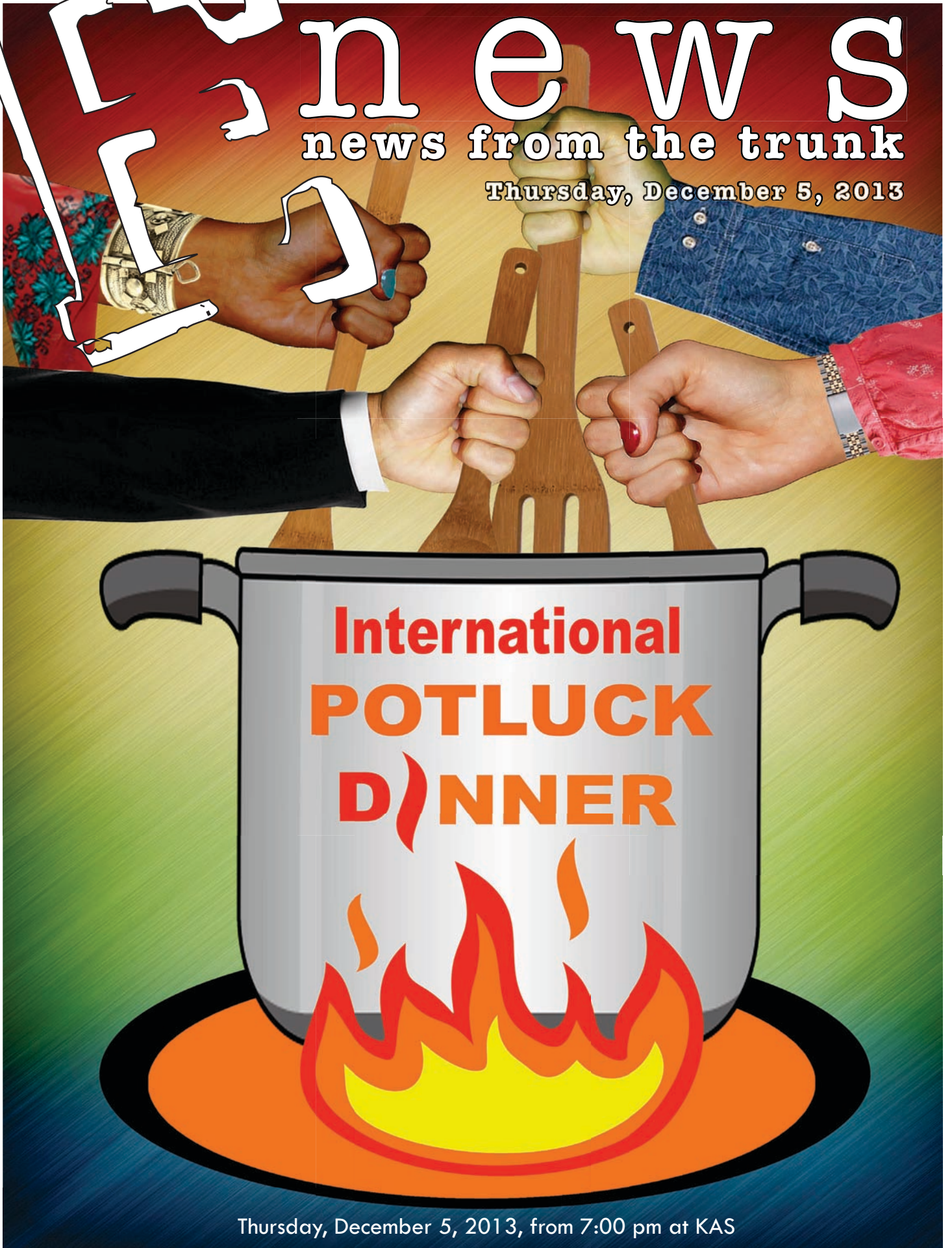


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Thursday, December 5, 2013



Thursday, December 5, 2013, from 7:00 pm at KAS

Season 2 ASAP Ends

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Letter from the Superintendent, Steven Alexander

I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received since arriving at KAS last week. I am settling in and getting to know many students, staff and parents.

I am looking forward to our International Potluck Dinner and School Community Show today. I want to thank everyone who has helped put this event together, especially the Committee overseeing the event.

There are many areas of school life that a Superintendent is involved. I want to share with you the areas that I am focusing on during this time before the Winter break.

One of the most important duties of a Superintendent is to hire qualified experienced teaching staff. I will be presenting a plan to the School Board soon about what the needs will be for next year. The good news is that it appears there will not be a large turnover of staff. As new teachers are hired I will share this information with the KAS community.

