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Thursday, February 16, 2012



# Sudan Days

February 20 - 22, 2012



## Mid - Term Break

From Thursday, February 23, to Monday, February 27, 2012



## Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

Next week we will once again be hosting our annual "Sudan Days" whereby we will be celebrating all things Sudanese. This week has historically proved to be one of the most enjoyable on the school calendar as the expatriates at the school get to experience and appreciate some of the customs and traditions of Sudan, while our local children have the opportunity to express their national pride.

While we are always trying to infuse elements of Sudan into our regular curriculum, this week allows us the opportunity to give an added focus along with our appreciation and thanks for the hospitality shown to us by the Sudanese people.

The Sudan Days will involve multiple activities dispersed throughout Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The program will culminate in a small performance from 12:30 PM on Wednesday, which will include dancing, a fashion parade, poetry reading, and as an additional treat, a performance by a group of Nubian wrestlers. As always parents are more than welcome to come along and join in these festivities.

We live and work in a fascinating country which is so steeped in history, culture and tradition, and for many of us being exposed to these wonderful experiences makes our time here a richer one.

I hope that our Sudan Days pass all expectations.

As always, have a great and safe weekend.

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for your cooperation and understanding in dealing with yesterday's security issue.

We have been informed that currently the situation in Khartoum is safe. As a precautionary measure we will, however, be postponing all Weekend Activities; this includes the Middle & High School Dances, Friday morning soccer game and as well as the PTA Picnic until a further date.

Normal school hours and After School Activities Program (ASAP) will resume on Sunday, February 19, as scheduled.

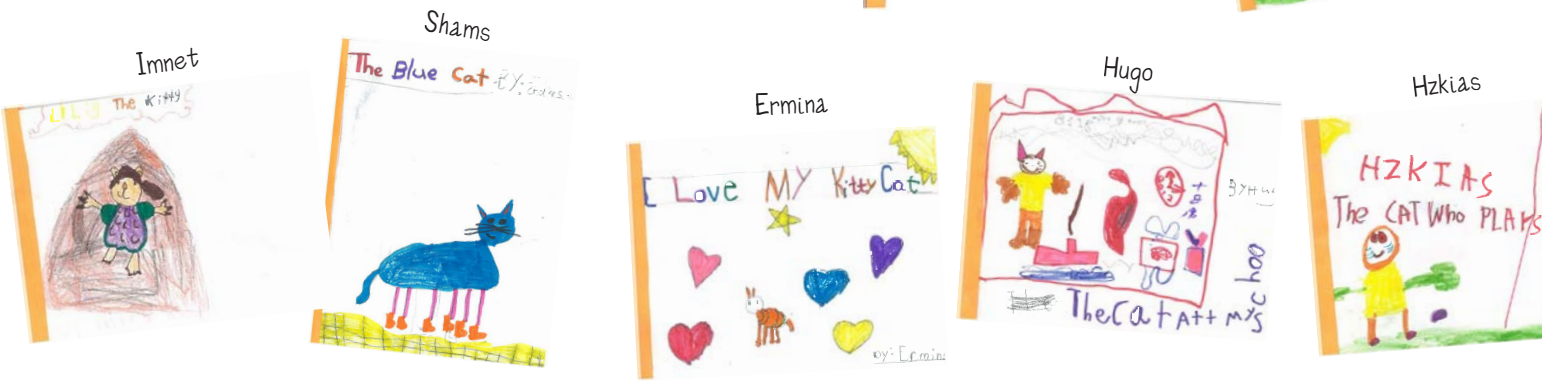
Once again thank you and have a safe weekend.

## Letter From the Middle and High School Principal Susan Boutros

Dear Parents and Friends,

As usual there are many things going on at Khartoum American School.

