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Parent Seminars – The first parent seminar of this school year was held today on the importance of the KAS Mission Statement and other supporting documents. The mission statement is very important in guiding us in our decision making and being consistent with the importance of having clear direction.

The next Parent Seminar will be held on September 27 at 8:30 am in the Library on the topic of Safeguarding at KAS. Last year the KAS Board established an ad hoc committee whose task is to develop a comprehensive Safeguarding Manual to help us provide protection for all at our school. The members of this committee are Dr. Salma Moustafa (Board Member), Susan Boutros (Secondary Principal), AnnJvwley(Sgrae p TD100(.eachr)),JJO.Tw T(pnd bteve Alexander)(SeperTIncororahis tf The r are Dsve ral protcedure iwehavi arlready pu in gplace

Steve Alexander
KAS Superintendent

Happy Mid-September Everyone!

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The homework load in the elementary has been limited due to the fact that all growing individuals should have adequate time for at home activities in addition to their school work. Studies show that when families spend quality time together each day children score better on tests and are more well-adjusted emotionally and socially. Happier kids, is the end product we all want.

Our school-wide MAP testing is coming up next week so it is important that your children get plenty of rest and are therefore alert for this testing. The results of these tests will be used as one more vital tool in our repertoire to better understand your child's learning needs and their current growth.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school and its' students, employees and programs.

Take care,

Joe Kaminski
Early Childhood & Elementary Principal

As many of us are new to Khartoum, I am sure that you might currently be undergoing the experience of trying to learn a new language.

I can very well remember my first foreign language that I was exposed to.... it was German and as I eagerly collected every new word, I would try it out on unsuspecting (probably annoyed) family members, much to their confusion, as none of them were German speakers! It was only when I was exposed to native German speakers that I really felt elated that my words elicited the correct response and that people did understand me!

Physiological studies have found that speaking two or more languages is a great asset to the cognitive process, including improved memory, greater multitasking ability, better decision-making skills and very importantly staving off Alzheimers and dementia in our old age. Interestingly, one of the major benefits is also that it raises your awareness of the mechanics of language, e.g. grammar, syntax and sentence structure, which leads to a better understanding of your own native tongue.

So, may I encourage all of our readers and KAS community to grasp the opportunity to learn one or even more languages, especially French as a school offering and Arabic, the language of the country we currently call home. Do not fear failure or ridicule, for it is only by practice and repeated practice and some more practice that greatness is born. Allons-y!

Ilse Young
French Teacher



After a week of research, the 7th grade science class shared their discoveries about climate change at the elementary assembly. Not only did they teach the younger students how they can help the environment, but student-made global warming warning posters will be hung around the school to ensure students work together for a brighter tomorrow. The 7th graders are shining examples of how education and activism are helping to create the next generation of global citizens.

A big thank you goes to Mr. Jorgensen, Ms. Nafisa and the 7th grade science students!

Why Manners Matter

A primary goal for both educators and parents is to help instill good manners in their students and children. From a very young age, we remind children to practice using manners with the

