



Nambale Magnet School

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

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Featured Student



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E.A. was born in 2006 and came to the Nambale Magnet School in 2010. She is in Primary Class 2, and her favorite subject is science.

E.A.'s is a member of the Debating Club, and cites swimming as a hobby. She loves the color pink, eating ugali and meat, and has a great time skipping rope. She aspires to be a nurse!

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Please come to our

**5th
Birthday Party**

**Saturday,
March 15, 5-8 pm
Oak Hills Restaurant
on the Green,
Norwalk**

Silent Auction

\$55 per person

Evalyn Wakhusama's Report on 2013 at NMS!

Thursday November 14th marked the last day of school at the Nambale Magnet School. Academic year 2013 began like any other year in January with receiving new learners to the school and integrating them with the older ones. This ritual has become part of the NMS culture. Each new learner is coupled with an older learner who acts as friend and guide through the stresses of being in a new place.

The matron, Christine and boarding mistress, Petronilla, match these learners so well that a few weeks into the year, apart from their ages, one cannot tell new learners from older ones. It is amazing to see the transformation that takes place in such a short time. We have since learnt that children adapt so readily when shown love and kindness. From tears to the most beautiful smiles, these children soon embark on a long academic journey, their purpose for being at the NMS.



Six years ago when we broke the ground for building the first phase of the school, our dream was to build a school that would allow our beneficiaries to compete with other students nationally. The history of education in Nambale will witness to the need for such an institution. We also wished to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our learners, who come from severely impoverished and deprived backgrounds. Our mission since the inception of the school has been to mold them through a transformative experience that would prepare them for higher learning and the world at large.

NMS embraces a holistic approach to education and pursues academic excellence as a goal. We inspire every learner to unlock the potential within, as inspired by an unknown author's words: "If it has to be, it is up to me." To this end, our pre unit class, all clad in colorful graduating gowns, were celebrated at the close of three years. We named them the class of 2021 - the year they will sit for the grade eight qualifying exams to high school. Eight years away look far, but we must begin to see the future today and work towards that achievement. This group of learners make up Grade One in 2014.



The other seven classes finished equally well and on a high note. Notable were Grades 4 and 5, our senior classes. The learners in these grades participated in the Nambale district end-of-year exams with 54 others from both public and private schools. Our results, like last year,

have been encouraging: Our Grade Four took the second position out of the 54 schools. The top learner, a girl, came from our school out of the 2,838 examined. Three learners from the NMS featured among the top ten overall performers. In the boys' category, four among the top ten came from NMS, while in the girls' category, it was one, who topped the whole group.

In Grade Five, NMS maintained its third position from last year out of the 54 schools examined. Out of the 2222 learners examined, we had six learners in the top ten performers. Analysis also showed that six of the top ten performers in the boys' category came from NMS while in the girls' category, three girls from our school featured in the top ten.



We have also involved the learners in contributing towards the food production at the school farms. Each class from Grade One through Six have been assigned a portion of land to practice good farming habits, guided by their teachers. The NMS learners are enthusiastic in lending a hand and have sown prepared seedbeds with seeds of carrots, eggplant, spinach, cabbage and onions. The Grade Five learners even agreed to visit the school during the holiday and follow up with their gardens. It is encouraging to see their keenness in the work.



Our graduation event was preceded by a Christmas carol service, and the graduating class entertained the audience with the Christmas story narrated in drama. Other classes presented

song and dance to celebrate the mission of the school. Cutting the celebration cake added spice to the occasion.

On behalf of the NMS fraternity, I most heartily thank all our friends and supporters for your time, thoughts, gifts and visits to the school. You have given the children of Nambale what they could never have. We take this chance to wish you all a most prosperous 2014.

The Rev. Evalyn Wakhusama, Executive Director

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