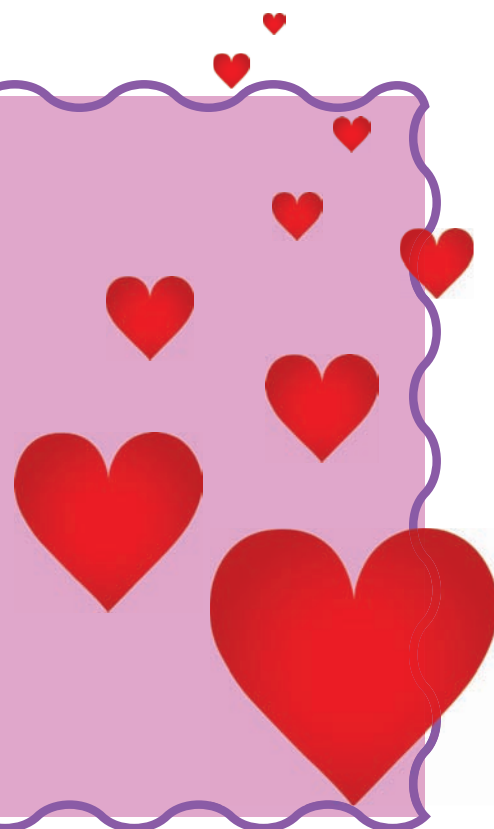
Sudan Days will be held on February 20-22. Sudan Days are an excellent way of celebrating our host country. Students will have the opportunity to experience the traditions and culture of Sudan. During these days there will be food, henna, donkey rides, tie dye, a souk, and various other activities. Students in Kindergarten through grade 12 will have scheduled opportunities to participate in these activities. For parents, there will be a souk in the quad during the first two days of the celebration. Please feel free to shop, and please send some money with your children so that they will be able to shop with their class. On Wednesday, February 22, there will be a performance by our students followed by a Nubian wrestling demonstration and dance for both students and parents. The performance will begin right after lunch at exactly 12:30 PM. Please come and enjoy the show!





# A short history of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a worldwide phenomenon celebrated in many parts of the world. It is commonly associated with romantic love. Nowadays it can be a celebration of general love, love for one's family, mother, father and even friends. Surprisingly, Saint Valentine's Day or simply Valentine's which is celebrated on February 14 was first observed to commemorate a group of early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and had absolutely nothing to do with love as we know it today. It was first established around 495 C.E. by the Roman Catholic Church and then removed as a date in the Catholic Church's calendar in 1969. The first link Valentine's Day had with romance and love as we know it came in the Late Middle Ages and this developed through the tradition of Courtly Love during the Renaissance. This slowly evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their undying love for each other by giving candies and greeting cards. However, it wasn't until the 19th century that Valentine's Day really took off as a commercial enterprise. Paper Valentines became so popular in England in the early 19th century that they were assembled in factories. Fancy Valentines were made with real lace and ribbons, with paper lace introduced in the mid-19th century. In the UK today, just under half the population spend money on their Valentines and around 1.3 billion pounds are spent yearly on cards, flowers, chocolates and other gifts, with an estimated 25 million cards being sent. In the United States, the first mass-produced valentines of embossed paper lace were produced and sold around 1847.



## Young Authors in Kindergarten

Bookmaking is the most popular activity in Kindergarten. One way to get children interested in learning to read is making books. It helps children recognize that writing is "talk written down." Children who are encouraged to draw, scribble, dictate and write stories are building the foundation for later writing skills.

They learn to think of an idea and select topics to write about. They also learn and practice what writers do. They use their creativity, experiences, writing skills, language and imaginations.

Take a peek at our young authors in Kindergarten. We have created our own make believe-stories. We are learning to distinguish between make-believe and realistic stories as part of the lesson in Language Arts.

Please check our website [www.krtams.org](http://www.krtams.org) to see their work in full.





## February Blues

February is commonly known as the most difficult month in schools. It is the month when everyone seems to lose patience and motivation. Most schools have some sort of break during the month of February for this very reason. Our students will have a short break from the February 23, until the February 27. This will be a great time to do something totally different with your family. Change is as good as a vacation. Getting some extra rest and doing something different, like maybe visiting the national museum, or driving out to a nearby farm, or archeological site, will allow everyone to feel like they got away from the daily routine and give everyone a fresh outlook.

It is surprising how positively a restful vacation affects school performance. Students come back more focused, calm, and able to work when they have had a rest. If they come back a day or two late (or more), they may be rested, but they still come back quite frazzled, because they know they have missed school and are overwhelmed by the thought of making up what they missed. Please avoid missing school days around holidays at all costs.

February wears on home life as well as school life. This is the time we need parents to be extra vigilant with follow up and follow through with their children. Check their planners, ask for progress reports coming next week, keep up your regular routines, expectations and consequences.

All parents are always looking for ways to work well with their children and home discipline. Our Learning Center team has come across a great article on this subject at <http://kidshealth.org/parent/emotions/behavior/discipline.html>.

## Message for Parents of Students in Middle School

Dear Parents,

The middle school student-led conferences will be held on March 14th. Please choose your preferred time frame to attend in 3 easy steps:

- log-on to your child's KAS moodle
- find the course "MS Advisory 6,7,8"
- click on: "Student-led conference" and select the time of your preference.

