

NEWS FROM THE TRUNK
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015

ERICSSON'S

SMART SCHOOLS

COMPETITION 2015



KAS

KAS Sports Banquet - Tuesday, April 28, 6:30pm at KAS

PTA Bake Sale - Thursday, April 30 Lunch time

School Board Elections - May 19, 6pm Library!



Letter from the Superintendent, Dr. Robert Beck

Dear Parents,

Earlier this week I sent you a separate email with the news that three KAS High School students were honored to be the top winners in the 'Ericsson Smart Schools' innovative technology ideas contest. I am repeating that message below since this achievement is deserving of continued attention and continued applause! This is a historic and proud achievement for the students and for KAS. Thank you to the parents who sent congratulations to the winners, and thank you to the staff who supported the winners. The message :

"We wish to share exciting news with you. This past weekend three KAS high school students competed in the 'Ericsson Smart Schools' innovative technology ideas contest. The results for KAS were outstanding (two leading schools competed). KAS students took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the competition. Following are the students and their winning ideas: 1st Place-Hiba Salih, grade 11- "Self-Watering Plant"; 2nd Place- Prateek Samal, grade 12- "Holographic Teaching"; and, 3rd Place (tie)- Talha Kayani, grade 9 - "X Help" (digital camera X ray).

We are proud of our students and of the KAS staff who supported them, including Mrs. Egbal Mohamed, our IT Teacher and Coordinator. Mrs Mohamed coordinated the selection by our staff of the KAS students who were sent to the final Ericsson competition. That competition took place at the Rotana Hotel. The panel of five judges at the final competition consisted of: two computer engineers from the Ericsson Company, a marketing director of Zain Mobile, a marketing director of MTN, and the head of research for the National TeleCommunications Corporation of Sudan. Our three students will now be sent by the Ericsson Corporation to their headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden.

Please share in congratulating **Hiba, Prateek, and Talha**. Bravo KAS students! They were warmly applauded and congratulated today at an all-student assembly.

This is a proud moment for our school and for the KAS Family."



The Ericsson Winners!

Letter from the Middle/High School Principal, Susan Boutros

Dear Students, Parents and Friends,
A HUGE Congratulations to Hiba Salih, Prateek Samal, and Talha kayani for winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at the "Ericsson smart school" technology competitions. We are so proud of you!

It's a very busy time of the year and high school exams are just around the corner. High school exams are going to take place on May 25, 26 and 27.

Students, Here are some tips for 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.

I wish all our high school students the best of luck and success with their exams.

Prateek Samal G12



Talha Kayani G9
Dr. Rob Beck

Learning through Poetry

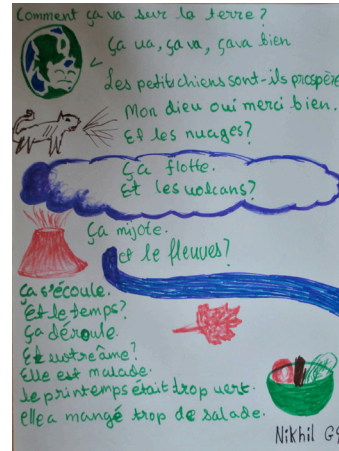
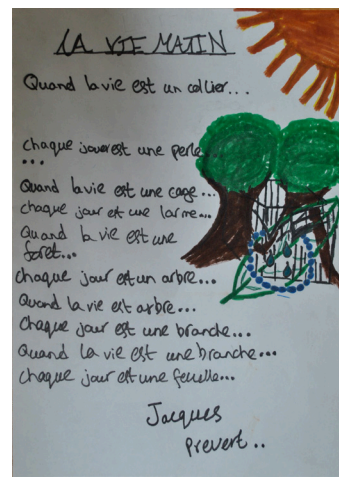


VOYAGEZ VERT
POUR LE JOUR
DE LA TERRE

"Knowing une langue étrangère (a foreign language) has many aspects to it. Some people define their fluency in a language based on the fact that they grew up speaking it, even if they can't read or write it. It's certainly not fair to take that away from them, but I'm an advocate for knowing how to read and write in the language, too. Reading something as simple as a short poem can get your brain moving and thinking in new ways. You get to analyze words and all their meanings. Equally important, it can enhance your language, as poetry recitation can improve your pronunciation, intonation, and in turn speaking fluency.

I am using this method with my students(J'illustre mon poème) to illustrate the structure of the poem, give them a greater understanding regarding the word meanings, context, and the emotions conveyed by the poem. C'est le jour de la terre (It is the earth day) so we chose two simple poems: one about the earth and the other about life on earth".

by Josef Dougherty



Maisa Sarhan

Would you like to be a School Board member?

The Annual Association General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2015 at 6pm in the library. The school is looking to recruit new board members to serve for the upcoming school year. If you are interested, please send an email to Dr. Rob Beck, KAS Superintendent, at rbeck@krtams.org, along with a short biography that can be distributed to the association. The deadline for applications is the 7th of May, 2015. Please also be advised that the next KAS School Board meeting will be on April 26, 6:00pm, Library. Parents are welcome to attend. The agenda consists of updates on operational and informational matters. You can find the agenda on the KAS bulletin board next to the main office.



Hiba Salih G11



Mrs. Egbal Mohamed
IT Coordinator

English Saying

To **Blackmail** somebody is to demand money by threats, usually to expose secrets. This word, or phrase, originated in the Highlands of Scotland in the 1600s. The 'mail' in blackmail is the old Scottish word for rent, usually spelled either 'maill' or 'male', which in turn evolved from the Old Norse word 'mal' meaning agreement or contract. In those days tenants paid their rent in silver coins that used to be known as 'white money' but in the 1600s the Highland clan chiefs began a protection racket, threatening farmers and traders with violence if they didn't pay to be protected from other clans. This informal tax, or additional rent, soon became known as 'black money' or 'black rent', being the opposite of white, and so 'blackmail' became part of the language as a word used to describe the practice of obtaining money by threat of violence. During the 1900s the art of demanding money not to divulge somebody's secrets was established and the use of the word 'blackmail' extended to describe this.

Minette van der Bijl

CONGRATULATIONS! KISSC * volleyball winners



Good Try
Boys
Volleyball
Team!

*KISSC is the athletic association made up of KAS, KICS, UNITY, NILE VALLEY Schools.
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A Hero Among Us - Mrs. Sara



Did you know that our very own swim coach, Mrs. Sara Gadallah, competed in 1975 in Capri Napoli, one of the most celebrated swimming races in the world and won 2nd in the world?! Not only was that an amazing achievement in the world, but Sara also had special challenges due to having polio as a child.

Sara, you are truly an inspiration for not only the KAS family, but for everyone in the world. So today, your **Birth**day, we wish you all the best always!



MR. C'S MATH MINUTE



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MATH PROBLEMS:

KG | DRAW THE BACK OF A NICKEL. HOW MUCH IS A NICKEL WORTH? DRAW THE BACK OF A QUARTER. HOW MUCH IS A QUARTER?

GRADE₁ | ABDUL BAKED ALMOND COOKIES. HE BAKED 4 COOKIES ON ONE TRAY AND 6 COOKIES ON ANOTHER TRAY. HOW MANY COOKIES DID ABDUL BAKE IN ALL?

GRADE₂ | WHAT PLACE VALUE IS THE 4 IN IN THE NUMBER 5,426,851,743?



Winners are:
KG: Lesley Ann
G1: Mohamed Bilal
G2 Braskala