



# NEWS FROM THE TRUNK

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12 2015

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



# CAREER DAY



**KAS**

PTA Family Picnic on Friday, February 20, 3PM at KAS. See you there !





## Letter from the Superintendent, Dr. Robert Beck

Dear KAS Parents,

I recently returned from the annual faculty recruitment conference in the United States. It is at this time of the year that international schools around the world fill their positions for the coming school year (2015-2016). I am pleased to share with you the bio-data of the US hired staff. They are excited about joining the KAS Family this August. I look forward to introducing our new staff to you at the start of the new school year.

**Owen McMullen**-Owen will be teaching HS/MS Social Studies starting this August. He completed a Bachelors Degree in history and politics at Drake University, Iowa. He went on to complete a Master of Teaching Degree at Washington State University. He is currently teaching high school social studies at the Union High School in Camas, Washington. He has taught English, and English as a Second Language, in the Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan. As a child he attended international schools overseas in several countries. Owen speaks Turkmen, Kyrgyz, Uzbek and Russian. He loves history and sharing his passion for it with his students. His interests include basketball, foreign languages and reading. He is excited to come to Sudan and he is pleased to be joining the KAS staff. We welcome Owen to KAS!

**Douglas Dworak**-Douglas will be our HS/MS Counselor starting this August. He completed a Bachelors Degree in philosophy and classical studies at University in New Orleans, Louisiana. He went on to complete a Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology at the University of San Francisco, California. Currently he is the College Counselor at the Inanc School for the Gifted in Kocaeli, Turkey. He has also been a high school counselor in Omaha, Nebraska, and he has taught philosophy and English. Douglas has coached high school soccer and he is an amateur 'triathlete'. He has traveled in countries such as Greece, Ireland, Taiwan, Japan and Korea. He holds certification as a guidance counselor from the state of California. We welcome Douglas to KAS!

**Kathleen Taylor**-Kathleen will be teaching in our Lower Elementary School starting this August. She completed a Bachelors Degree in international studies from the University of Oregon. She is completing a Masters Degree in Education at Goddard College, Vermont. She has been a kindergarten teacher at the Ecole Actuelle Bilingue in Dakar Senegal, and she is currently working in the lower elementary division of the International School of Dakar where she has grade 2 and library responsibilities. Kathleen is fluent in French. She has an interest in helping and supporting students as they learn not just in the classroom but also in co-curricular and extra curricular activities such as soccer, track and volleyball. She has also taught pottery to children with disabilities. We welcome Kathleen to KAS!

**Anne Scott**-Anne will be teaching in our Upper Elementary School starting this August. She completed a Bachelors Degree in Greek civilization at Wheaton College, Massachusetts. She went on to complete a Master of Art of Teaching Degree at Marygrove College, Michigan. Anne is currently teaching English at the Baku International School, Azerbaijan. She has been an educational consultant and home school teacher in the United States. She has also had experience working as a specialist remediation teacher for k-6 students; and, she has had experience teaching at the college level. Anne has a keen interest in the theatre arts. She is a founding member of a Shakespeare theatre group. Her husband Marc will be teaching HS/MS mathematics at KAS. We welcome Anne to KAS!

**Marc Scott**-Marc will be teaching HS/MS mathematics starting this August. He completed his Bachelors Degree in physical science and theatre arts at Central Michigan University. He is completing a Master of Secondary Science at Western Michigan University. He is currently teaching geometry, algebra, physics and chemistry at the Baku International School, Azerbaijan. Marc has also taught math, science, theatre and drama in public and private schools in Michigan. In addition he has had experience as an architectural and construction draftsman. He has also been a track coach. Marc's wife Anne will be teaching in our Upper Elementary School. We welcome Marc to KAS!

**Pamela Kennedy**-Pamela will be a teacher in our Student Support Services (Learning Center/ESL) Department. She received her Bachelors Degree in linguistics from Southern Illinois University. She went on to complete a Masters Degree in Teaching English as a Second Language at the University of Illinois at Campaign-Urbana. Pamela is currently a professor of English as a Second Language at Holyoke Community College, Massachusetts. Prior to that she was a teacher of English as an Additional Language at the International School of Ullaanbaater, Mongolia. She has also taught English as a Foreign Language in Morocco. She is widely traveled. A highly skilled teacher of English as Second Language students, and a highly skilled teacher of those who teach English as a Second Language to children, she is the recipient of a 'Teaching Excellence' award. Her husband David Lauchmen is our current KAS Student Support Services Coordinator. We Welcome Pamela to KAS!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HS/MS COUNSELOR, KATEE ROSS, FOR ORGANIZING CAREER DAY AND NIGHT, AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE CAREER VOLUNTEERS! - Students and parents were able to meet with professionals from over 20 different careers. This was an excellent event and opportunity for students to gather information about careers. Well done!**



## Letter from the Middle/High School Principal, Susan Boutros

Dear Parents and Friends,  
It has been a very busy week at KAS with the accreditation visitors at school as well as Career Day and Career Fair all in the same week. The accreditation visitors had a very busy schedule of reading the school's Five Year Accreditation Reports, looking at documentation, attending meetings, and classroom visits. They met with faculty members, board members, parents and students. One thing that the visitors pointed out before they left was how impressed they were with the strong sense of community and care that was felt within our school.

