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news from the trunk

Thursday, October 27, 2016



## Parent Teacher Conferences at KAS!



**Thank you PTA for the Bake Sale today!**

**SWIMATHON IS ON! Friday, October 28, 3:00pm**

## Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a pleasant Fall Break. Welcome back to our great and historic school. I know the children and our teachers are happy to be back.

Just before the break, parents attended our first parent-teacher conference night of the year. Thank you for attending. As a student-centered school, we place emphasis on working closely with you in the best interests of your child. Parent-teacher conferences provide an opportunity for you to learn about the progress of your child. We want every child at KAS, and you, to receive personal care and attention.

I have mentioned before that when a school establishes a culture that is child-centered and caring, and that daily pays attention to every child's academic, social, emotional, aesthetic and physical development, the school is one that is addressing the needs of the 'whole child'. A school that is child-centered and addresses the needs of the whole child is an exciting and forward thinking school. We are forward thinking and we are child-centered at KAS!

You need not wait for our next parent-teacher night to speak with your child's teachers. If you have any concerns, do not hesitate to make an appointment to see your child's teachers. I know they want to stay in close contact with you.

**I look forward to seeing you tomorrow at our annual SWIMATHON!**

Sincerely yours,

**Dr. Rob Beck**  
Superintendent

## Life-Long Learning

Bonjour,

I hope you all had a good Fall Break. Most of my colleagues and I had the opportunity to attend the Association of International Schools in Africa (AISA) conference over the break. I attended a workshop on differentiation, which will help me help students who are at different stages of learning the French language.

Even teachers do not stop learning! Learning should be a life-long activity. I encourage my students to always see learning as a life-long process to improve themselves. With technology at our fingertips, it is easier than ever to do that. Posted below are links, which can help students by hearing and experiencing the authentic French language using the correct pronunciation.

<http://www.languageguide.org/french/vocabulary/>

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/french/French.htm>

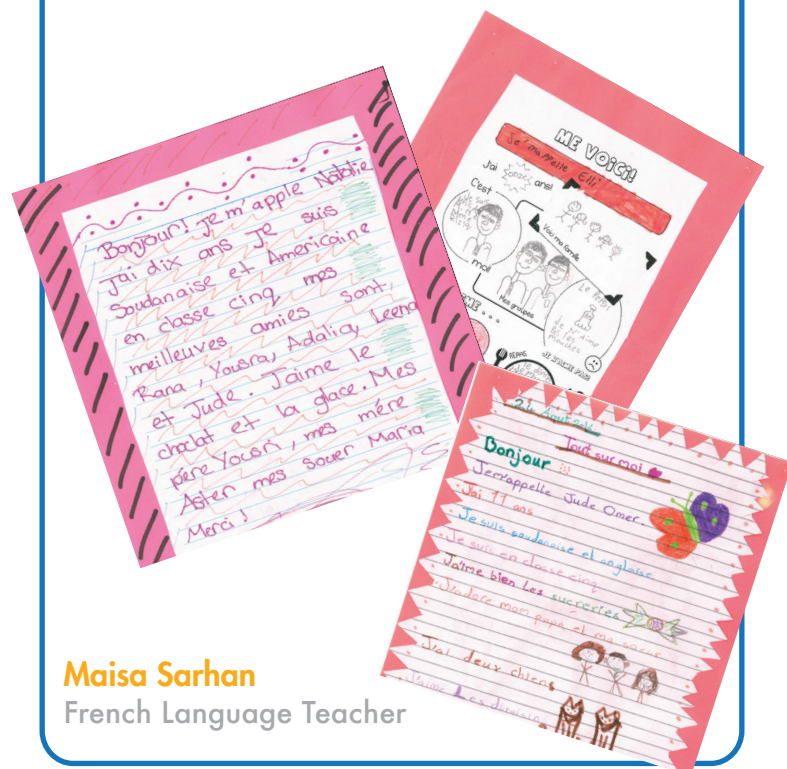
<http://www.tapis.com.au/studentbook1/unit1/index.html>

<http://www.tapis.com.au/studentbook2/Unit1/index.html>

[exiquefle.free.fr](http://exiquefle.free.fr)

<http://www.francaisfacile.com/>

<http://www.laits.utexas.edu/fi/html/toc/00.html>



**Maisa Sarhan**  
French Language Teacher

## A Message from the Middle & High School Principal

**Welcome back!**

I hope that you have all had a relaxing fall break with your family and friends.

