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news from the trunk

Monday, September 5, 2019

PLEASE NOTE: Thursday, September 12, is Early dismissal. School closes at 12:00 pm.



KAS...CELEBRATING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Letter from the Middle & High School Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to a new school year at Khartoum American School. I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday with family and friends. I would also like to welcome our new teachers and our new students and their families to our school.

It has been great to see all our students come to school full of excitement and enthusiasm for learning and for the new school year. I am delighted to report that we have enjoyed a very positive start to the new academic year. I am extremely pleased with how smoothly our students have settled into their classes and I am particularly impressed by the manner that they are conducting themselves and applying themselves to their studies.

It was a pleasure seeing many parents at our Back to School Night. We know and understand that communication is the key to a successful year. Please make sure that you frequently check Classe365, our learning management system. On Classe365, you will find all the information that you need about your child's studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings. We will continuously update our school calendar by entering dates and activities that are happening at KAS. If you still do not have access to Classe365, please send us an email.

We also hope that you will find our website helpful and informative. Most of the information that you will need can be found on our website which we keep updated throughout the year. Please make sure that you read our Student Parent Community handbooks.

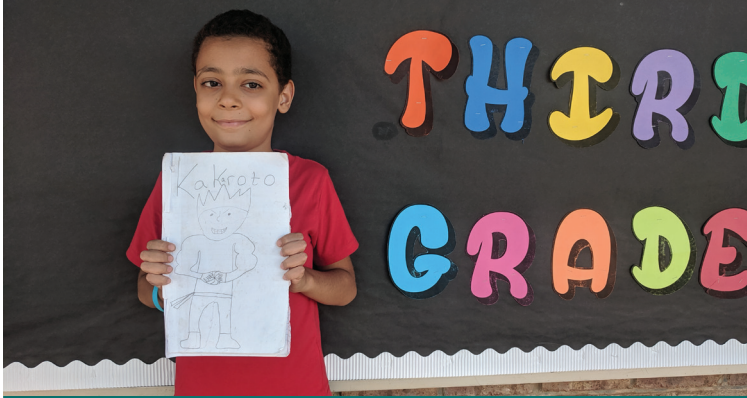
Please know that our doors are always open to our community. Please do not hesitate to email us or call us to set an appointment to meet with us if you have any questions or concerns.

All the best for a wonderful school year, filled with a lot of learning!

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal



Michael's Book



Michael (8 years old)

I am writing a book with one hundred chapters. My book is about three boys who got a dragon's egg. They started living with the dragons until they were fifteen years old. The dragon had three human babies. When the dragon became old, he gave them five golden balls and he sent them to three different planets. You have to read the book to find out what happens next!

I wanted to write a book that people will like to read. A movie I watched gave me my ideas.

Paolo (7½ years old)

Michael's book is an adventure book. It is funny and my favorite part is when they go to the other planet. I think Michael's book is the nicest book I have ever read.

Amena (8 years old)

I thought it was awesome that one of the characters could turn into other people. It was really nice but a little bit was scary. I think it is awesome he is writing 100 chapters. Who can write 100 chapters?

Amir (7 years old)

I thought the book was very good and it was very nice. I like all the eggs and I like the red egg the most. I think Michael will finish writing the book and all 100 chapters!

Talia (8 years old)

It is a very interesting book. Half of it is about a T.V. show called Dragon Ball. My favorite part is when one of the sons got an egg. His egg was red and the red egg was special. I think it is awesome Michael is writing a book

Playdough Power



Playdough play at home or school supports development and learning in many areas. When children use playdough, they explore ideas and try different approaches until they find one that works. They compare and contrast objects and experiences. In their experimenting, children come up with their own ideas, satisfy their curiosity, and analyze and solve problems. These are all skills that help children learn and succeed in school. While poking, rolling, and squishing playdough, children develop the small muscles in their fingers and hands. They use hands, fingers, and tools to pound, push, poke, shape, flatten, roll, cut, and scrape. Through these manipulations, children develop eye-hand coordination, the ability to match hand movement with eye movement. They also gain strength and improve dexterity in their hands and fingers, critical areas of physical development for writing, drawing, and other purposes.

Just being in the moment of kneading, molding and shaping can be very relaxing and allow children to calm and relaxed for the days' activities. When was the last time you sat and played with playdough? Perhaps you could make some today – A simple, easy and colorful stress ball!

Basic Playdough Recipe

1 Cup of Flour

1/3 Cup of Salt

½ Cup of Water

2 Teaspoons of Oil

2 Tablespoons of Vinegar

*Optional Food Coloring (add drops to water)

Directions

Mix dry ingredients, drizzle oil, add water and knead

Janet Albright
Grade 1 Teacher

Humanitarian Emergency in Sudan



Our mission at KAS is supported by building citizenship stating, “We promote global citizenship and the expectation of our students is to reflect upon their own world and the world around them and to develop the skills required to make positive changes worldwide. We encourage students to embrace the diversity present at Khartoum American School and to celebrate the fact that it makes us a richer school community”.

With this in mind, the torrential rains causing flooding and destroying homes recently, requires our attention. This humanitarian crisis has displaced thousands and has unfortunately given a death toll of 62. Many national organizations have taken prompt actions to help the victims in need and are calling for aid and donations.

This emergency is an opportunity to have our students engage in their local community and take responsibility as global citizens by becoming aware of their surroundings and its people and to help those in need.

As part of a national campaign to support flood victims in Al-Gaili (50 kilometers in the north of Khartoum city) and other sites, "Al Nafeer Charity Organization" a volunteer team that provide relief

to flood victims, are collecting cash, clothes, and food to support the residents. The charity's main office is on street 37, Al Amarat, west of Doctors' Hospital.

Ms. Salma Saeed (ES EAL teacher) has kindly volunteered to personally deliver any cash donations to Al Nafeer organization and provide the receipts. Let's all encourage our students and the whole KAS community to contribute and make a change



Nafisa Bushra
Student Support Services

Saying of the Week

The expression **Dyed In The Wool** is used to describe people who are fixed in their opinions and inflexible. The phrase came into use in English wool mills and is first recorded in 1579. Quite simply wool that had been dyed before it was treated would retain its color much better than if it were dyed after weaving (known as 'dyed in the piece'). Therefore 'dyed in the wool' became a phrase applied to anything that wasn't easily altered by other processes, such as persuasion.

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