



# Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

The school has taken on a very different look this year and the massive changes to the facilities at KAS have definitely enhanced the school and made a dramatic impact upon the lives of our students. Whenever a school embarks upon a makeover such as this, a situation analysis takes place and, in our instance, the prevailing high temperature in Sudan was the overriding factor that was taken into consideration. As such, it would be fair to say that many of our projects have been undertaken to basically "beat the heat".

The most stunning of these is our newly completed Basketball area which has transformed the school in terms of being a hub for students to exercise during and after school. The difference in temperature between the court before it was covered and now is massive, to the point where Basketball is now vying with Soccer as the sport of choice for most students.

Our school made a crucial switch at the end of last year whereby our classrooms moved from using air-coolers to using air-conditioners. This was seen as a big step at the time and this year we are looking to expand on this further. Last week, additional air-conditioners were added to each room and once the new transformer is in place each room will be serviced by two and, sometimes, three units. The wait for our transformer has been agonizingly slow but we are hopeful that this delay has been reduced to a matter of days.

As I am sure that you are aware, the swimming pool project is well underway with phase one, the actual digging of the pool, completed. We will be keeping people posted over the coming weeks as to the progress, and we have a display board in the administration block with plans and pictures that will, hopefully, wet our appetites leading up to the grand opening. We have looked to make this pool as multi-purpose as possible and, as such, everyone has their own perspective as to how they will enjoy it. Some people are obviously looking forward to getting fit and swimming laps, while novice swimmers are looking forward to learn-to-swim classes and I am sure that most of our students are keen to add an extra dimension to their PE lessons. Personally I am looking forward to seeing our families enjoy the pool on the weekends and watching this new facility bring us even closer together as a community.

One big change over the last week was the resurfacing of our Early Childhood playground. Gone is the clay, dirt surface and now the soft, spongy, blue and green tiling allows for happier thrills and spills, while also reducing the dirt factor for all who play there. Our new rubber tiles are also much more pleasing on the eye and from the feedback from our many Nursery and Pre-Schoolers they have been a success all-round.

For years we have all taken great pride in our school, and this pride has grown thanks to all those people who have contributed towards making our campus truly beautiful.

Have a great weekend!

# Letter from the Susan Boutros, Middle and High School Principal

Dear Parents,

It was a great pleasure seeing so many of you on Tuesday for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Conferences are an important component of ongoing home—school communication. It was really good that you met and spoke with us and I am certain that your child will benefit greatly from the cooperation between the teachers and parents. If you are unable to come to school on Parent – Teacher Conferences day, please contact the school to arrange an alternative meeting time.

Report Cards will be going home in two weeks, which will give you another chance to follow up in your child's progress in school. Please continue to talk with your child about his or her progress in school. Your involvement in your children's education is vital to their success.

Have a great weekend!



### Message from the French Department

A lot has been going on in the 3rd and 4th grade French classroom. The children are playing dress up in class and are talking about what they are wearing and what actions (putting on, taking off etc) they are doing in French. They pick up a garment and name it and are also matching the words with pictures. This week we are learning about the 4 different seasons, different weather expressions and what clothes they should wear for each season.

Students in all the French classes from Grades 3 to grade 12 were amazed to discover that they had a lot in common with the children in France. In learning about French culture the students learned about the games they play in the playground, rhymes they sing as they play. I will ask your child to practice some of the expressions and the poems at home too.



Please check out the Enewsletter on our website www. krtams.org to read these students' work in full.



### Message from the Arabic Department

### تحرير وتقديم الخبر Editing and Presenting News Article

Over the past few weeks, with the supervision of Mr. Adani, the grade 11 and 12 Arabic class has been working rigorously on a journalism based activity. Divided in two groups, each group researched an article of their choice and has been working to prepare a mini news report. In order to do so, each group has been working to meticulously paraphrase the article working towards the production of a mini- news report that will be filmed and presented in the nature of a news report. Like a quintessential news report, these news-reports are being presented in Classic (Fus7a) Arabic. Even though each of us has different capabilities in Arabic, it has been a challenge even for those of us who are at higher levels. Overall, it was an enjoyable learning experience. That being said, happy news-hour!

By Miraaj Yousif, Grade 12 Student





In past issues, a list of 40 developmental assets for adolescents was shared together with some ideas for implemention the assets were shared.

As promised, here is the link for a list of assets for children in middle childhood (8-12yrs) is http://www.search-institute.org/system/files/40Assets\_MC\_0.pdf

Asset number 37 reads: "Personal power - Child feels he or she has some influence over things that happen in her or his life." An easy way to accomplish this is to give your child choices. Chicken or beef for dinner? Homework at 3:00 or 4:00? Make sure the choices are both choices you can live with. Having chosen, your child will be more inclined to follow through.





Here are the winne (5 from last week: Yann Grade 1, Youssef Grade 2, Hazim Grade 3, Arif Grade 4, Gianandrea Grade 5, Tala Grade 8 and Xianli Grade 12. Congratulations to all!!!

Elementary School Math problem:

Grade 1: What time does school finish on ASAP days? Draw a clock and show the time.

**Grade 2**: Use the following numbers to fill in the blanks correctly: 9, 15, 6

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**Grade 3**: How do you change:

943 to 100? d. 562 to 362? e. f. 78 to 90?

**Grade 4**: 8, 0, 1, 7, 3, 2, 1

Which number is the MEDIAN in the above set of data? **Grade 5**: You need to buy snacks for a trip you are going to take next weekend. Juice costs \$4.69, trail mix costs \$7.10, and an apple costs \$2.99. ABOUT how much money do you need total?

