

TRUNK NEWS

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"Responsibility" Students of the Month Congratulations



Have a Wonderful Fall and Eid Break
Children Return to School
September 28th



KAS Sports – 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Charles Barkley on twitter “it is a pleasure to watch Lebron James play.”

KAS Basketball teams played at Unity High School in a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday September 12th, 2015. The teams were the Rockets (KAS A) Hassab Al Rasoul Omer, Ruifan Wang, Mohammed Ibrahim and Abdalla Abbas. The Rippers (KAS B) Vladimir Grunau, Baikun Lui, Samir Elgadal and Gioryl Hoogdorp. The Rockers (KAS C) Talha Kayani, Jack Ming, Jayden Hoogdorp and Hamza Kayani. The boys were well supported by the KAS Girls who were very vocal in their support encouraging the boys to better shots and overall good play. Thank you girls for your amazing spirit!

The KAS coaching team, with Mr. Nick and newcomer to KAS Mr. Owen, did an excellent job of bringing the boys together and throughout the afternoon, keeping the boy’s motivation levels high with shouts of “Up Strong” and “Finish Strong”.

It was a pleasure to watch Vladimir Grunau play on Saturday. Showcasing his spectacular skills, the 16 year old did a little of everything to help the Rippers –KAS B team to land the first blow in what promises to be an interesting season between KAS and the other schools in the Khartoum Conference.

Vladimar got tremendous help from his teammates Gioryl Hoogdorp, Baikun Luis and Samir Elgadal in the final as KICS B made it tough for any of them to get a good look at the basket. The KICS team took the spoils in the end with an score 8-6 as Vladimar tried his best to score a three pointer in the last 10 seconds of the game. But it was not to be.

Can we handle the pressure? From a critical viewpoint – taking notes on what makes KAS’ transition offense so successful in certain games and why we struggle on the defensive end whenever we play more serious games and taller opponents - the answer is Yes! Talent that we do have at KAS has me acting like a kid again, giggling and doing real life fist pumps. The elusive pocket pass – sliding that pass to an open teammate, instantly putting him or her in a position to score. It’s lovely!

By Hanro van der Merwe
Athletics Director



MATH MINUTE QUESTIONS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015

Kindergarten

Q: FIND 3 OBJECTS IN YOUR ROOM. DRAW A PICTURE OF THE OBJECTS, AND WRITE THE NUMBER AND WORD FOR 3 NEXT TO THEM.

GRADE 1

Q: CREATE AND LABEL A CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, COMPLETE WITH THE DAYS OF THE WEEK AND THE NUMBERS 1-30 ON THE CORRESPONDING DAYS.

Grade 2

Q: PUT THE PROPER SYMBOL, $<$, $>$, OR $=$, INTO THE BLANK SPACE TO MAKE THIS NUMBER SENTENCE TRUE:



LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents,

The routine of the school day is now well established. As I have said before, and I know you agree, the establishment of routines and daily schedules is healthy for children. When students can predict what will be happening during the day, this reduces possible stress as they manage their busy schedules.

There are two times during the day that are particularly important in establishing routines that help lower stress. Those two times are at the very beginning of the day when the children arrive at school, and at the end of the day when they leave school and/or when they leave the ASAP after-school activities. Overall, at KAS the drop off and pick of children is done in a timely manner. The procedures work well. However, we are experiencing occasions when the children are dropped off late or picked up late.

We urge you to continue dropping off the children on time (classes begin at 8:00). And we urge you to pick up the children immediately at the end of the school day (2:50), or immediately at the end of the ASAP activities (3:50). The children who come late or who are picked up late find that they are subject to unpredictability that can be stressful and upsetting to them. Please avoid having the children wait after school to be picked up. This is particularly stressful for them in the intense heat.

If we all come together in this effort I am confident the children will feel secure and less stressed. We want them to enjoy a full and happy day at school every day all day!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Robert Beck
SUPERINTENDENT

LETTER FROM THE HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

The habits your child is developing in school will prepare him or her for future challenges and responsibilities. One of the good habits that we would like to help your child with is punctuality. We would like to see your child arrive to school on time every day.

Students who continually arrive late to school miss important announcements and part of the academics of their class. These students also require special attention and take time that could be used otherwise.

Research also indicates that:

- Tardiness problems correlate directly to achievement problems.
- Tardiness problems are associated with lack of preparation for higher-grade levels, college and entering the work force.

At Khartoum American School we take tardiness very seriously. Our student's record shows no distinction between arriving one minute late, fifteen, or one hour. Arriving late is very disruptive to your child as well as to others.

Parents, the school administration, teachers and your child's classmates appreciate, your efforts to help your child get to school on time. Thank you for giving them a great opportunity for success by ensuring that they come to school and are in the classroom on time.

Have a great weekend!

Susan Boutros
HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

After School Activities



To take someone Down A Peg Or Two means to reduce their status among their peers. It is possible the origin of this phrase is found at sea, and the peg used to fly a ship's colours. The lower the peg, the less impressive the achievement. But there is also a reference dating as far back as the 10th century and King Edred's anger at the amount that his army was drinking. Aware that he needed his soldiers sober for the great battles against the Vikings, Edred ordered pegs to be put into the side of ale barrels and no man was allowed to drink below the level of the peg in a single sitting. But as soon as this rule was applied soldiers would drink from other people's kegs and take them down a 'peg or two'.

Minette van der Bijl



Pool Closed

September 23rd and 24th

PTA - CORNER

THANK YOU FOR ALL
YOUR GENEROUS
DONATIONS TOWARDS TODAY'S
THE BAKE SALE

SECURITY CHECKS AT KAS

ALL CARS MUST HAVE THE PROPER KAS SECURITY STICKER TO ENTER THE CAMPUS.
ALL DRIVERS, NANNIES AND PARENTS MUST HAVE THEIR KAS ID.
PLEASE COOPERATE WITH OUR GUARDS AND SECURITY STAFF.

SEE THE MAIN OFFICE STAFF TO GET YOUR ID IF YOU HAVE MISPLACED YOURS.
PLEASE BRING A PICTURE OF YOURSELF IN ORDER TO GET YOUR ID.

THANK YOU FOR YOU SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN THESE SECURITY MEASURES AND WITH OUR SECURITY STAFF.

