



Nambale Magnet School

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

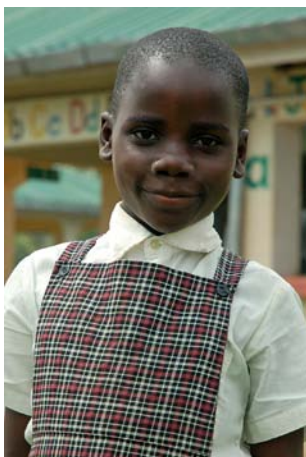
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FEATURED STUDENT



S.A. has been at the Nambale Magnet School since 2011, and she is 9 years old. She is Ms. Ariongo's Primary 2 class and one day hopes to be a nurse.

S.A. loves studying Mathematics and Kiswahili, and also loves reading, and being part of the Debating Club. Her favorite game is basketball, and when it's dinner time rice and beans are the best menu.

The School is blessed to have leaders like S.A. !

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SPRING UPDATE - NAMBALE MAGNET SCHOOL



As our second trimester begins, the students and school are thriving. We have 234 students in pre-school through fifth grade. Our 28 staff members include 10 teachers; one office staff, one social worker, facilities officer, matron, three cooks and a helping hand, three caretakers for the hostels, four security men and three farm workers.

Besides academic rigor, the learners will this year participate in enrichment activities such as drama, music and sports competing with other schools in the region. A newly commissioned Parent-Teacher Association of 13 will provide input to school administration and act as a liaison with the local community.



Our newly formed Parent-Teacher Association

To provide fresh, nutritious food to the children at reasonable cost, the school has expanded its animal husbandry. We have chickens for laying eggs, animals in our pen for milk, the green house and external garden for vegetables eaten at the school, and fish ponds for fish. We have recently introduced box fish ponds to grow cat fish, known to grow to very large size. Cat fish are rich in omega 3 vitamins, which will help boost our learners' health. We also have put up a rabbit hutch to raise rabbits for meat at the school. Since rabbits grow very fast, we believe that this will be a good source of protein for the children.

The long awaited pig sty is finally done and we have 20 weaned piglets at the school, from which we will select our breeding sows. We are on course to registering with Farmers' Choice, the only pig products processing plant in the country. This way, it will be possible to ensure sale of our animals. The school recently



purchased an additional half-acre of land for farming, and will move some activities to that nearby plot as the school grows. Some of the pigs and excess produce are expected to be sold later this year, with proceeds going toward underfunded operating expenses. ([Donations](#) for operating expenses

are always needed!)

The school continues to seek other income-generating activities that will not conflict with its primary mission. It was recently licensed to train adults in Early Childhood Development Education during school holidays. The adults who complete this two-year program will sit for national exams at both the Certificate and Diploma levels. Having the training at the school will raise resources, increase the employment prospects of the attendees, and enlarge the pool of skilled potential teachers and aides for Nambale Magnet School and other schools in the area.

Founder's Day activities are planned for later this month. Activities will include service to the local community by our students. Look for a report in our next newsletter of how our learners are discovering that giving time and talent to others is a joyful and rewarding experience.

Update by Evalyn Wakhusama, with Ruth Beardsley

Blessings!

The WIKS-USA Team