

# NEWS

news from the trunk

Thursday, January 27th 2011

Fun & Goodies • Handicrafts • Books • Used Items & Plants will be available

Admission  
Kids 5 sdg  
Adults 10 sdg

## KAS Bazaar

Friday, February 4th, 2011 • 1-6pm



## A Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

Traditions are an important part of anyone's culture, and here at KAS we have many of our own traditions that we follow throughout the school year. One traditional event that is now on the horizon is our Annual KAS Bazaar. The KAS Bazaar is a showcase of our school and also an opportunity for our community to come together. Parents and their guests are invited to amble through the various stalls selling everything from arts and crafts, to knick knacks, to food and even plants.

The KAS Bazaar is a community building exercise that also opens our school up to the wider community which in turn allows prospective parents the opportunity to see our wonderful grounds and facilities. In one respect we also offer a community service by hosting this event in that it provides a wonderful afternoon of entertainment for the people of Khartoum.

Throughout the day several groups within our school will also be offering services. Our Middle School Students will be having a small baby-sitting, child minding centre where parents will be able to drop off their children as they peruse the various stalls. I have no doubt that this will be a very popular alternative for many families. Our Elementary Student Council will be offering a face painting stall so that children can really get into a carnival atmosphere. The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) will also be active in terms of raising money for the school while also recruiting more parents to help work on their many projects.

The day promises to be full of fun, excitement and as always a fantastic opportunity to meet and socialize with new people.

On a personal note I will be travelling to Canada and the United States this week to interview prospective teachers for the upcoming school year. From the many emails that I have received from candidates it appears that in international circles, Khartoum American School has really made a reputation as a progressive, student centered school. While our teachers may change, our philosophy of meeting the individual needs of all of our students and helping them all to reach their full potential is one that will endure for many years to come.

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Most of the candidates who I have already been in contact with share this vision of education. I am confident that we will have some wonderful teachers joining us who share our vision and beliefs, which will give us some solid continuity throughout the school.

## Emotional Intelligence: It Can Matter More Than IQ

There will be a presentation and discussion by Dave Zakem in the Preschool on Tuesday, February 15, and repeated Wednesday, February 16, starting promptly at 7:30 PM.

Some of the areas to be covered include:

- Some current understandings of the role of emotions
- Understanding the cause and cure of irrational fears
- What are "gut feelings" and what do they mean
- How and why men and women are often different emotionally
- What children need to have good emotional development
- When the emotions are good or bad for learning
- The roots and dangers of stress
- Better understanding teens

The presentation is open to everyone: family, friends, and neighbors. There is something for everyone. There is no fee. **No childcare available.**

## Future Presentations:

Memory: March 7 (Monday) and March 8 (Tuesday).

New Understandings about Thinking and Learning: April 18 (Monday) and April 19 (Tuesday).

Arrangements can be made to repeat previous sessions for individuals or groups.

## Student Council

The student council will be hosting a movie night featuring *Despicable Me*, Thursday, January 27th, 2011. The door opens at 6:30 and the movie begins promptly at 7:00pm. Do not be late! Popcorn, soda and pizza will be available for purchase. The movie is open to elementary, middle and high school students. Please pick up kids by 9pm.



## A letter from the Elementary Principal

Dear Parents,

It is that time of year again and your student's report card will be delivered to you shortly. I have had the opportunity to read through all the elementary report cards and it was great to see how much our students have grown. At KAS we have a philosophy of meeting a student where they are at and moving them on. All of our students have the ability to succeed!

The narrative reports are here because we feel student achievement and potential deserve more than a couple of lines on the report card. The three main areas that each report card will cover are course description, achievement, and factors that affect achievement.

We hope that every parent will use this detailed report as a basis for talking directly with their child about the child's learning and not just "What grade did you get?" This is another good way of getting involved in and understanding what your child is doing at KAS.

Some possible questions to ask would be:

- How well did you understand what you were learning and how can you go on to improve?
- Are there some common themes in these reports?
- What are you most proud of?
- What goals can you make for yourself to do even better?
- Can you tell me about that project?

Please be sure to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about that report.

Have a great weekend,

Mr. Ben

### Soccer

U19 boys started playing this week on Monday against KICS. The match was a tough battle between both schools with great defense and many shots on goal. Ahmed El-Mahdi did an excellent in goal for KAS.

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### Dates to Remember

<b>Saturday, January 29th, 2011 1-5pm</b>	<b>PTA Winter Fun Picnic</b>
<b>Thursday, February 3rd, 2011 at 3 pm</b>	<b>U11 Soccer Championship at KAS</b>
<b>Friday, February 4th, 2011 1-6pm</b>	<b>KAS Bazaar</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 22th, 2011 at 7pm</b>	<b>11th Grade College Night</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 23th, 2011 at 11am</b>	<b>Early Dismissal</b>
<b>Postponed: TBA PTA and Elementary Student Council Dance</b>	<b>Social Under the Stars</b>



# Schedule for yearbook photos

Class	Date	Time
Nursery	January 30th	8:00-8:15
Pre-School-Sandra	January 30th	8:55-9:07
Pre-School-Dave	January 30th	10:00-10:14
Kindergarten	January 31st	10:50-11:02
Grade 1	February 1st	10:50-11:02
Grade 2	February 2nd	10:50-11:02
Grade 3	February 3rd	10:50-11:02
Grade 4	February 3rd	11:35-11:50
Grade 5	February 2nd	11:35-11:50
Grade 6	January 31st	10:00-10:14
Grade 7	February 1st	10:00-10:14
Grade 8	February 2nd	10:00-10:14
Grade 9	January 31st	11:15-11:31
Grade 10	February 1st	11:15-11:31
Grade 11	February 2nd	11:15-11:31
Grade 12	February 3rd	11:15-11:31

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Late in the 2nd half a goal was scored for KAS from Moumin El-Nefeidi, but KICS was quick to retaliate and with just minutes left on the clock scored a goal off a corner kick. As the clock ran down the final score was 1-1. Next week KAS takes on BES.

The U14 team traveled to KICS to play. KAS was leading 2-0 with goals from Yousef Al-Harbi and a shot on goal from Elia Ayad that ended in an own goal by KICS. Late in the second half KICS made a surge with an attack on goal and scored quickly 3 times to win the match. Next week the boys will play two games, one on Monday against BES and Tuesday against NVA. Both games will be at home. Go Team!

The U14 girls came out strong against Unity on Wednesday. They played their best game to date with good defense, great goal keeping from Mariam ElSanousi and Yara Salama. In the second half Amna Al-Hammadi scored 2 goals, but in the end KAS lost to Unity 4-2. Next week the girls will play at home against KICS. Go Girls!

The U19 girls came out ready to play, but unfortunately their opponents, BES, were not ready and called in a forfeit for the game. The team coach Mrs. Shalash quickly organized a game between her team and the boys that were around to watch the game. She said it was a good team builder and practice for her girls to play against the boys. Next week the girls will play against KICS at home. Go Team!

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Family Picnic  
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