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news from the trunk

Thursday, November 28, 2019



KAS CELEBRATES
International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
25 November

Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents,

As we enter the month of December I would like to highlight the many events upcoming before KAS closes for Winter Break:

December 1-5 – Spirit Week (organized by Student Council)

December 4 – Elementary School Track and Field Event

December 5 – Middle and High School Track and Field Event

December 11 – Board Meeting

December 19 – Elementary School Holiday Assembly and 4 Cs Awards

On this day of thanksgiving I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the KAS community who go above and beyond to make these events a reality. Parents' commitment to the school community is incredibly important when we plan and carry out such events – it is you who transport your children, provide snacks or provide moral support. We appreciate everything you do.

To those celebrating today – Happy Thanksgiving!

Kind regards,

Bridget Davies

KAS Superintendent

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KAS UPCOMING EVENTS

November 30: Junior Soccer and Senior Basketball at KICS

December 1 - 5: Spirit Week

December 4: ES Track and Field Day

December 5: MS/HS Track and Field Day

December 11: Board Meeting

December 12: Cinderella - MS Performance

December 14: Junior Soccer and Senior Basketball at KICS

December 19: ECC/ES Holiday Assembly and 4Cs Awards and Early Dismissal

December 19: Winter Break

The little things...



In life, sometimes we really need to make an effort to be optimistic, and sometimes it comes easily. What makes the difference? For me, it is all in the little things.

As I admired my dear friend's piece of work she completed by "coloring by numbers" I couldn't help acknowledging that small units of color put together the right way, can turn out to be a masterpiece, and that is the way I feel about life. If you only see a part of the picture, it may seem as if it doesn't make sense, but if you are aware that it is only a part of something bigger, you appreciate its importance.

We need to be able to realize that there are tiny, little things, people and moments that paint the big picture, and we decide whether we appreciate them or not. We take so many things for granted, and when we don't have them around anymore, we realize how simple things we ignored became something we dearly miss or wish to have back.

Just like coloring by numbers, we should be conscious of the little things that color our lives, cherish them individually in their specific space, and then admire the big picture.

Let's not lose the ability to be in awe, even about little things, and be thankful about them; those shiny blue birds at KAS, sunsets in Khartoum, the smell of freshly baked bread, four-year old kids (finally) recognizing numbers, cold water and so on, just to name a few.

Speaking of four-year old's, our pre-kinder class had their first-ever "color by numbers" activity, celebrating Thanksgiving and the fact that they recognize numbers! Admire some of their masterpieces ...and HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Vianca Trigo
Prekindergarten Teacher



Letter from the Middle & High School Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

Today Americans all around the world celebrate a very special day – Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is celebrated each year on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. Thanksgiving Day is traditionally a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal. The meal often includes a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin pie, and vegetables. Thanksgiving Day parades are held in some cities and towns on or around Thanksgiving Day. This is one of the busiest periods for travel in the USA. Some people have a four-day weekend, so it is a popular time to take trips to visit family and friends.

Many people trace the origins of the modern Thanksgiving Day to the harvest celebration that the Pilgrims held in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. However, the first true thanksgiving was in 1623, when participants gave thanks for rain that ended a drought. These early Thanksgivings took the form of a special church service rather than a feast. In the second half of the 1600s, thanksgiving after the harvest became more common and started to become an annual event. George Washington, the first president of the United States, proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day in 1789.

Thanksgiving Day is a time for many people to give thanks for what they have. Here, at Khartoum American School, we have many things to be thankful for. We have a wonderful school with outstanding teachers and excellent facilities. We teach our students to be thankful and we emphasize the importance of gratitude. We, as teachers, are thankful for being educators and we are thankful for the opportunity to be working with your children and for making a difference in their lives.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend, being thankful and spending time with family and looking hopefully to the future.

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal



Kindergarten

what are your five senses?

Grade 1

On a farm a kid is a baby what?

Grade 2

Which part of the body stores urine?

Grade 3

Daisy napped from 10:15am to 10:54am. How long was Daisy's nap time?

Grade 4

What body organ works with your heart to supply your body with oxygen?

Grade 5

What are the 3 steps to conflict resolution?

Write your answer, your name and your grade on a paper and put it on the Quizmasters Box in the front office by Monday. The winner will be selected and announced on Thursday's morning assembly.

Good luck!

Saying of the Week

To **Set Off On The Wrong Foot** means to start something badly. This phrase finds us back with the Romans and their superstitions about left-sided things being evil and guided by evil spirits (the Latin word for left is 'sinister'). Gaius Petronius (AS 27 - 66), author of Satyricon and Emperor Nero's adviser in matters of luxury and extravagance, insisted his fellow Romans only ever entered or left a building by the right foot. Such was his obsession that guards were placed at the entrance to every public building to ensure his rule was obeyed. Most Romans shared Petronius's belief that to start a day by leaving the house by the left foot meant an unlucky day during which disaster might strike.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department

Week Without Walls

A Facebook post by Byron Román in 2018 challenged the world. He took a photo of a public area covered in trash, and then took another photo after he had finished cleaning it up. Then he issued a challenge to bored teenagers everywhere to do what he had done in their own countries, calling it the '#Trashtag Challenge'. For Week Without Walls we took him up on that challenge. We chose two sites to clean. One was located aside the school, and the other one was at a garden in a nearby neighborhood.

The first day we scouted where we were going to go to get a sense of where all the sites were. We also watched videos about how trash harms the environment, and how it also affects animals. The second day we cleaned the first site, the site beside the school. We cleaned the whole place step-by-step. People even stopped by and said we are doing really good for the neighborhood. There were so many obstacles in our way, such as the heat from the sun, but we stuck together to finish cleaning all of it. In the end we cleaned about 11 bags of trash, which is a lot!

The third day we went to a neighborhood garden that took thirty minutes to walk to. The trash in the garden was mostly bottle caps, but there was also plastic bags, straws, old clothes, cardboard boxes, etc. It took us about two and a half hours to gather up all the trash, which amounted to about three bags' worth. During the cleanup we took before and after pictures that we could put on social media. The whole thing was a unique experience for us because we all stepped into the shoes of the people who cleanup Khartoum's trash.

By the KAS Trash Pickers

"I learned to never give up on saving the environment. Plus, I liked that my friends helped me, and I helped them too. The hard part was that we had to work a long time without resting." – Murad Ali, grade 5


"I learned that cleaning up the environment helps the world. The thing I did not like was that it was so hot that we drank all of our water. The best thing was that our cleanup will help marine animals." – Stefan Gindi, grade 5



Jon Marck
HS Mathematics Teacher






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2020 ELEMENTARY SPIRIT WEEK

SLEEPY SUNDAY		
☺	PJ DAY	☺
MANIC MONDAY		
MISMATCH / CRAZY HAIR DAY		
TWINS TUESDAY:		
	Twins Day	
WEDNESDAY: COLOR WAR		
Blue leopards	Green Falcons	Red Falcons
THROWBACK THURSDAY:		
CHARACTER DAY		



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2020 Middle & High School SPIRIT WEEK

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WOW WEDNESDAY:		
HIP HOP DAY		
THURSDAY: COLOR WAR		
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