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Wednesday, August 24, 2017



**Dear Parent,**  
Please be informed that there will be no school on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. The makeup day for this school day will be on Monday, April 9, 2018. We will assign a replacement day soon and let you know.

Steven Alexander  
KAS Superintendent

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT SEMINAR- **"SAFE GUARDING OUR CHILDREN"**, presented by **Mr. Steve Alexander** Thursday, September 28, 8:30am - 9:30am, KAS Library. **Bring your friends from KAS or from outside of KAS!**



**High School Student Council Elections**

# Superintendent's Message

## School Cancellation

The Government of Sudan has declared that Thursday, September 20, 2017 will be a public holiday and all schools should be closed. We apologize for the short notice that was given to us. **The makeup day for this school day will be on Monday, April 9, 2018.** This day was originally part of a 4 day weekend and will now be used as a makeup school day.

## Parent / Teacher Conferences

KAS will host parent/teacher conferences on Wednesday, October 11, 2017

**Elementary and ECE conferences will be from 12:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Parents with children in Nursery through Grade 5 must sign up online through a link that will be sent to you next week to schedule a conference time. Parents of students in grades 6 through 12 may attend the open meeting format from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.**

## Annual General Meeting Notification

The Khartoum American School will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, October 11th starting promptly at 7 pm in the quad area at the school. This meeting replaces the AGM that did not take place last May during the last school year. This meeting will follow Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 11, which will end at 7 pm. It is important that as many parents as possible attend this meeting. At this meeting parents will elect four members to each serve two-year terms on the School Board. Each parent is allowed one

vote. There are no proxy votes for this election.

Any parent wishing to run for election to be on the School Board must have at least one child enrolled in school at the time of this election and must be in good financial standing with the school.

Parents who would like to be candidates for this election **must file a declaration, a written statement for candidacy 14 days before the election. The declaration must be sent to the KAS Superintendent in writing before September 26, 2017 at 4:00 pm to be placed on the ballot.** Candidates must also write a paragraph describing why they would like to serve on the Board and a paragraph with personal information. This should also be sent to the Superintendent before September 26 at 4:00 pm. The candidate list and information will be published in the weekly edition of the school newspaper, ENews. Candidates will give a short speech prior to the vote at the AGM.

If you have any questions about this, please contact me.

Parent Seminar – September 28

The first parent seminar date will be held on Thursday, September 28 at 8:15 in the Library. The topic will be Safeguarding KAS children – KAS plan to make our school safe for everyone.

**Steven Alexander**  
KAS Superintendent

# High School Student Council Elections

Hello KAS Community!

High School Student Council Elections were held on Sunday and the results are in! The council will be attending a Leadership Retreat on campus this Saturday, September 23rd to gain leadership skills and set goals for the year ahead. Our Middle School Representative Council will also be attending. While HS students are elected into their positions, MS Students have the option of choosing the council as their Sunday Hear the Herd activity to gain leadership skills and organize events and initiatives for their fellow classmates.

Stay tuned for next week's newsletter to see pictures and reflections from the retreat.

Here are the MS and HS council members. Please congratulate them if you see them around campus!

## **Middle School Students:**

### **Grade 6:**

Mohamed Osman  
Reeda Elmaghrabi  
Assad Burrell  
Yousra Ali Karar

### **Grade 7:**

Elli Riziq  
Himanshu Mallik

### **Grade 8:**

Haneen Elmahdi  
Lina Fadl

## **High School Students:**

### **President:**

Samir Elgadal - Grade 12

### **Vice President:**

Omnia Alzein - Grade 12

### **Secretary:**

Talha Kayani - Grade 12

### **Treasurer:**

Omar Moustafa - Grade 11

### **Publicist:**

Sumaya Elmahdi - Grade 11

### **Grade 12 Class Representative:**

Mohamed Ibrahim Ibrahim

### **Grade 11 Class Representative:**

Omar Moustafa

### **Grade 10 Class Representative:**

Fawzia Omer

### **Grade 9 Class Representative:**

Tawfeeg Hadra

**Mrs. Dina Shalash** - High School Student Council Adviser

**Mrs. Leena Salih** - Middle School Student Representative Council Adviser





## Wrong Answers? Great Learning!

What if I told you that failure is just as important as success? What if I told you to encourage your child/student to fail? The famous basketball player, Michael Jordan, stated that,

**“I’ve failed over and over  
and over again in my life.  
That is why I succeed.”**

As one of the most successful basketball players and entrepreneurs in history, Michael Jordan missed more than 9,000 shots, lost almost 300 games and missed 26 winning shots his team trusted him to make. However, every failure he encountered gave him room to grow and improve.

The same can be said for our students. To be a successful student, they need to learn from their failures. Research has shown that making mistakes in math class is a very important part of the learning process! When a student makes a mistake, that is an opportunity for them to develop a stronger understanding. As a matter of fact, students learn more from making mistakes than from getting all the right answers. This can be applied to anything a student partakes. Mistakes are what allow our students to improve their critical thinking skills and their overall academic performance. So, let them fail and make mistakes, that is why they will succeed.

**Leena Salih**  
Student Support Services

## Saying of the Week

If you **Lambast** someone, they are on the receiving end of a very severe rebuke or reprimand. Emanating from the Old Norse word 'lamia' meaning 'to make lame', the phrase entered the English language as 'Lam' meaning 'to beat soundly'. 'Baste' is the Old Norse word for 'thrash', or 'flog', and over time the two words have connected to provide the phrase in use today.

**Minette van der Bijl**  
High School English Department



**Have something to say? Of course you do and we would love to hear it in our September meeting on Thursday the 28th at 8:30 am**



## ANNOUNCEMENT

**KAS Pool will be open  
tomorrow from 8:00 pm -  
9:00 pm**