

KAS news

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Morning Assembly at KAS!

Superintendent's Message

Teachers Hired for 2019-2020 at Khartoum American School

Bill Collins – High School Science – Bill has a B.A. with a triple major of Math, Chemistry and Physics. He also has a M.A. in Physics. Bill has several years teaching experience. He has taught in the U.S. Navy, the University of Northern Iowa, Iowa public high schools, and Saudi Arabia. Bill is single and an American citizen.

Sally Loughborough – Curriculum Coordinator – Sally has a B.A. in American History and an M.A. in Education. Sally has several years experience and has taught in Thailand, the U.A.E., Indonesia, Taiwan and the U.S. Sally is single and an American citizen.

Kelsey Caldwell – Kindergarten – Kelsey has a B.A. in Education and an M.A. in TESOL. Kelsey has taught in South Korea, Indonesia, and presently in Ohio in the U.S. Kelsey is an American citizen and will be coming with her husband Jon and two small children Claire and Luke.

Jon Caldwell – Grade 4 – Jonathan has a B.A. in Elementary Education and an MA in Education Technology. Jon has taught in South Korea, Indonesia and presently in Ohio in the U.S. Jon is an American citizen and will be coming with his wife Kelsey and two small children Claire and Luke.

Sally Boktor – EAL/English – Sally replaced Mike Metcalf in October this school year and will be working in Secondary EAL next year. Sally has a B.A. in English Linguistics and a Preliminary M.A. also in English Linguistics. Sally has taught in Egypt and here with us at KAS since 2015. Sally is an Egyptian citizen. Sally has over 10 years experience teaching EAL and English.

Mike Schrage – High School Social Studies – Mike has a BA in History and an MA in Special Education. Mike has taught Humanities in the U.A.E., History in the U.S. and is presently teaching IB History in Azerbaijan. Mike is single and an American citizen.

Reekha Dolley – Grade 3 – Reekha has a B.A. in Elementary Education. Reekha has taught in Saudi Arabia, Dubai and is currently teaching elementary school in Cedar Falls, Iowa, U.S. Reekha will be coming with her husband Jakob and her 3 year-old daughter Maya. Reekha is an American citizen.

Jakob Elmquist – Middle School English – Jakob has a B.A. in Secondary English and an M.A. in Teacher Leadership in International Schools. Jakob has taught in Saudi Arabia, Dubai and is presently teaching in Cedar Falls, Iowa, U.S.A. Jakob will be coming with his wife Reekha and his 3 year-old daughter Maya. Jakob is an American citizen.

Ashika Chapman – SEN Coordinator – Ashika has a B.A. in Psychology, an M.A. in Teaching (Special Education) and is currently working on a Phd. In Administration and Supervision. Ashika has taught in Qatar, Togo, Canada, and is currently teaching in Pakistan. Ashika is single and a citizen of Singapore.

Gilles Peyron – Elementary PE – Gilles has a Phd. In Physical Education and Sports, a Masters in Physical Education and Sports, and a B.A. in Physical Education. Gilles has taught in Sri Lanka, Egypt, Qatar, Togo and is teaching currently in Pakistan. Gilles is single and a citizen of France.

Edward LeMay – High School English – Edward has a B.A. in English, an M.A. in English and a MS in Secondary Education. Edward has taught in China, South Dakota, Minnesota and currently in the Philippines. Edward is single and an American citizen of the U.S.

Allison Mallory – Secondary Guidance Counselor – Allison has a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies, an M.S. in Education Administration, and an M.S. in Education Counseling. Allison has worked in Missouri in the U.S. and is currently a counselor in Qatar. Allison is single and an American citizen.

Elementary Principal – Jeremy Albright – Jeremy has a B.A. in Education and a Med. in Educational Leadership. Jeremy has worked in Vietnam, the Dominican Republic, Bahrain, New Mexico and Khartoum. Jeremy is here with his wife Janet (grade 1 Teacher) and their daughter Raylene. They are all American citizens.

Elias Shashati – Middle School Math – Elisa has a Post Graduate Diploma from the University of Khartoum School of Mathematics Elias has also attended several IBDP Math workshops and is presently teaching IB Math at Khartoum International Community School. Elias has also taught at Unity High School in Khartoum. He is a citizen of Sudan.

