



Thursday Feb. 4, 2010

What's Up at KAS



"I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."
-Edward Everett Hale



Over the past few weeks, the middle school has been working on a Journalism Unit in Language Arts. During this time a devastating earthquake in Haiti struck, causing mass chaos and havoc. While reading about others' altruistic acts, my 7th grade class posed the question, "Why don't WE do something to help?" So, we've decided to do just that! We're raising funds to help those in Haiti.

Last weekend students, teachers and friends of KAS donated their personal items to be sold at the annual bazaar. With enormous generosity, we were able to raise over 2,000 SDG! Thank you to all who helped to make this a huge success!

We're continuing our fund-raising efforts with a bake sale co-sponsored by the grade 7 and high school student council. Stay tuned for more about our school-wide efforts to bring Hope for Haiti!

If you would like to make a personal contribution to the Hope for Haiti fund, there is a donation box in the main office. All proceeds will go to help with the recovery effort in Haiti.

Pumpkin, the new KAS donkey, arrived last Thursday with a celebration led by the 4th and 1st grade students. It was a celebration of all their hard work and research they had done over the past few months. She is still getting used to her new home and lifestyle, but she loves company and friends. Please go over and visit her and pat her, but we do ask that students are accompanied by an adult. A few tips when you visit Pumpkin:

- * Please approach her quietly and slowly, you don't want to startle her.
- * Stay away from the back of her.
- * Make sure she can see you.
- * And approach with your hand down so she can sniff you before you pat her.

She is going to take a little while to get used to all of us, but persevere, she needs friends and company. We are all very excited by our newest KAS member.



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 7 - 12: ACER/ISA Testing (Grades 3 - 9)

February 15, Monday: Early Dismissal(11:00AM) Teacher Professional Development

March 2, Tuesday: 11th Grade College Night Program (7:00PM)

March 2-4: Middle School Musical Play

March 15, Monday: Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 25 - April 5: Spring Break

LEARNING CENTER NEWS

The mission of the R.E.A.D. program is to improve the literacy skills of children through the assistance of therapy teams as literacy mentors. These teams include Pumpkin (our donkey) and various teachers.

The Reading Education Assistance Donkey (R.E.A.D.) program improves children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to a donkey. But not just any donkey. Our R.E.A.D. donkey is working on being a registered therapy animal. Pumpkin is only two years old, so she is learning with us and is already a great reading companion for our students.

R.E.A.D. is one of those ideas that pierces the mundane to arrive at the marvelous.

*R.E.A.D. was first launched in 1999 as the first comprehensive literacy program built around the appealing idea of reading to dogs, and the program has been spreading rapidly and happily ever since!



SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

Last Friday, January 29, five students from KAS competed in the annual KICS Invitational Cross Country meet out at the KICS stables in Soba. The results from the race are in and the students did extremely well, with everyone breaking their personal best times during the competition. A BIG thank you to the coaches, Ms. Colston and Mr. Connelly.

Here are the results:

5K race- boys

4K race- girls

Mohamed Kamal Salih - 1st Place, 21:34

Yusra Bint Wahab -3rd Place, 26:54

Xian Li Fu - 2nd Place, 22:50

4K race- boys

3K race-girls

Dimitrius Rodrigues -2nd Place, 19:57

Anna Li, 1st Place, 14:50

TAKE THE STRESS AND WORRY OUT OF RAISING YOUR CHILD

There will be a presentation and discussion by Mr. Dave Zakem, the KAS Early Childhood team leader. The presentation includes: guiding the use of TV and computers; food and eating issues; avoiding power struggles; the truth behind lying; difficulties with friends and peers; setting and keeping reasonable limits; difficult but normal stages of development; guiding teenagers, and good toys, bad toys. The presentation will be given twice on Monday, February 8 and Tuesday, February 9 promptly at 7:30 PM in the preschool room. Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends. The presentation is free of charge. Childcare is not available.

SPORTS NEWS

Soccer Highlights this week

This week both U14 and U19 boys and girls teams travelled to KICS to play. The U14 boys played well but did not have their regular goalie and ended up losing to KICS. The U19 boys played very well against KICS, but could not pull out a win, losing 4-2 in the end.

The U14 girls came out strong and played very well to beat KICS 4-1 with a hat trick by Amna Al-Hammadi, while the other goal was scored by Deena Elomarabi. Goal keeper Aini Zabuddin made many great saves for the team. Way to go girls! Next week the girls play on Wednesday against Nile Valley.

The U19 girls played well with great passing and lots of shots, but fell short 3-1 against KICS, with the goal being scored by Almaha Al-Hammadi. Next week the U19 girls play a rematch against KICS at home starting at 3:00pm on Sunday.

Yearbook Student Pics

The photographer will be here next week on Monday, Feb. 8, 2010, at 9:15AM to take pictures for those students who missed the general picture taking.

