



Nambale Magnet School

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FEATURED STUDENT



M.O. was born in 2008 and came to the Nambale Magnet School at the age of 4. He is now in Ms. Petronilla Sitawa's Middle Class, Pre-Kindergarten.

He enjoys studying language, and playing football, and his favorite color is white. He loves to sing and is in the drama club. He aspires to be a teacher one day.

When it comes to meal time, M.O. gobbles up the Ugali and Fish! Good thing there is fresh fish grown and harvested at the Nambale Magnet School!!

Quinn Rooney Memorial Music Scholarship

Longtime NMS supporter Howard Levine has made the first gift to a new scholarship endowed in memory of Quinn Rooney, the late son of one of Howard's (and Tom Sansone's) law partners. It will help children attend NMS and honor Quinn's love of music.

The description reads:

The purpose of the Scholarship Fund is to set up an initial endowment of \$2,500 to assist with tuition for indigent or needy students who otherwise would not be able to attend the Nambale Magnet School. The Fund is to be called the "Quinn Rooney Memorial Scholarship" and is to be awarded to those students or applicants demonstrating need and exhibiting either an aptitude for or special love of music. The committee may award each scholar up to \$500 for an academic year, but need not award the entire amount to every student.

Donations to this Fund can be made [here](#), designating "Rooney Scholarship Fund"

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NMS HOLDS ITS 4TH PRIZE-GIVING DAY

On February 28th 2013, the Nambale Magnet School community celebrated our prize-winning students for the scholastic year 2012. Prize Giving Day is an annual ceremony in which learners and staff are recognized for their outstanding work in various categories in the previous academic year. This was the fourth Prize Giving Day in the School's five years of existence. NMS attracted a total of over 300 learners, parents, invited guests and friends of the school who came to give their support to all the learners who had achieved so much over the past year. The event was held at the Nambale Magnet School and Yulida Nafula, an NMS teacher, presided.



A student receives an award during the ceremony

The invited guest of honour at the event was Mr. Elijah K'Awour, a lecturer at the Catholic University campus in Kisumu. Accompanying Elijah were Robert Onyango and Joseph Wahuto, both from Catholic University. Mr. Patrick Odhiambo, the District Quality Assurance Officer (DQASO) from the Ministry of Education was also present.

Around 150 prizes were given to learners and staff to honour them for their outstanding work in the previous academic year. The various categories of excellence included: academic achievement, most improved, most organized, character, responsibility, discipline, sports, creativity and cleanliness, among others. The event was graced by entertainment from learners in each class. NMS has a total of 8 classes - 3 in kindergarten and 5 at elementary level.



Grade five presents a skit for Prize Giving Day

During the ceremony, the Parents Teachers Association (PTA) was launched. PTA is a committee of elected parents and teachers whose role is to provide a platform for dialogue with the school management on all matters relating to the welfare of the pupils and their surroundings. It works to improve the welfare of the school community and involves parents in motivating learners, promoting the image of the school and planning for the development of the school.

Mr. Elijah K'Awour, in his speech, compared the school to Starehe Boys Centre, which was started by the late Dr. Geoffrey Griffins. That school was started to assist boys from vulnerable backgrounds. He encouraged the stake holders to be aggressive and take a lead in education matters in the region. In addition he acknowledged that Daniel, the head teacher, is the link between NMS and the University. Daniel takes courses at the Catholic University during school holidays. Mr. Elijah proposed that the University and School explore ways of having a business relationship.

The Founding Director, Rev. Evalyn Wakhusama articulated the school's

dream, "to have a school that would empower society, bring transformation that translates into better living and a healthy society." She congratulated the current learners in grade five for performing excellently in the previous year. They emerged position three out of fifty in Nambale District. As she concluded her speech, she appealed to the audience to support gains in growth, quality and service in the School's fifth year. She also mentioned that the school will be commemorating Founders day on May 25th 2013 by holding an open day to the community. After the function the learners left with their guardians and/or parents for mid-term break.

*Wendy Wakhusama
WIKS-Kenya Board*

Blessings!

The WIKS-USA Team



Board members and NMS staff cut the cake to mark 5 years of existence