Kathleen Ward – Grade 5 – Kathleen has a B.A. in Education from the University of Maryland and a Master's Degree in International Education from Endicott College in the U.S. Kathleen has worked in Hong Kong, Thailand, U.A.E., Costa Rica, and Virginia in the U.S. She is currently working in Thailand. Kathleen is single and a citizen of the United States.

Vianca Trigo – Pre Kindergarten – Vianca has a Bachelor's Degree in Educational Psychology and a Master's Degree in Multidisciplinary Studies from Buffalo State University in New York. Vianca has been teaching at the Santa Cruz International School for the past 10 years. She is single and a citizen of Bolivia.

Steve Alexander
KAS Superintendent

A Message from the Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

Dear KAS Family,

Happy Thursday Everyone!

Ramadan Kareem!

I hope you all are having a great and fulfilling Ramadan season so far.

We know that there is no replacement for the face-to-face interaction that happens when the students are at school, on campus. However, during the upcoming school break from June to August the children will need to keep their brains busy with educationally-based information.

Some great free sites for this practice are:

PBS Parents Play and Learn Mobile Downloads. Parents will engage with their children here:

<https://pbskids.org/apps/pbs-parents-play--learn.html>

Another free site is ABCya:

<https://www.abcya.com/>

And there is Brainpop:

<https://www.brainpop.com/>

However, computers and electronic devices cannot convey love, empathy and compassion like we can. As family leaders we know that it is our responsibility to do this. But if you as parents work with your children at home using technology in educational ways, the children will learn from you and the programs available. Remember that as parents we are our children's first teachers. And we will be their greatest influencers throughout their lifetimes.

At KAS one of our missions is to prepare our students to become the future leaders of Sudan. It has been a wonderful experience to see this process in action. Just simply by having teachers from all over the world here, you are allowing your child to have access to many thoughts and theories that will give them an international perspective on life. This will, in the long run, assist them in forming their own adult perspectives. Former U.S. president Obama had an international background that served him well during his tenure a few years back.

As always, thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school and each of its students, employees and programs.

Take care,

Joe Kaminski

Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THE SCHOOL YEAR IS OVER!

All of my students are wrapping up their learning and preparing for exams, or last unit tests.

The 6th grade class has completed their research on the Cold War and is in the process of recording, in documentary-style, 3 important events in the Cold War.

6th grade has spent the entire year doing project based learning (PBL). Watching them learn, not only about content, but also how to demonstrate their learning in various multimedia projects, has been awesome! I was completely blown away when the students came to my class and discussed "Communism versus Non-Communism", or the use of propaganda. They have far exceeded my expectations.

9th graders are currently doing independent research with guided questions on WWI, WWII and the Cold War. The students are excellent at debating, as well as looking at issues from multiple perspectives. One of the most difficult challenges we face is understanding one another when we come from differing perspectives. This is even more important now as we live in the "24 hour news cycle" that bombards us with talking points and talking heads.

All in all, it has been a fantastic year for me. I have absolutely enjoyed every moment working with the students this year, watching them grow and overcome.

I have challenged them to be their best and they have far exceeded every expectation I could have.

I am looking forward to seeing what next year brings.

James Dolecki

Social Studies Teacher

Battle of the Books



Dear Faculty, Parents & Students

The library team is very proud of the participants of THE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS (BOB) competition which took place on Tuesday, 17th of March. The KAS students participated in this fun and educational event competing with other schools, discussing and answering questions about books they read. The dedicated readers did a great job.

Thanks to Ms. Safaa and Ms. Reem who accompanied the kids of the battle as chaperones for their ice-cream party. Your help was appreciated. In addition, a special thanks to Ms. Lina and Ms. Sara Osman who were supportive and helpful in preparing for the competition throughout the year and on the day.

The Nile Book Awards (NBA), which was a fun activity, designed to encourage students to read is also coming to an end. The NBA required students from eight different schools around Africa to read the same books and vote for their favorites. Due to the success of these events the Library team held a voting party for the students at the KAS library

on Thursday, 2nd of May during lunch, in order to keep the excitement for reading going.



Yours sincerely,

Shireen Shiber
Librarian

Saying of the Week

If something **Rings True**, or has the **Ring Of Truth** to it, it is generally thought to be the genuine article, despite possible alternatives. Centuries ago, coins of the realm were made of pure metals instead of the hard-wearing alloy that makes up modern currency. But pure metals such as silver have a sonorous ring to them when dropped on a hard counter, so it was quite possible to tell the difference between a genuine coin and a counterfeit by the ringing sound it made when tested.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department