During the Fall Break 26 Khartoum American School faculty members went to Johannesburg, South Africa to attend the 2016 AISA Conference (Association of International Schools in Africa). Two of our teachers, Ms. Egbal Mohamed and Ms. Juliane Centers, were presenters at the conference.



Many international educators, including school leaders, attended this 4 day conference from across Africa. The AISA 2016 Educators' Conference (AEC) brought together an impressive range of 10 leading experts from around the world to lead differentiated professional learning experiences. AISA's vision for Professional Learning is to deliver a world-class professional development program to international school teachers and leaders across the African continent.



Our teachers had the opportunity to undertake two learning institutes, from a selection of 20, providing ample time to deepen their knowledge and understanding, to discuss ideas with colleagues and most importantly, to become fully prepared to implement what they learned when they returned to their classrooms.

At KAS we believe that when educators engage in professional development, the greater the impact it will have on student learning.

Have a great weekend!

**Susan Boutros**  
Middle & High School Principal

## NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

Our Senior basketball teams will host KICS at our campus on Tuesday November 8th. The boys game will start at 3:30pm and the girls game will start at approximately 4:15pm. This is our last regular season game vs KICS. We want to make this a big event. We encourage as many of you as possible to show up to cheer! Let's up the great momentum and end the season on a winning note. Go KAS!

### Remaining Basketball Schedule

October 31 KAS @ Unity HS Jr. Teams

November 2nd KAS @ Unity HS Sr. Teams

November 8th KICS @ KAS Sr. Teams

November 14th Junior tournament @ KICS

November 16th Senior tournament @ KICS

November 17th Season Concludes

### SWIMATHON

We are excited about our third annual KAS Aquatics Center Swim-a-thon, which will take place at the KAS Aquatics Center pool on Friday, October 28th from 3pm to 9pm! The Swim-a-thon is a fun activity for all of our student and adult swimmers and the KAS community as a whole. The challenge this year is to swim, as a school community, the distance between Los Angeles, California to Catalina Island, a distance of 20.1 miles / 32.3 km. If we find we reach that distance easily, we will turn around and try to swim back to Los Angeles!

The pool kiosk will be open and they will have a variety of food items for sale. The PTA will also have tables set up in the garden pool area where you can purchase snacks and soda. Thank you PTA! Parents please accompany your children during this event to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable time. We are looking forward to an exciting event. We hope to see you there. Go KAS!

**Breyon Burrell**  
Athletic Director



# ANNOUNCEMENT



## Khartoum American School SWIMATHON

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Parents are encouraged to participate and swim with their children  
Friday October 28 from 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm at KAS Aquatic Center



PTA will be selling snacks & The Pool Kiosk will be open and selling food in a buffet style

For entry forms contact:  
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or download it from our website: [www.krtams.org](http://www.krtams.org)

### Elementary Assembly Masters This Week's Winners



Joshua Iskander  
Grade 1

Aina Shepens  
Bernabeu  
Grade 1

Ephrem  
Gebremichael  
Grade 3

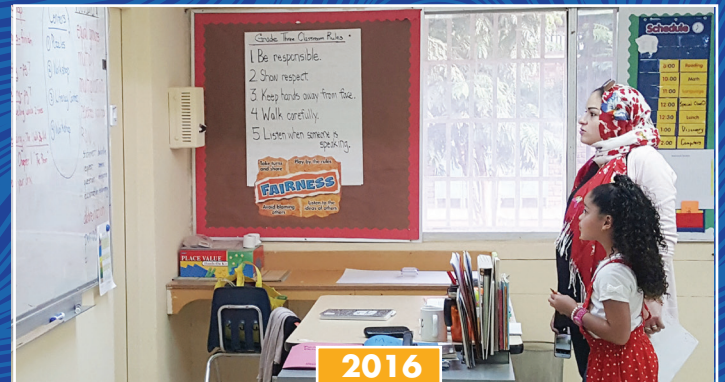
Reeda Elmaghrabi  
Grade 5

## KAS 60th ANNIVERSARY

Parents of KAS students have always been supportive and involved in their children's education



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### SAYING OF THE WEEK

The phrase **To Come Up To Scratch** comes from the boxing ring. In early bare-knuckle boxing or prize-fighting bouts, long before the Marquis of Queensberry produced any rules, a line would be scratched in the ground midway between each fighter's corner at the start of the bout. Any boxer who was knocked down would be given 30 seconds to gather his senses and return to the scratch and show he was fit (or willing) enough to continue fighting. Any boxer 'coming up to the scratch' would be allowed to continue, but a boxer not coming up to the scratch was deemed the loser.

**Minette van der Bijl**  
High School English Department

