



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM AT KAS



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT SEMINAR- **"SAFE GUARDING OUR CHILDREN"**, presented by **Mr. Steve Alexander** Thursday, September 21, 8:30am - 9:30am, KAS Library. **Bring your friends from KAS or from outside of KAS!**

Superintendent's Message

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 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. 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.

Change of School Calendar Dates

The KAS School Board has officially set Saturday, February 3, 2018 as a make up day for having Thursday, August 31st off. Also the Board has set the last school day for this school year as Thursday, May 31, 2018

Parent Seminar – September 21

The first parent seminar will be held on Thursday, September 21 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

ASAP at KAS



Letter from the Middle & High School Principal

Dear parents,

As you are aware, Khartoum American School has been granted Candidate Status for CIS (Council of International Schools) Re-Accreditation. We, as a school, have now started the Self Study process, which is the most important part of the CIS/MSA re-accreditation.

As part of our CIS Self Study we have sent every parent a link via email to complete the CIS community survey. Thank you to those of you who have already completed the survey. If you haven't already done so, please do take a few minutes to complete the survey, which will help identify the strengths of the school and areas for improvement. The survey will take approximately 7 - 15 minutes to complete. Please note that you have a choice of languages for filling in the survey.

It is essential we get feedback from as many of our community as possible. Students from Gr. 5 to Gr. 12 and our faculty and support staff have completed the survey at school. If you wish to use your own computer, iPad or phone, you may do so. Instructions on how to take the survey can be found in the email that was sent to you.

In order to give all our parents the best possible opportunity to fill in the survey the computer labs at school will be open from 2:30 – 3:30 next week.

I urge all parents to complete the survey and we hope you can spare some time to help the school in its desire to improve. If you have any questions or need support, please contact me at sboutros@krtams.org. Thank you very much for completing the survey.

Have a great weekend!

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal

Saying of the Week

To **Take Umbrage** means to take offence at somebody's remarks or behavior. The word 'umbrage' has its roots in the Latin word 'umbra' meaning shade (which is also where the word 'umbrella' comes from). In England, 'umbra' was used to describe the shade or shadow cast by a line of trees and came to mean the shadow or shade a person is put under by suspicion or doubt. To be put in such a shadow will give rise to resentment and ill feeling, hence 'taking umbrage'.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department

BASKETBALL SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

Our teams have been working hard getting ready for the season. We encourage you all to come and show your support. Please see our schedule below.

September

Monday, September 18: UHS @ KAS MS. boys/girls 3:30
Wednesday, September 20: UHS @ KAS HS. boys/girls 3:30
Monday, September 25: NVS @ KAS MS. boys/girls 3:30
Wednesday, September 27: NVS @ KAS HS. boys/girls 3:30

October

Wednesday, October 4: KAS @ KICS MS. boys/girls - HS. boys/girls 3:30
Monday, October 9: KAS @ NVS MS. boys/girls 3:30
Wednesday, October 11: KAS @ NVS HS. boys/girls 3:30
Monday, October 23: KICS @ KAS MS. boys/girls 3:30
Wednesday, October 25: KICS @ KAS HS. boys/girls 3:30
Monday, October 30: KAS @ UHS MS. boys/girls 3:30

November

Wednesday, November 1: KAS @ UHS HS. boys/girls
Wednesday, November 8: All Star Game @ KAS 3:30
Monday, November 13: Jr. Tournament @ UHS 3:30
Wednesday, November 15: Sr. Tournament @ KICS 3:30



Greetings from KAS LIBRARY



The library welcomes back parents, students and teachers. With the start of a new year there is also a start to a new library. We have new books, magazines, workstation and much more.

The library is open from Sunday, Monday, Wednesdays 8:00 - 3:50, Tuesdays 8:00 - 2:50 and Thursdays 8:00 - 3:30. Please feel free to come in during these hours.

Our KAS library is very resourceful. Teachers students and parents are welcome to come in and checkout books during our working hours.

There are different sections in the library namely: the elementary, middle and high school. We have a variety of different genres including fiction & non-fiction. There is also a Donation Section providing the opportunity to share books in our community.

Our new books have arrived and they are on display ready for

checkouts. Please come and take a look I am sure you will enjoy the variety of books that we have chosen for you. We have Joke books, Riddles, New Chapter Book series, Biography, Sudan books and many more.

We have a diverse range of **Magazines** for both adults and children. If you are interested in politics, fashion or art you will find it in the KAS library. Some of the magazines you will find are The Economist, Opera, Good Housekeeping, Women's Health, Parents, People Magazines & many more

If you are feeling stressed or even bored there is a solution. Come and chill in our **Coloring Corner**.

There is a well-equipped **Work Station** for all students, filled with all the supplies needed for their assignments.

Get a little bit of excitement in our **Game Corner** check out our puzzles, chess board, and educational games.

The KAS library is more than just books stacked on shelves. It's a community where both adults and developing minds gather and share their thoughts and enhance their knowledge. If you are a person seeking quality time with "the mans" best companion the KAS Library is the place for you.

Shireen Shiber
Librarian

