



Nambale Magnet School

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

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Featured Student



P.O. is 10 years old, and has been at the Nambale Magnet School since 2010. He is in Primary Class 3, with Ms. Nabwire.

P.O.'s favorite subject is Kiswahili, and he loves to play football. The color orange is his preferred hue, and he enjoys chapati with beans for dinner.

His favorite hobby is reading, and in class he is responsible for cleaning the chalkboard. And when he grows up, he hopes to be a pilot!

Busy Summer at the Nambale Magnet School!

There have been many visitors and events at our beloved Nambale Magnet School this summer - and we'll be hearing from some of those who visited in coming months. For this issue, we want to share with you the report Evalyn Wakhusama prepared, with all the formatting and pictures she included.



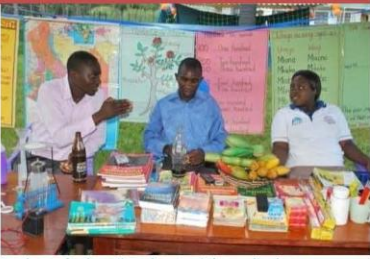
Nambale Magnet School News

The second term at the Nambale Magnet School has been a bee hive of activities. Apart from the usual academic rigor, the school's pioneer class took a trip to Nakuru, located East in the Great Rift Valley, 200 miles away. The learners were accommodated at the Lake Nakuru National Park and had the privilege to see many animal species in the wild. Then our Pre-School class took part in the district level singing competition and the school excelled.



Grade 5 learners in Nakuru

The highlights of the term have been the annual events of the Founder's week and the Sports day. The Founder's week concluded with an open day held at the school on May 25th. The day was occasioned by the need to show and tell the community the mission of the school



Books and educational materials on display

Thus, due to different comments received from both the community and travelers along the road. To increase our acceptability and engage the community better, we asked the question for every age, which Jesus had asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am? The responses were both interesting and surprising. Consequently, we planned an Open Day to streamline the community's perception of the school.

The day was open to the public to learn about the school, the learners, achievements and even our challenges. About 200 people streamed into the school throughout the day. Among them were school heads, Church and political leaders and children who were very impressed with the role the school was playing to transform society. As the old saying goes, "You can't hide what's inside." The open day helped the community understand the school's role in serving the

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underprivileged of society as well as providing direction on how to develop rural and impoverished Nambale.



Some of our learners familiarizing themselves with display materials



Displaying our farm activities and produce

The other activity during this term was the celebrated annual sports day. There were four teams: Leopard, Tiger, Cheetah and Jaguar.

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The teams came in style carrying a placard with the name of their team.



Tiger group entering the field for Sports day

Once all the teams had entered the playfield, the children sang the school anthem and competition began. First was a soccer match between the girls' school team and a group of girls of the same age from the community. Our girls beat them by one goal. Other events included a relay race in which various activities such as blowing air into a balloon and bursting it before running to the next point.



Nambale Magnet girls' soccer team

Our boys' soccer team faced great challenge when they played with a soccer academy from the community. In spite of being younger and unexposed, our boys put up a very spirited game. We were most impressed by some of the talents within the school.



Some of the members of the Cheetah team



The soccer team for girls from the community



Who will be the first to burst their balloon?

At the end of the function, the Leopards carried the day and were awarded the largest trophy, which was donated by Ernest Wakhusama and his wife Turi Wamboye. The learners thereafter, left with their parents and guardians for the mid-term break.



Grade 5 learners in Nakuru

Classes have since resumed and school is on course for the second half of the term. Academic performance is encouraging and our teachers continue to do their best to have every learner exploit their potential. There are however, challenges arising from some learners with learning disabilities, such as autism. Our teachers unfortunately, are not fully equipped to identify these learning disabilities and it is our hope that we will find support for our teachers in the near future.

The school farm is one of our attractions. At the beginning on July, one of the cows from NPC women gift calved down a heifer. This will

supply milk to the learners. The school was already feeling the high cost of buying milk. Our project on pigs is also on course and the animals look very healthy as seen in a recent photo below. The gift of a pig sty and pigs were donated by the North Congregational Church in Woodbury and the Sugarbaker Foundation.



Week old calf and mother

Currently, our enrolment is at 222 and one of the main challenges we had at the beginning of year was lack of sufficient toilet facilities. Through a gift from Greg and Leslie Ferrero, we now have a block of toilets to meet our current population.



Some of the pigs

Our need for dormitory space continues to be a priority. We are awaiting some preliminary work on topographical survey that is current underway. This will help us in having a master plan for future development.



New block of toilets

Enjoy your Summer!

Your Friend, Evalyn Wakhusama