

NEWS

news from the trunk

Thursday, August 29, 2013

IF WE RIDE TOGETHER,
WE RIDE FOR THE MATH CONTEST.

THE MATH CONTEST IS
WHAT I SEEK, KEMOSABE.

LONE MR. C'S MATE CONTEST

Back to School Day

Saturday, August 31, 2013, from 2:00 pm at KAS



Letter from the Superintendent, Greg Hughes

Dear Parents,

As is customary we devote a lot of time at the start of the year getting to know our students and allowing them to get to know each other, so that a foundation can be laid upon which hard work can start in abundance. I am pleased to report that our many new students and teachers have settled in well at KAS and the hard work is well and truly underway.

As I move from class to class watching our students and teachers in action it is wonderful to see the various teaching styles and techniques on display. It also heartens me to see the amount of time devoted to each child in the form of differentiated instruction. Throughout the year differentiation is a major area of focus and in turn is one of our key strengths at KAS. Equal attention is afforded to all students in class from those students who find certain subjects a challenge right through to our gifted and talented students. The fact that we have such wonderful ESL and Learning Center structures in place to help remediate work for students who require support is also hallmark of our academic program.

One area with a special focus in this school is mathematics. In order to support this program we promote mathematics each week in our newsletter via the "Amazing Math Contest". Mr. Charrington (Mr. C) this year has taken on the role of coordinating this initiative and I am sure that it will be an integral part of our school life once more. For those unfamiliar with the contest, the back page has mathematics questions for each grade level and prizes are allocated each week to winning students. It is a great way of making students excited about mathematics and elevating its status within our school. Pictured below are this week's proud winners and hopefully we will see a broad cross section of our student population involved in the contest each week.

On a different note please remember that the Back to School Day is this Saturday commencing at 14.00 pm followed by a BBQ by the pool. I look forward to seeing you in attendance.

As always have a great weekend.

SAT

School Year 2013-2014

TEST DATES	TESTS	Regular Registration Deadline
5-Oct-13	SAT & Subject Tests	6-Sep-13
2-Nov-13	SAT & Subject Tests	3-Oct-13
7-Dec-13	SAT & Subject Tests	8-Nov-13
25-Jan-14	SAT & Subject Tests	27-Dec-13
3-May-14	SAT & Subject Tests	4-Apr-14



Calling all Juniors and Seniors! It's time to register and take the SAT!

Some of you have already been coming to me with questions about the SAT. So, I thought I would share the information with everyone at KAS. Please continue to be proactive students, and come see me with any questions you have! I am here to help you plan your future after graduating from KAS.

What is the SAT & why is it important?

The SAT is the most widely used college admissions test. It is a tool designed to assess your academic readiness for college and provides a path of opportunities that is fair to all students. For many colleges and universities, it is required that you submit scores for the SAT with your application, but don't wait until you are applying for college to take the SAT. Most college application deadlines are in January of your Senior year, so you want to make sure you are sending the best scores along with your application. That is why it is important to take the SAT early, so that you have time to re-take the test if you didn't score as high as you would have liked.

When should I take the SAT?

The SAT is offered at the KAS testing site 5 times every year. Ideally, you want to take the SAT twice, once during the spring semester of your Junior year (usually in May) and once during the fall of your Senior year (usually October). You can take it more times; however, research has shown that taking the SAT more than twice will not significantly increase your score.

Ok, Ms. Ross, I realize how important it is, what can I do to prepare?

For those of you still studying for the SAT, there are many resources that exist, which include sample test questions and study tips. Get online and check out CollegeBoard www.collegeboard.org for free questions of the day, practice tests, and sample questions, or come to my office to see what I have!

What are the SAT Subject test and should I take one?

Some of you might know exactly what you want to study in college, and one of the best ways to stand out on your application is to take an SAT Subject test that relates to your field of study. For example, if you know that you want to study Chemical Engineering, you might consider taking the Chemistry subject test. Not all schools require these scores, but it just might send a strong signal to admissions committees of your readiness to study in a certain area. Currently, there are 20 subject tests in 5 areas. Not sure which one(s) to take? Check out the CollegeBoard website or come see me for advice.

I have been studying all summer, and I'm ready to take the test. Now what?

Those of you who are ready to take the SAT, it's time to sign up! The next test day is October 5th here at KAS, but you must register online by September 6th in order to take the test. Online registration takes about 20 minutes, and you will need a digital photo and credit card to complete registration.

Also, do yourself a favor and save yourself some time and money...if you would like to send your scores to prospective colleges, please have this information ready during registration. You get four FREE score reports every time you register for the SAT. If you wait to send the scores after you have taken the test, you will have to pay a fee. So, plan ahead and be prepared. Visit www.sat.collegeboard.org to get started and please see me if you have any questions.

