



Dear KAS Community,

Welcome back to the start of our second semester. I hope you all had a relaxing and restful break.

This is an important time of the year for a Superintendent because a great deal of my work is interviewing and researching high quality teaching candidates to fill vacancies we will have at KAS next year. I will be attending one of the best recruiting fairs for international school teachers from January 28th to February 4th at the University of Northern Iowa in the U.S. This is the oldest international teacher recruiting fair which began in 1976. There will be close to 700 candidates at the fair. I have already set up interviews with about 20 candidates at this fair. All of them are from the U.S.

I am extremely pleased to let you know about two vacancies I have recently filled for next year. Dave Lauchmen, an American with over 20 years of experience as a Learning Center teacher, will be coming to KAS to be our Learning Center Coordinator. Dave has experience in all areas in his field. He spent much of his career teaching in the U.S. and is presently working as a teacher in this area at the International School of Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia. Dave has been there for the past three years. I know he will be a great addition to our staff.

Just this week, Darryl Philip Centers, a Principal with a variety of experience, has signed a contract to be our Elementary School Principal next year. Darryl is also an American who most recently worked as a Principal at a school in Saudi Arabia. Darryl also has a lot of experience as an Elementary Teacher (grades 1 through 5) in his career

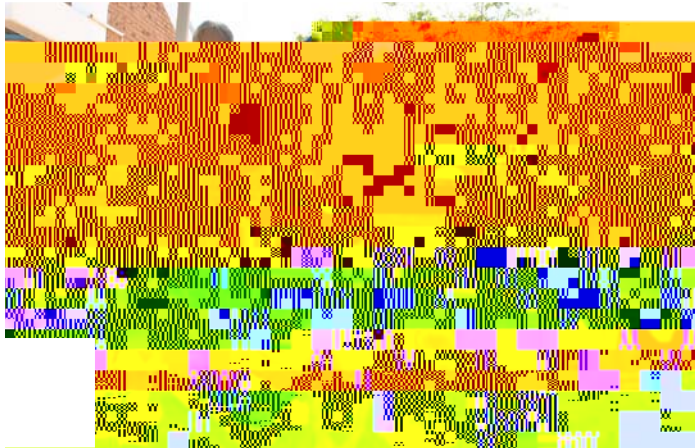
Want to save the world? Yes, we can!

By taking small steps within our own communities, we can make a difference. In our own school community, we are kicking off our Campaign for a Green School! Our high school students will be leading the campaign by focusing on three main areas that they prioritized:

- Raising awareness by making posters, presentations etc. For the whole school on REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE and other environmental messages.
- Doing weekly clean up drives.
- Digging compost pits for organic food waste.

We are so excited to be starting this campaign and hope it will help us become more environmentally and ethically aware global citizens.

“A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step” - Laozi



To **Have Someone Over A Barrel** means that somebody is totally at the mercy of third parties and unable to have any influence over the circumstances surrounding them. In medieval Britain it was standard practice to drape a drowning, or drowned, person face down over a large barrel to try and clear their lungs. As the victim was usually unconscious it was obvious they were totally reliant upon third parties and whatever action they took would determine their fate. Not really an ideal situation to be in for many reasons - especially