Our 2nd Annual Career Day and College Fair, which were held at KAS on Wednesday, February 11th, were a great success. Students were exposed to a variety of professions available to them after graduating from high school. Some of the topics that the students were exposed to were Human Resources, Veterinary, Mining, Fabric Design, Business Management, Peace Corps, Accounting and Auditing, Security and Software Engineering, Canine Training, Clinical and School Psychology and Marketing.

The students were really happy to have the opportunity to explore different careers. It was a real pleasure to see the middle and high school students think beyond the question that they were usually asked as little children "What do you want to be when you grow up?". A special thanks goes to all the faculty members, parents and community volunteers, who were willing to give up some of their time to speak with our students about their professions. Have a great weekend!

## The Wisdom of William

"Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt."

Measure for Measure, Act 1, Scene 4.

As teachers and parents we encourage our children to be brave, independent, and self-confident. However, there is another side to the coin, which also tells us to protect them from pain, defeat, humiliation, and disappointment. Throwing caution to the wind is very dangerous and most people will agree that it is a wise man/woman who knows his/her limitations. Therefore, it could be argued that caution is a very wise character trait to have.

However, if one exercises too much caution and is frightened of trying new things or equally important, different things, then one could end up living a life of unexplored potentialities and the attendant regrets that accompany such a life. When we don't attempt new things, and stick to the status quo because of the fear of failing, or in some cases because we don't receive the encouragement from the people around us, we effectively make ourselves prisoners of our own doubts. Your doubts obstruct your thinking so you're beaten before you start. Caution is good, but isn't always a recipe for success and a life fulfilled.

Alamein Michael Metcalf

Every other G period in the middle school schedule, a mixed group of 6th, 7th and 8th graders come to my classroom to practice their skills with a compass and straight edge. They start by drawing six divisions of a circle and then learn to bisect arcs and lines. Once they draw a precise geometric figure, the students color it using good colored pencils and practice shading the color from light to dark. As the term progresses, the drawings become more and more complex and challenging.

This exercise is extremely beneficial to the middle school student. First they must practice precision. Much of precision is actually learning to SEE – seeing where the mistakes are and how they are created. Then they must commit to do the work. Students learn that precision goes hand in hand with commitment and that often, taking the time to do it right the first time saves time in the long run. If it isn't precise, I require it to be redrawn until it is. Sometimes students must redraw the figure 5-6 times before it is precise.

Once they have the drawing- which every other student also draws- each student then has to decide how they are going to make it uniquely their own. By choosing colors, patterns, and shading techniques, each student creates a completely different design. Students find this very satisfying. I like to have relaxing music playing quietly in the background during their coloring and shading to increase the level of relaxation and enjoyment. I am always impressed with the focus and creativity of my students in these classes.

Who knew geometry could be so fun? Who knew art could be so demanding?

## English Saying

To be **Cut To The Quick** implies deep and emotional hurt. This is a simple phrase to explain as the Old English word for 'living' is *cwicu*. Back in ancient England to be 'cut to the *cwicu*' meant receiving a deep flesh wound.

Minette van der Bijl



Juliane Rothan-Centers  
MS/HS Science Teacher

# SUDAN DAYS

Here in Khartoum American School, we pride ourselves on our diversity and understanding of different cultures. More importantly, we have respect for the culture of our Host Nation. Sudan, with its rich heritage and history, is considered one of the backbones of human civilization. To celebrate it, we have such events like last week's Sudan Days. Sudan Days is the three-day event where we eat food, ride donkeys, and are told our fortunes. Here in Arabic class grades 9 and 10 (with an extension of Grade 12), have looked into the many parts of Sudanese Culture, such as edibles, henna, and wedding ceremonies. We have had a lot of fun doing so, and we learned a lot. We hope for many more Sudan Days, as every time it happens we have fun and learn more than the last time. Tabaarak Allah Fi!

Student : Haider Umair Ahmar

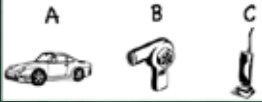
Adani's class



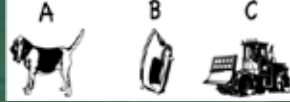
## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MATH PROBLEMS:

KG

1. Which object is the heaviest?



2. Which object is the heaviest?



GRADE<sub>1</sub>

IF THE HOUR HAND IS ON THE 3 AND THE MINUTE HAND IS ON THE 30 WHAT TIME IS IT? CAN YOU DRAW AN ANALOG CLOCK TO SHOW THIS TIME?

GRADE<sub>2</sub>

IF YOU WERE GOING TO MEASURE HOW LONG A CRAYON IS, WOULD YOU USE CENTIMETERS, METERS, OR KILOMETERS AS THE METRIC UNIT OF LENGTH?



### WINNERS!

KG: Sherifa

G1: Mohamed

G2: Adrian



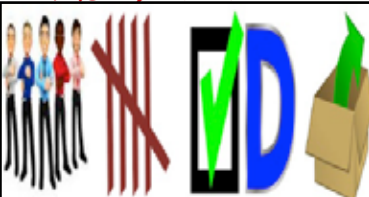
### Elementary Rebus



### Middle & High Rebus



### Faculty Rebus



### Last week's WINNERS are!

MShs: Melisa gr. 6

Faculty: Fatima A - Office mgr

### Last week's Answers are!

Elem: Ms. Lerma's Spring Rolls

MShs: Career Fair

Faculty: Vertical Teaming



**ROSES ARE RED,**  
**VIOLETS ARE BLUE**  
**SUGAR IS SWEET AND SO ARE YOU.**