Middle School Math problem:

Use the digits 0-9 once and only once to make an addition problem with the sum=270.

High School Math problem:

How many tacos can a 6 foot 4 inch 220 pounds man eat on an empty stomach?

Solutions from the last week: Grade 1: 5+11=16, Grade 2: 34–13=21, pieces of gum, **Grade 3:** Answers will vary, **Grade 4:** 4,039,283, **Grade 5:** 439,220.57, **Middle School:** 1 day, **High** School: 6

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# International Potluck Dinner

& Talent Show

Thursday October 27, 2011 at 7:00nm

# TICKETS ON SALE!!!



#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Main Dish + Salad or Dessert + Entrance Tickets

ENTRANCE TICKETS

Adult = SDG 15 Child = SDG 10

EACH DISH, SALAD OR DESSERT MUST BE ENOUGH FOR 10

- Groups of 1 to 4 persons, bring 1 dish + salad or dessert
- Groups of 5 to 10 persons, bring 2 dishes + salad or dessert Groups of 11 to 15 persons, bring 3 dishes + salad or dessert

Tickets available at Khartoum American School, please call +249 15 577 0105 +249 15 577 0107 or email us at kas@krtams.org for more

## Message from the PE Department

The next week of basketball begins on Monday when the U14 teams play Nile Valley here at KAS. The U14 boys also play the very next day, as well as the U18 boys, against KICS. On Wednesday, the U14 and U18 girls will play at KICS, too. Thursday will be the 11 and under boys playing at KICS. Also on Thursday, KAS will share our new covered court with the other schools so the 11 and under girls teams can play here.

# Message from the LIBRARY

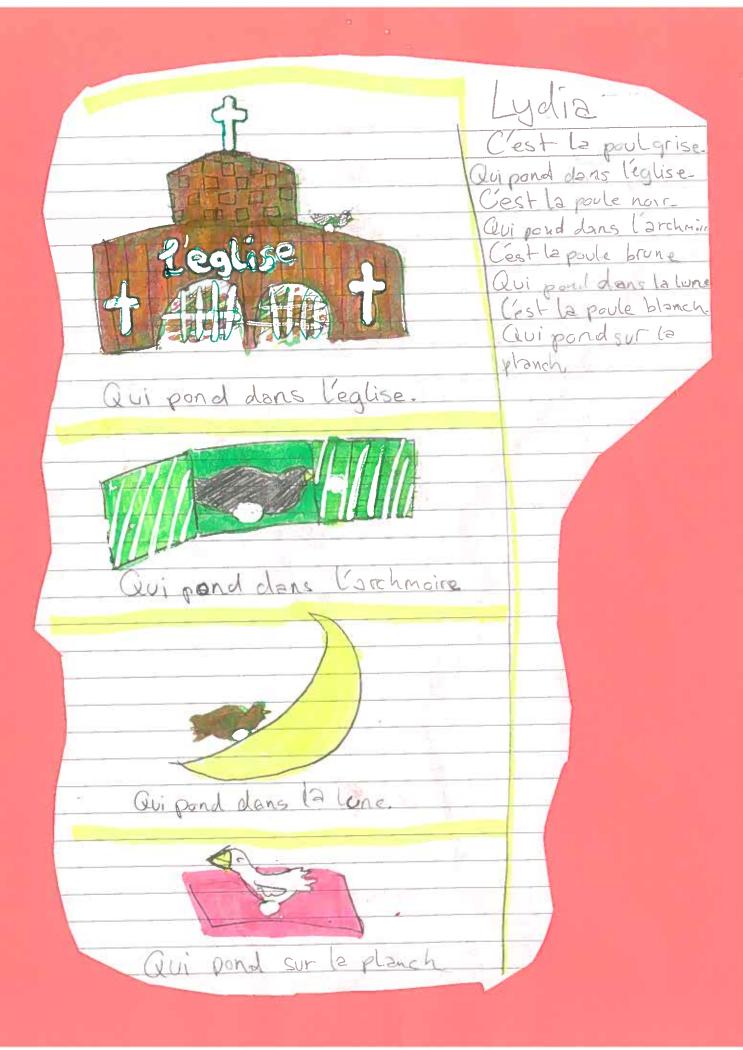
## Welcome Parents!

Parents are welcome to read with their KAS children in the library. They can also check out books too from 7.00 to 7:20 AM and from 2:00 to 2:20 PM.

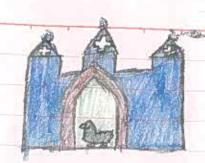


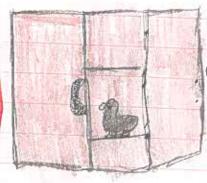
Library Hours: 7:30 - 2:30 Sunday through Thursday

#### **Dates to Remember** Thursday, October 20, 2011 No School for No School for Students **Students** Thursday, October 27, 2011 **International Potluck Dinner** from 07:00 pm Eid El Adha Friday- Saturday, November 4 - 12, Fall Break 2



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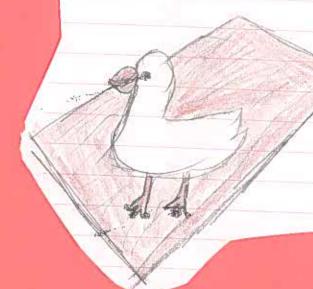




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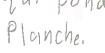


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