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Parent Newsletter for Week of January 18, 2016

Dear Parents,

It is not too early to think about our annual Summer Writing Institute. We are delighted to announce that Brandon and Lisa will be back for the sixth straight year. The tuition remains the same at \$16,000NT for one session and \$30,000NT for both sessions. It is a real deal to have three college professors who have been published and have a Ph.D. or MFA in writing. Last year we divided the classes with ELL students having their own classes. The reviews were excellent so we plan to do this again this year. If your child is in ELL or a MYP or IBDP student, this is a real help in reducing the pressure during the school year. The dates will be June 13 to 24 from 8-12 (Monday -Friday) for session I and June 27-July 8 for session II. Class size will be limited to 15 students. Contact Daisy for applications or for more information.

We are pleased to inform you that we are already fully hired for next year. We will add two PE positions (one is swimming instructor), a second Kindergarten teacher, another middle school math/science position and a drama teacher. This will give us many more electives, strengthen our athletic and arts departments, and lower our teacher-student ratio.

Our Phase II construction project remains on time and will open between the middle of October to the middle of December (depending on weather).

The next in our series of parent workshops will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28. They are as follows:

- Dealing with Explicit Content on the Internet
 - designed for parents of children grade 3 and higher
 - location- Media Center
 - workshop host- Mr. Hammerlund, Technology Coach
- Understanding How Children Learn to Read
 - designed for parents of children in PreK-grade 2 (session for older grades next week)
 - location- Lecture Hall
 - workshop host- Mrs. Peters, Elementary Principal

Our first semester awards assembly for Middle School will be on Wednesday, January 27th, at 11:55 a.m. in the Theater. Certificates will be presented to students who have achieved Honorable Mention, Honors, High Honors and Superintendent's Honors.

We are proud of all of our students, and this week we are especially proud of the very high number of students earning honors for their success in academics during the first semester.

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A number of parents have asked me what we cannot afford to complete Phase II. We are still short by 4 million NT's for our Elementary School Students Playground, Two million NT's short for the Elementary School Sports Area (a late addition to the project), 4.5 million is still needed to finish the cafeteria so we can prepare all food on campus, and 2.5 million is needed for the equipment in the weight room.

We thank all parents who have made generous donations to KAS. We assure you your money is being spent thoughtfully and frugally.

With appreciation,

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親愛的家長您好：

現在開始考慮我們一年一度的暑期寫作班也不嫌早！我們很開心宣布 **Brandon** 和 **Lisa** 兩位老師已經是連續第六年回來擔任暑期寫作的講師。學費仍維持是一期\$16000 元台幣，兩期一起報名優惠價是\$30000 元台幣。以此優惠價格可以參加三位出版的大學教授的寫作課程真的很划算，講師們也都是寫作博士或是藝術創作碩士。去年我們為 **ELL** 學生們單獨開一班，課後大家的反應都很好，因此今年我們也打算再次單獨開班給 **ELL** 學生們。如果您的孩子目前是 **ELL** 學生或是 **MYP**、**IBDP** 的學生，此課程能夠幫助他們減輕一整學年的課業壓力。第一期的上課時間是 6 月 13 日到 6 月 24 日，第二期則是從 6 月 27 日到 7 月 8 日，時間都是早上 8 點到 12 點 (週一至週五)。我們會採取最多 15 人的小班教學方式。若您想了解更多詳情，歡迎跟 **Daisy** 聯絡。

我們很開心跟您通知 明年的職缺都已經完成聘任了，我們增加了兩位體育老師(一位是游泳教練)、第二位幼稚園老師、另一位中學部數學/科學老師以及戲劇老師。我們將會有更多選擇，加強我們的體育以及藝術部門，並且降低我們的師生比。

第二期工程的進度如期進行，預計在 10 月中至 12 月中完工(因天氣而異)。

第二次的家長講座是在 1 月 28 日 星期四，下午兩點，主題如下：

- 如何處理網路上的不當內容
 - 專為三年級以及三年級以上的家長設計
 - 地點：2 樓多媒體中心
 - 講者：數位媒體指導- Mr. Hammerlund
- 孩子如何學習閱讀
 - 專為 PreK 到 2 年級的家長設計 (3~5 年級的講座會在下週舉行)
 - 地點：3 樓 Lecture Hall
 - 講者：小學校長- Mrs. Peters

1 月 27 日星期三 11 點 55 分將在 2 樓音樂廳舉行中學部第一學期的頒獎典禮，屆時將會頒發 **Honorable Mention**、**Honors**、**High Honors** 以及 **Superintendent's Honors** 等四個獎項。

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我們以所有的學生為榮，這禮拜尤其為第一學期獲獎的同學們感到驕傲。

有些家長在問我們二期工程中還缺少什麼物件的經費。我們還需要 400 萬台幣來興建國小的遊樂場、國小體育區域(最後加入的項目)還需要 200 萬、450 萬來完成餐廳，讓我們可以自己在餐廳開伙、以及重量訓練室的 250 萬。

我們感謝所有慷慨捐獻給 KAS 的家長們。我們跟您保證這些經費都會好好的被運用。

感謝您

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