It's that simple! We will be posting the final conference schedule on February 27th.

If you have difficulties with the steps above, please ask your child for help, or contact Mr. Sanchez at: [asanchez@krtams.org](mailto:asanchez@krtams.org)



**Winners:** Khalid - Kindergarten, Elli Riziq - Grade 1, Adam - Grade 2, Amsyar - Grade 3, Hafizi - Grade 4, Justin - Grade 5.

### Elementary School Math problem:

**Kindergarten:** How many letters are in your name? How can you show your answer?

**Grade 1:** Student-Created Question – How many days are in one week?

**Grade 2:** Use the partial sums algorithm to solve the following two-digit addition problem.

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**Grade 3:** If 1 box of cookies will feed 7 people, how many boxes will I need to feed 30 people?

**Grade 4:** You can extend a multiplication fact by making one of the factors a multiple of ten.

Original fact:  $5 * 9 = \underline{\quad}$  or  $9 * 5 = \underline{\quad}$

Extended fact:  $\underline{\quad}$  or  $\underline{\quad}$

**Grade 5:** Use the "Friendly Numbers" strategy to mentally divide 67 by 3.

"Friendly Numbers":  $\underline{\quad}$  &  $\underline{\quad}$

$67 / 3 = \underline{\quad}$

### Middle School Math problem:

If  $n = 4.7$  and  $m = -5\frac{1}{3}$ , then  $|2m + 3n| = \underline{\quad}$

### High School Math problem:

What is the radian measure of 300 degrees?

**Solutions from the last week: Kindergarten:** ♥ ♥ ♥ ♦

**Grade 1:** 11 **Grade 2:** 12, 7 **Grade 3:** 35 coins, \$3.50 **Grade 4:** 6, 854 **Grade 5:** 9,213,922,221.262 **Middle School:** There are numerous answers, here is one possibility:  $98 - 76 + 54 + 3 + 21$  **High School:** 2.76

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  Middle School     
  Elementary School

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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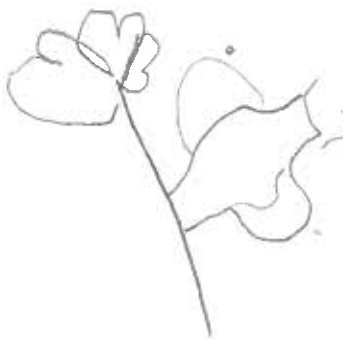
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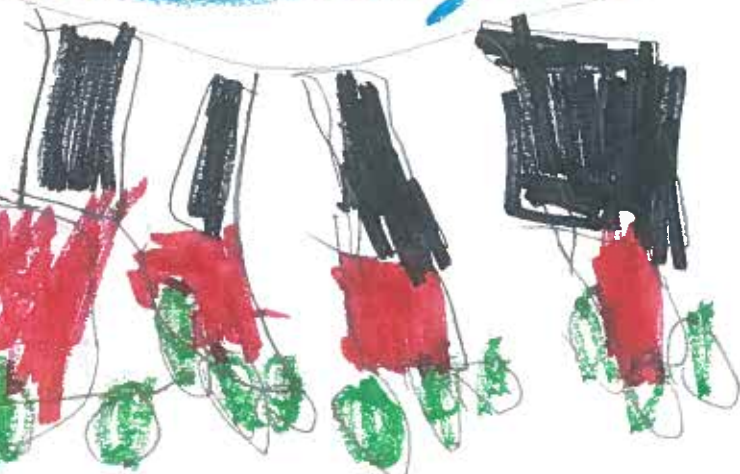
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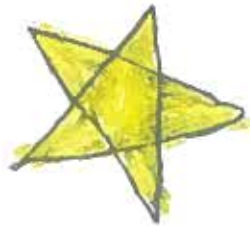
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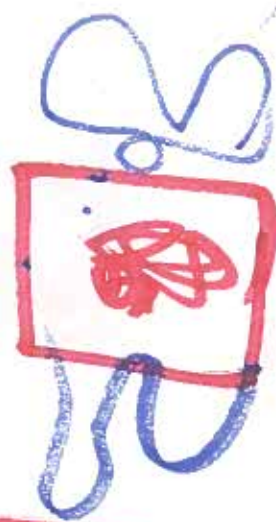


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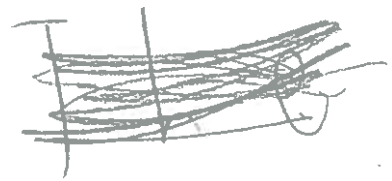


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