

Wednesday, April 25, 2012 from 7:00 PM at KAS

## Letter from the Middle and High School Principal, Susan Boutros

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope that you have all had a relaxing break with your family and friends. It is a very busy time of the year for all of our students and teachers since there is so much happening at Khartoum American School including;

- High school students are preparing for their Advanced Placement exams, which are going to take place in the f rst two weeks of May.
- Our annual KASMUN Conference will take place on April 26-28. The KASMUN opening ceremony will be on Thursday, April 26, starting at 7:00 PM in the quad. There will be refreshments following the ceremony in the Clinton's garden.
- Poetry week is going to take place during the week of April 22-26. The library has planned many engaging and fun poetry activities for students of all ages during this time. There will also be a Scholastic Book Sale everyday during this week.

## Loving Literature Circles

The Grade 5 students at KAS have been practicing the Literature Circle format in Reading.

A Literature Circle is basically the same thing as a book club for adults. Students are given choices (i.e. books they will read and jobs they will complete as they read) which contribute to the investments that they have in their own learning, as well as their levels of engagement. The teacher serves as a facilitator, observer, listener, and sometimes fellow reader alongside the students. Through Literature Circles, an environment/structure that allows students to practice and develop the skills and strategies of successful readers is created.