*Good luck!
Mrs. Ross, KAS Counselor*

Learning Center Corner

Keeping Our Memories Fresh

Students, do you remember what it's like to study for an exam and not remember anything you've learned? When we forget what our teachers have taught us, we wind up having to teach ourselves all over again.

Study Tips:

- **Review the day's material during breaks.**

Just because class has stopped, doesn't mean your brain has stopped. Take out your homework or reread a little of what you covered in class. Taking five minutes to review what you learned after each class will save you hours of study time during the week.

- **Work on homework the day it is assigned.**

The prime time to work on homework is the same day you learned the material. Thinking about an assignment from last chapter will distract you from learning the next chapter. Mentally, this helps you move on to new material each day for class.

Constantly keeping our memory fresh helps us retain new information. When we maintain good study habits, we also continually process and analyze the new information we receive.

Nursery at KAS



Our new school year has started exceptionally well in nursery with students making new friends, and exploring their new world namely the nursery classroom and playground. An important goal of our program is to enable students to socialize and interact with new people both teachers and classmates alike. This process is a challenging one for children so young who have not been away from home before, but as each day comes along more and more smiling faces are appearing in the room.

Being part of the group and finding friends who care for you is all a part of the fun of being in the nursery class and what better way to do this than by celebrating someone's birthday. Sam turned 2 this week and so we had a party for him complete with a birthday cake. Congratulations Sam, from Ms. Fatima, Ms. Zeinab and all of your new friends in the nursery class.



GOAL is back!

GOAL is our 30-minute weekly character-building program for high school students! Students are assigned small, multi-grade groups and are given a space to connect, discuss and debate with other students outside of their regular classroom environment. Students are also asked to plan Campus Improvement Projects to enhance life at KAS. Last year was very successful, and we know this year will be even more collaborative and event-filled!

Last year KAS high school students improved campus life by:

- Fundraising by sponsoring pool parties and bake sales!
- Purchasing items to improve campus life, such as recycling bins! Encouraging student participation by organizing Spirit Week!
- Establishing a collaborative relationship between teachers and students by attending faculty meetings!
- Improving lunch at the kiosk by cooking and selling healthy options!
- Organizing and facilitating after school activities for Elementary students!
- Creating a bulletin board that allowed students to voice their opinions on a variety of topics!

Teachers will soon begin the process of organizing brand new student groups. Please contact Mrs. Shalash with any questions or suggestions! dshalash@krtams.org



ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS AT KAS

Here we are again!
Welcome back to school!



This year we are looking forward to a brilliant and euphoric spectrum of events. To start off, as usual we are opening our gates the same as last year for adult sport activities.

On Sundays and Thursday the field will be available for soccer, Tuesdays will be reserved for ultimate frisbee, Wednesday for rugby, and basketball court and volley ball field will be available upon request. All of this just like last year after 17:00 hrs.

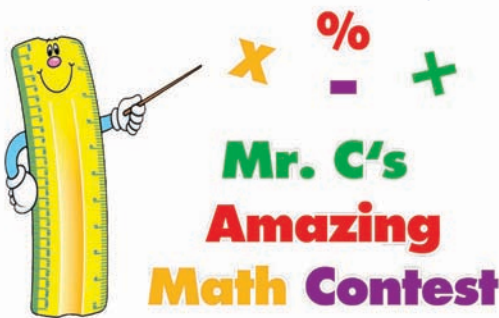


As for the students, we looking forward to a year full of competition and fun starting soon with our basketball season!!



Last Week's Winners

Andela, Zareena, Khalisyah (Pre-K 4), Samantha (Kindergarten), Joyce (Grade 1), Emir (Grade 2), Kishan (Grade 3), Youssef (Grade 4), Aliya (Grade 5).



Elementary School Math problem:

Kindergarten: List the numbers one to five?

Grade 1: What is $7 + 4$?

Grade 2: What numbers come next?
10, 20, 30, _____, _____, _____.

Grade 3: What are the four reasons we use numbers?

Grade 4: If one letter is chosen at random from the word "DRESS", what is the probability that the letter chosen is the letter "S"?

Grade 5: Add $67 + 109 + 318 =$ _____
Subtract $2,005 - 189 =$ _____

Middle School Math problem:

Give the next three numbers in this mathematical sequence:
1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, _____, _____, _____

High School Math problem:

At a family picnic, children and dogs are playing in the backyard. Uncle Larry looks out in the yard and counts 18 heads and 50 legs. How many dogs are in the yard?