



Nambale Magnet School

A home, a school and a future for children made destitute by the AIDS crisis

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Evalyn Sightings....

Evalyn Wakhusama will be in the CT area this winter.. you can catch her here:

Sunday evening, 1/27 - 5 pm, Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien
Open Doors Service

Sunday morning, 2/3 - 10 am North Congregational Church, Woodbury

Sunday evening, 2/3 - 5 pm, Christ Church Bethany (*followed by dinner*)

FEATURED STUDENT



F.M. at the age of 6 has been at the Magnet School since 2011. She is in the "Pre-Unit" (kindergarten). Her teacher is Yulida Khaemba, and her favorite subject is English.

She also loves to eat Ugali and chicken. She has so many hobbies, it's hard to list them all: reading, dancing, singing, and making friends. She belongs to the Debating Club and carries several responsibilities at the School, among them collecting books and pencils and keeping them in the cabinet.

She aspires one day to be a nurse - and we think she'll make it!

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January, 2013

A NEW YEAR AT NAMBALE

Here we are at the beginning of a new year. As we look back at 2012, we find that there were many things that provided tremendous gratification to us, as we marked the successful completion of the fourth year of operation of the Nambale Magnet School. What began in 2009 with a pioneer class of 32 young learners has blossomed into a student body of more than 200 youngsters spanning eight academic levels, from pre-nursery through fifth grade.

At the end of a successful sports season, the winning team which captures the championship has the luxury of resting on its laurels during the long off season. Its members can savor their victory as the best in their field. What an extravagant feeling that must be!



For the rest of us, no matter how successful a year we've had, we need to get ready immediately for the year ahead. And, unlike championship sports teams, for the greater mass of humanity, there is no "off season," to rest on one's accomplishments and bask in the memory of past glories.

And so, despite the tremendous sense of accomplishment that we all experience in reflecting on the wonderful year that the students, staff and faculty of Nambale Magnet School had in 2012, we are all too aware of the challenges that face us in 2013. Like the admonition provided by investment advisors, "past performance is no indicator of future results," we know



how important it is to remain vigilant and steadfast in supporting this wonderful educational institution.

Another 30 students have now joined the Nambale Magnet School community as it begins its first trimester of the 2013 academic year: 30 more learners to educate,

30 more mouths to feed, 30 more children to clothe, 30 more souls to nurture, nourish and uplift. It's a heady task, but we are confident that we will more than adequately meet the challenge. Thanks to your support and that of many others, along with the tremendous dedication and diligence of the Nambale Magnet School faculty and staff, ably supported by our Kenyan partners at WIKS, we see a bright future for these children and, indeed, for their entire community.

Each child who receives an education at Nambale Magnet School is like a pebble in a pond, whose ripples course out in ever-widening circles. These children will be the future of their town, their district, their province and, ultimately, their entire nation. Where there was poverty, limitations and hopelessness, there is now ambition, confidence and optimism. Hillary Clinton once quoted the African adage, "It takes a village to raise a child." Take heart in knowing that you are one of those villagers helping an entire community of children.



We at WIKS-USA wish you and your family health, prosperity and joy in 2013. Please keep our students in your hearts and minds in wishing the same for them!

Tom Sansone
Chair of the Board, WIKS-USA, Inc.

Blessings!

The WIKS-USA Team