Next year KAS will be working on re-accreditation with the Middle States Association and the Council of International Schools. I have been through several re-accreditation exercises with several international schools and I will be working closely with the KAS staff to prepare for this. School accreditation is a school improvement process. The staff will be using in-service time during the rest of this school year to prepare curriculum documentation for re-accreditation. The staff have also identified student assessment, differentiation in teaching, and classroom management of areas to work on during in-service days. I am looking forward to working with the staff on these important issues.

Since we do not have an Elementary Principal as planned this year, I will be taking on some of the important duties of the Elementary Principal. Much of my teaching experience was in upper elementary grades and I also served as the Primary Principal at the Copenhagen International School for two years.

I encourage parents to stop by and speak with me about any issue you would like to discuss.

Steve Alexander, KAS Superintendent



Letter from the Principal, Susan Boutros

Dear Parents and Friends,

December is always a very busy and exciting month for our students in so many different ways. The end of the first semester is fast approaching and high school exams are right around the corner but that also means winter break is almost here.

This year, December is even more special because of the International Potluck Dinner. Preparations for this event have been in full swing for a while and as I attend the Parade of Nations and School Community Show rehearsals, I can't help but be struck by how truly International our school is. The other day as I stood and greeted the students as they were arriving in the morning, I was once again reminded of how International we are. We are an International School in so many different ways. We have a multinational and multilingual student body. We have an International accreditation. We have multinational teachers and of course we have transferability of students' education across other International schools worldwide. We also have what we call a moving population.

It is not just through our curriculum but also through events such as International Potluck Dinner, that we teach students that there is a big world out there beyond just their own country and culture.

I urge high school students to use their time wisely and regularly review and prepare for their first semester exams. In order to help our students succeed, Sunday, December 15 will be a study day for all high school students. During the day students will have a special schedule where they will meet with the teachers of their core classes for review sessions. High school exams will take place on December 16-18.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the International Potluck Dinner this evening.



You Are Invited!

We at the Nursery Class would like to invite you to our Circle Time!

Come join us for many fun activities everyday at 8:40am.

Our circle time always has something fun for everyone, like; singing, body movement, color recognition, counting, story time and much more! Circle time promotes the development of communication skills. It provides abundant opportunities for language learning that is pleasantly embedded in singing where it is often supported by gestures and listening to colorful stories.

We look forward to seeing you!



Activities of Middle School Student Council

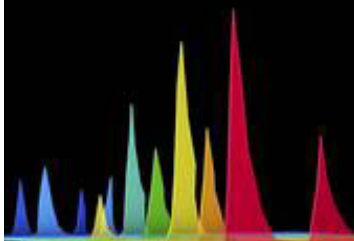
On Thursday November 21st, the Middle School Student Council hosted a black and white themed dance. This was their first event of the year and was a huge success! Students and chaperones both enjoyed the DJ's music that was played by our own students. The Middle School Student Council worked hard to make this event possible. A bake sale was held to fund the event and students worked together with the PTA to gain additional financial assistance to host the event. All in all, this was a fantastic event with a great turnout from students, teachers, and chaperones. We would like to thank everyone who helped in making the event possible, from the students who worked hard, maintenance who setup the equipment, and chaperones who gave their time to make this wonderful event a huge success.



AP CHEMISTRY AT KAS

Mr Don's Advanced Placement Chemistry class has been busy learning about how matter and energy interact on an atomic scale, and how different substances absorb radiation in different ways. Recently, students used a visible-light spectrophotometer to measure the absorption spectrum of the compound named crystal violet, and then used the information to assay a sample of crystal violet solution. Next semester, they will employ the same instrument to investigate the kinetics of a reaction involving crystal violet.

AP Chemistry students have also learned about a special process called chromatography, which is very effective at separating chemical compounds for analysis. The students used paper chromatography to separate a mixture of colored dyes. There are many different types of chromatography and spectroscopy, and together these two techniques can be used to analyze virtually every compound on Earth.



