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Dear Parents,

Rarely does my newsletter article contain information relating to marshmallows, but these delicious treats are at the heart of an educational and fun event recently held here at KAS.

Our students in the High School participate in a weekly advisory and character-building program called GOAL. As part of this program the High School challenged the Elementary School to see who could prevail in the “Marshmallow Challenge” an activity that promotes team building skills, creativity, spatial math skills and problem-solving. The Marshmallow Challenge involved groups of students building a structure out of spaghetti and masking tape that would suspend a marshmallow as high as possible without collapsing.

This exercise which has been carried out worldwide regularly shows surprising results in that young people consistently outperform their older colleagues and in a broader context they surpass college business graduates and even CEO's of companies.

The event finished with several structures hitting high heights while others simply hit the ground, but nonetheless it was a wonderful, fun activity that was enjoyed by all. This event once more highlighted our commitment to inquiry- based learning, and proved yet again that learning comes in many shapes and forms. A special thank you goes to Ms. Kelley for making it all happen.

Enjoy the long weekend and please have a safe and restful holiday.

At Khartoum American School we are raising student achievement through 21st century education. We emphasize the skills that students need to succeed. Our students are honing their communication, collaboration, and critical thinking skills. Being an inclusive student-centered school the KAS faculty focus on the individual student and not the individual subject. Our teachers are finding ways to challenge and stretch all of our students while giving them the tools to succeed. KAS strives for continuous improvement and identifying new ways to fully prepare our students with the skills they need to meet the challenges of the 21st century. There is a balance between these modern pedagogical methods and rigorous clear standards. Our elementary team maintains the highest expectations and our students strive to live up to them.

KAS is not an island and education does not start and end at the gates of the school. Our culture of learning extends beyond the walls of KAS and beyond our students to include the whole school community. E3(ou goeds and r3gQ, ))

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