral and understand the idea of spatial relationships. The Dice Tournament was a multi-step game. All children had to roll a die, count the dots, find the right numeral, and stick it to the poster next to their name.



Ivana Turchetto

Pre-School Teacher/Early Childhood Coordinator

Vroom! Vroom! Vroom!



The Pre-K Dragons have taken over the roadways. We had a culminating activity for our Transportation and Building units out on the large soccer pitch. We had handmade buildings, blocks, books, bikes and scooters-some brought from home, wagons, and.... donkey rides and rickshaw rides! We studied different forms of transportation from around the world and chose those two to experience in Sudan. We had traffic signs to keep us safe and buildings were available to assemble your own town. The highlight of the experience was the rickshaw rides especially going over the speed bumps as some of our students had not been in a rickshaw before. This is our final culminating activity before our graduation performance on May 24 after the Thursday Assembly.

Sarah Boyer

Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

Saying of the Week

To **Knuckle Under** means to submit and admit defeat. In the late 17th century when arguments raged in the drinking taverns of London, there was a custom that when a person admitted defeat he would knock the underside of a table with his knuckle. There is also a suggestion dating from the same time that are-knuckle prize-boxers would keep their fists down, with their knuckles under their hands, when they no longer wanted to fight, and to have them up facing and opponent when they did. Over the years this phrase has also corrupted to **'buckle under'**.

Minette van der Bijl

High School English Department