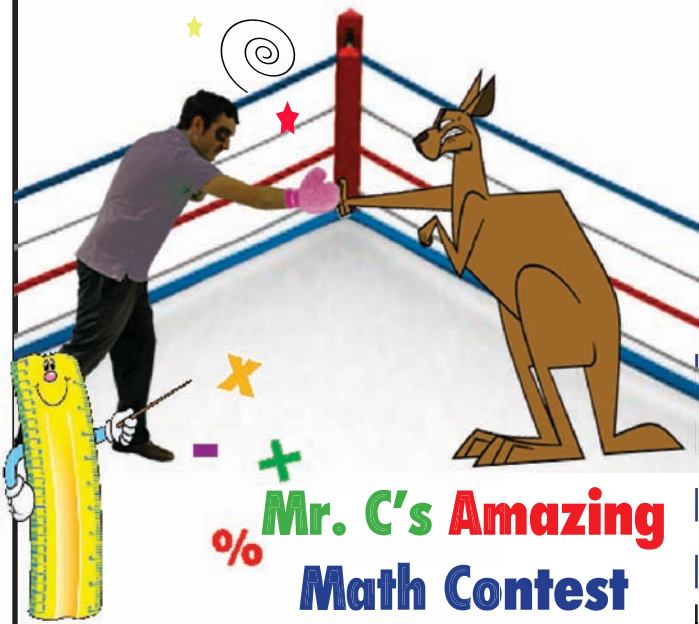
The AP Chemistry is learning how sophisticated instruments can yield valuable information about the nature of chemical compounds, creating a better understanding of the amazing world we live in.



English Sayings...

To be in possession of **The Lion's Share** is to have the larger part of something, more than anyone else involved. This phrase is another originating from Aesop's fables. One story tells of a lion and three other animals, all hunting together, who catch and kill a stag for their supper. The meal was divided into four equal parts but, just as the animals are about to tuck in, the lion stops them. He insists the first portion is for him as he is king of the jungle and therefore their ruler. He then claims a second portion for himself on the basis he is the strongest of them all and finally a third because of his infinite courage. The lion then allows the other three animals to share the last portion between them but warns them only to touch it if they dare.

KEEP CALM AND DO YOUR MATH CONTEST



Mr. C's Amazing Math Contest

Elementary School Math problems:

Kindergarten: Circle the one that is shorter:



Grade 1: Count in 3's. 3, 6, 9,, 18

Grade 2: What is this number?
7 in the ones place
4 in the hundreds place

Grade 3: Complete the multiplication/division fact family using the numbers 9, 12 and 108.

Grade 4: Use grid paper. Draw a model to show each fraction. Then write each fraction as a decimal.
1. 2/10
2. 7/10
3. 9/100

Grade 5: Mr. Jones spends \$625.00 per month on rent and \$240.00 for food. His gas bill each month is \$93.34 and his electric bill is \$49.46. How much does Mr. Jones spend on rent and utilities?

Middle School Math problem:

What occurs twice in a week, once in a year but never in a day?

High School Math problem:

Solve the equation $|x-3|-|x+2|<11$

Solutions from the last week: Kindergarten: Red, Red, Blue;
Grade 1: 9; **Grade 2:** 17; **Grade 3:** 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60, 66, 72; **Grade 4:** 1.(6 + 6) * 3 / 2. 6 +(6 * 3); **Grade 5:** 175.39; **Middle School:** 888+88+8+8+8; **High School:** $(x+2)^2-5$;



Last Week's Winners

Aya (Pre-K), Alfred (Kindergarten), Alan (Grade 1), Namassa (Grade 2), Sara (Grade 3), Aayan (Grade 4), Hamadelnil (Grade 5), Abdelaziz (Grade 6) and Sakuntala (Grade 8).

Studying for Exams

High school exams are going to take place on December 16, 17 and 18. Here are some tips for help in studying for exams:

- Keep in mind that you want to be an active learner, not a passive one.
- Do not wait until the night before an exam to study!
- A good first step in preparation is to read through your notes a couple of times.
- Highlight major topics and subtopics, with the goal of generating an outline of your notes.
- Consider ways of dealing with the information other than those used in class. Some suggestions:
 - o Use old worksheets and tests as study guides.
 - o Make charts, diagrams and graphs.
 - o Make lists.
 - o If the subject matter includes structures, practice drawing those structures.
- One of the most universally effective ways to polish off your study activities is to prepare a self-test.
- Never, ever pull an "All-Nighter" on the night before an exam.

High School Exam Week Schedule December 2013

	Monday, December 16	Tuesday, December 17	Wednesday, December 18
8:00 – 9:30	Ancient History 9 Modern History 10 Pre-Calculus 11 Business Math Physics 12	Physical Science 9 English 10 African Studies 11 Comparative Govt. 12	Geometry 9 Biology 10
10:00 – 11:30	Algebra II 10 Consumer Math Chemistry 11 English 12	English 9 African Literature 11 Statistics 12 Calculus 12	(make-up exams)