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Thursday, January 14th 2016



**HAPPY NEW YEAR
AND
WELCOME BACK!**



KAS REOPENS FOR SECOND SEMESTER

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on January 20th 10-11 AM
Parents are welcome to attend!



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Don't miss this wonderful experience of seeing and being a part of the Sudan culture —February 2, 3, 4 on the KAS Campus



Dear Parents and Guradians,

Welcome Back to the second semester of the 2015-2016 school year. And Happy New Year to everyone!

The second semester got off to a great start. The children are excited to be back, and their teachers are excited to have the children back in their classrooms.

Before the children returned, the faculty spent a day attending Professional Development workshops. They also prepared their classrooms for the second semester. The following topics were included in the teacher Professional Development workshops: Strategic Planning and Continuous Improvement; Building Resilience in International School Students and Faculty; Productive Approaches to Teaching Mathematics; and, Use of the Measures of Academic Progress Assessment Results.

A top quality international school places high importance on providing Professional Development opportunities for its staff. It is understood that such opportunities keep staff in tune with cutting edge teaching and instructional practices. When I recruit staff I am often asked by applicants about the availability of professional development opportunities at KAS. I am pleased that they ask this question. It is a clear indication to me that they wish to continue to improve their skills in order to stay current in best practice teaching and learning techniques and strategies. KAS gets high marks in providing Professional Development opportunities for its staff. The teachers and principals are grateful to the KAS School Board for its support of Professional Development activities. The 'dividends' that Professional Development opportunities pay in terms of recruiting top staff, and in keeping current staff trained in the latest teaching methodologies and concepts, are significant.

I wish you and your child a happy and successful second semester. As before, if you have concerns about your child, first talk with you child's teacher. If you feel your concerns cannot be answered by your child's teacher, or your child's school counselor, you may wish to speak with your child's principal. Our goal is to work as a collaborative team to support each student's educational progress.

Don't miss the coming special events:

-Laura Kibel - Italian Puppeteer at KAS 10am January 20th.

-Sudan Days at KAS all day February 2nd, 3rd, 4th .

Sincerely,

Dr. Rob Beck
Superintendent

Saying of the week

To **Curry Favour** is a phrase used to describe keeping on the good side of somebody, carrying out acts to keep in favour. The origin of this phrase does not lie in Indian culture, but in the 'Roman de Fauvel', a French satirical poem written in 1310 and popular for centuries. Fauvel was the name of the centaur (half-man, half-horse) who was a beast of great cunning and danger, and to keep on the right side of him sycophants would spend time grooming Fauvel to keep him in a good mood. The art of grooming or dressing a horse is known as 'currying' the animal and therefore those seeking to keep in the centaur's good books could be found 'currying Fauvel'. Over the centuries, and through translation, 'Fauvel' became 'favour'. 🐾

Minette van der Bijl

High School/Middle School English Department



Dear Parents, Students and friends,

Welcome Back to School! What a wonderful winter we have this year in Sudan. I hope that you are enjoying the great weather and that you enjoyed the Winter Break; and, I also hope that you have had a wonderful time your family and friends throughout the holiday. It is great to see the students back at school.

The second semester has started on a very positive note. The students have all settled quickly back into the routine of school and we are all looking forward to the exciting activities and learning opportunities planned for the semester ahead. High School students have already started their new elective courses and seem to be very enthusiastic about them.

Report cards will be sent home with your child on Thursday, January 21, 2016. You are all invited to our 4Cs Awards Assembly for Middle and High School on Wednesday, January 27th at 8:00am in the Quad. Please come and celebrate with our students their success.

With best wishes for a successful semester and a happy 2016!

Susan Boutros
Middle and High School Principal



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We thank Ambassdaor Fabrziio Lobasso and the Italian Embassy
for offering this unique opportunity!

