

KAOHSIUNG AMERICAN SCHOOL

PREPARING BALANCED INDIVIDUALS, INDEPENDENT LEARNERS, AND GLOBAL CITIZENS



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Dear Parents,

We are pleased with the smooth opening and anticipate an excellent year. We thank all of you for your cooperation with dropping off and picking your students up before and after school. When frustrated, just remember that, after this year, we should not have any more construction projects for many, many years.

On Wednesday we had our first college admissions person visit KAS. Fifteen seniors met with the University of Notre Dame (perhaps the most well known University in the US) Admissions Officer, and she left very impressed with KAS and our students.

The first "KAS Artists Series" concert will be on Wednesday, August 19th at 15:30-16:30. Ms. Judith Mendenhall, the principal flutist of American Ballet Theater Orchestra, is very generous to share her musical experience with us. We invite all KAS parents, students, staff, and friends. There is no charge. I think you will enjoy this performance very much.

On August 26, students in the high school will have an opportunity to learn about all the clubs and activities available this year. Middle school and elementary students will soon be able to sign up for after school activities as well. As they make their choices about what they are interested in, it is important that they only choose activities they can truly commit to. We want students to develop leadership and organizational skills and to pursue their interests outside of the classroom; this cannot happen if students are unable to attend their clubs' meetings and events. We appreciate your support in this.

Our Media Center is open after school for study groups or for quiet discussions/activities. If you take your child to the Media Center please be mindful it is an extension of our library and is intended as a workspace. Children can read, talk quietly to one another or work on their homework. They are not permitted to run, play active games, re-arrange the colored block furniture, etc. Some children may be confused because the Center is new and colorful so we have to remind them it is not a playground. Please supervise your children accordingly while in the Media Center. Thank you for helping us maintain a proper learning atmosphere.

Please mark the date for our Open House on your calendars. It will take place on Friday, August 28 from 3:15-5:15. Opening remarks will be in the auditorium at 3:15 followed by opportunities to hear presentations by your child's teachers. Further detail will be communicated to you as the date approaches. We look forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,
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親愛的家長您好，

我們很開心開學一切順利，期待一個美好的新學年。感謝您對於學校上下接送學生新措施的配合。當您對於學生接送感到無奈沮喪時，只要記得，過了今年，將會有很多很多年學校都不會再有工程興建的計畫。

這個星期三，本學年第一位大學入學代表到學校參訪。大約有 15 位 12 年級的學生跟 Notre Dame 大學(大概是全美最知名的大學)代表面談。該名代表對於我們學校及學生留下了非常深刻的印象。

第一場"高雄美國學校藝術家系列"音樂會將在 8 月 19 日星期三，下午 3 點 30 分到 4 點 30 分在學校音樂廳舉行。Judith Mendenhall 老師是美國紐約芭蕾舞劇院樂團首席長笛家，她非常慷慨的答應來分享她的音樂經歷。歡迎所有家長，學生，教職員及學校的友人一起來參加。這場音樂會是免費入場的。您一定會非常享受這場表演的。

8 月 26 日，高中部的學生將有機會了解學校今年所有活動及社團。很快地中學部的學生也將同時勾選他們想要參加的課外活動。當學生在考慮選擇自己感興趣的課外活動時，只選擇自己真正可以投入參加的活動是很重要的。我們希望學生在課堂之外能夠發展領導能力及組織技巧，因此選擇學生能全心投入的社團是很重要的。我們很感謝您的支持。

我們的多媒體中心在放學後開放讓學生安靜的討論功課或是其他靜態的活動，如果您帶您的孩子到多媒體中心也請注意多媒體時中心是屬於圖書館的一部分，也是一個工作環境。學生們能在此讀書，安靜的討論功課。我們不允許學生在此奔跑或是隨意地搬動彩色積木傢俱等行為。有些學生可能會覺得多媒體中心看起來很新又色彩繽紛，但我們必須提醒學生們這不是一個遊樂場。請各位家長幫忙督促您的孩子，幫助我們維持一個適當的學習氣氛。

請家長們在您的行事曆上記下 Open House 的日期是在 8 月 28 日 3 點 15 分到 5 點 15 分。當天活動會先在 2 樓禮堂進行開幕，之後您可移駕到學生班級聽各班老師的簡報，相關訊息會在日期更接近之時公布。我們很期待能見到您!

祝順心!

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