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Thursday, August 11th 2011

**WELCOME BACK
STUDENTS!**



Back to School Morning

Saturday, August 20th, 2011 from 11am to 1pm



A Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2011/2012 school year!

Like all years we are full of enthusiasm and are ready to bring out the best in each and every student. It is so good to see our returning students back refreshed and eager to get on with their work, as it is to also see all of the new faces around school and the way in which they are making friends and fitting into the school.

Those of you who have been able to visit the school will have noticed many changes in our facilities. The elementary playground has now been fully grassed and is presently being enjoyed by all of the students. Construction has begun on the basket ball area, which is now being covered, and this in turn will one day become enclosed as a gymnasium. Adjacent to this are the new showers/changing rooms which will obviously be a wonderful inclusion to the school, specifically to our athletic program. The biggest change, however, has been the development of a new class block which will house an additional mathematics room and three foreign language class rooms.

We have also welcomed many new teachers who have adapted well to life in Khartoum and they bring a great deal of experience and expertise to our school. They have gelled with our existing teachers extremely well and I am confident that we will all form a formidable educational team over the coming weeks and months.

As is traditional we will be hosting a "Back-to-School" event so that parents will get an initial opportunity to talk with teachers and to find out about our school program. Being the middle of Ramadan we have chosen Saturday, the 20th of August, as the date for this event. Rather than start in the evening we will be commencing at 11.00am so that all members of our community will be available to attend. We will be looking to incorporate this day with a "Welcome Back Picnic" so I hope that we see a large number of families in attendance.

I am extremely excited about this year ahead and I hope that you share my enthusiasm.

Greg Hughes

A Letter from the High School Principal Susan Boutros

Dear Parents and Friends,

I would like to welcome all our new students to Khartoum American School. I would also like to welcome all returning students back to KAS. It has been very nice to see everyone again and I am pleased to say that all the students have settled very well into their new classes.

We have had an excellent start to the new school year. On Tuesday we had a whole school assembly where Mr. Hughes welcomed everyone to Khartoum American School and introduced all the teachers and staff. The rest of the day was an activity day where all students were put into teams and had to compete against each other in different activities. These groups were mixed with students from elementary, middle and high school. Students and teachers had the chance to get to know each other and really build that feeling of community, which we are all proud of at KAS.

I am looking forward to working with students and parents and I am sure that this will be a fantastic school year!

A letter from the Elementary Principal Ben Vobrosky

Welcome back to Khartoum American School for the 2011-2012 school year!

I am really excited to be starting a brand new school year as elementary principal. I hope all of you had a safe and relaxing summer vacation. I am sure students have been sharing many of the experiences that made the summer vacation special for them.

On our first day back at KAS we had an amazing whole school activity. It was great to see the elementary students getting to know the middle and high school students. We pride ourselves on having a strong KAS community and this is an example of one of the cross divisional activities we will be doing throughout the school year to assist in strengthening our community.

As we get back into the swing of school, please take a little time to create a schedule with your child. This should include waking up, meals, study, family, and bed times.





Having a well-defined routine to follow helps us adjust to new situations and environments. We will be doing the same thing here at school. A weekly schedule is available of your student's classes and everyday the daily schedule is on the board when your student arrives in their classroom. It is amazing how fast children adapt to a new routine and how quickly they can accomplish tasks on their own when they know what to expect.

There have been several changes here at KAS for the 2011-2012 school year. We have continued to upgrade our facilities and the elementary students are really enjoying the new grass on the playground. We have also added several new staff who are eager to meet you.

If you have any questions or something is unclear please contact me at KAS or bvoborsky@krtams.org.

We are looking forward to a FANTASTIC partnership with you this school year.

Message from the Learning Center

Welcome new staff and students. We would like to introduce our new and returning staff here at the Learning Center. Ms. Kris will be returning to the brand new Elementary Learning Center, conveniently located next to the new grassy play area. Ms. Waterman and Ms. Shalash will be working with middle and high school students in the former Elementary Learning Center, near the kiosk. We also have some new assistants including Ms. Monika, Ms. Malohat, Ms. Tranchellini, and returning from last year is Mr. Robel.

You will see us in your classrooms providing strategies and support. You are welcome to stop by our offices at any time. We are here to help you have a successful school year. If you need a quiet place to read or work, or to ask questions or to get help with any school work, please don't forget about the after school study session offered by Ms. Waterman and Ms. Shalash to middle and high school students from 2:05 – 3pm, every day except Tuesday.

We look forward to working with all KAS students!



School Calendar 2011/2012

August 26th - September 3rd	Eid el Fith Break
November 4th - 12th	Eid al Adha Break
December 16th - January 7th	Winter Break
February 23rd - 27th	Mid-Term Break
April 6th-16th	Spring Break
May 29th	Last Day of School
May 30th-31st	Faculty Work Days
Total Student Days: 176	
Subject to change as conditions may warrant.	



Ready for PE?

- Wear your PE shirt (look for Mr. Kirby or Mrs. Bouta to purchase a new one for 20 SDG)
- Bring your water bottle filled with water
- Wear proper shoes
- Wear proper shirts and pants (no jeans)
- Hat/change of clothes optional, but recommended
- Then you are ready to play !

See you in class!
Mr. Kirby, Mrs. Bouta



Announcement from the MATH Department

There will be a series of fun and challenging math problems in each newsletter beginning next week for high school, middle school, and elementary school students.

Students should submit their solutions to their math teachers. The first correct response received in each category will earn a prize. Prizes will be announced each week. Solutions will be posted the following week along with the names of the winners.

Sharpen your pencils and be ready for the first challenge!

Class Time Schedule

Please have your children arrive school at 7AM. The first bell rings at 7:15. Students who are not in their classrooms by the second bell (7:25) will be considered tardy.

High School and Middle School Periods

ADVISORY	7:15 - 7:23
1	7:25 - 8:15
2	8:17 - 9:07
BREAK	9:07 - 9:22
4 BLOCK	10:16 - 11:31
LUNCH	11:31 - 12:21
5	12:23 - 1:13
6	1:15 - 2:05

Elementary Periods

1	7:25 - 8:15
2	8:17 - 9:07
BREAK	9:07 - 9:22
3	9:24 - 10:14
4	10:16 - 11:02
5	11:04 - 11:50
LUNCH	11:50 - 12:24
6	12:26 - 1:13
7	1:15 - 2:05