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Huruma School Newsletter

It's Back to School Joday!

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Message from Susan Cousineau

As mentioned in previous newsletters, I've been blessed with the opportunity to serve here at Huruma for the next year. Mama has charged me with the responsibility of working with the teachers and students to raise the bar in academics.

Although I am not a teacher, my work experience with Fortune 500 companies within the Commerce Industry exposed me to the many challenges of a growing and evolving organization. As Vice President of Operations & I.T., I developed valuable skills that taught me how to navigate through the many obstacles and roadblocks a thriving organization experiences. God placed me in the corporate world for the last 35 years in preparation for the plans He has for me here at Huruma.

It is truly a joy and honor for me to be working together with Mama and her amazing team to look at ways of preparing the children for the next level of growth and to strengthen their existing foundation, specifically as it relates to the quality of their education. Our approach at this early stage is to focus on developing Teachers, Students and Sponsors through improved communication, enhanced tools, and fostering a Culture of integrity, discipline, pride, respect and teamwork!

We have broken the teachers into four teams and each team will focus on developing and implementing initiatives in one of the areas mentioned above to achieve the goals they've established. The teams have many initiatives on the go which they will share with you throughout the months to follow.

Please keep us in your prayers, that God will guide and direct our efforts and help our teachers and students uncover their potential for a better future.

Father, thank You for the peace that comes from knowing you. Help us remember that no matter what comes our way, you are with us. When we are tempted to worry, give us the strength to choose <u>faith</u> over fear. Teach us your ways, Lord, and empower us to walk in them.

In Jesus Name. Amen.



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A Word from our Students...

Hi, we are Donald Munjal, Kevin Kisambu and Joseph Kareru. We are here to tell you how much we enjoy our life at Huruma Primary School. We are in grade 7 and the thing we love the most is the way we learn, eat together, cooperate together, and the way we live together. Our teachers teach us English, Kiswahili, Math, Science, Social Studies and C.R.E.

We love Mathematics and Science the most because when we grow up, we would like to be Engineers. We are boarders. There is a Secondary and Primary School here. There is a Head teacher and a Principal. The Head teacher is called Teacher Jacinta and the Principal is called Teacher Eric. Huruma has disciplined teachers and students.

Mostly in Huruma, visitors from some parts of the country always visit to see how children are performing in their examinations. Sometimes they come to teach us how to believe in God Almighty.

Mama Zipporah is a good Mother. She is kind and she is a Mother to the Motherless. We are so happy to be in Huruma.

May God bless Huruma.

Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, you can achieve. (Mary Kay Ash)





Lord while for all mankind we pray,
Of every clime and coast;
Oh hear us for our Huruma School;
The school we love the most,
The school we love the most,
The school we love the most.



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A Word from Our Teachers "High School Student" Team

Our goal on this team is to provide students with various resources and motivation to help them improve their study habits and ultimately their grades.

The initiatives we will focus on throughout the year is developing "Teachers Aid Program", "Student Study Groups" and "Learning Tools".

Our focus at this time is to help students improve their study habits through study groups. The intent is to assist students in not only learning how to study but to learn how to carry out their studies without necessarily relying exclusively on the teachers. We also aim to instill a spirit of "teamwork" and "corporation" among the students. Each team comprises of students who collectively are strong in every subject so they can learn and grow together.

Taking into consideration that the process will take time to implement properly and given that we want to focus on improving the National Exam results, we have initiated the project with our Form 4 (grade 12) students first. The students have been divided into five groups of eight and as an extra incentive; they will be awarded a prize for the team with the highest combined marks.

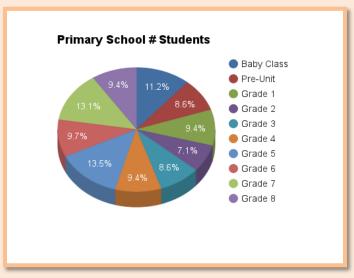
With the help of their teachers, the groups will complete continuous assessment test (CAT's) in each subject. The prize will be awarded to the winning team based on 25% of the CAT's results and 75% of the collective mean score on the National Exams.

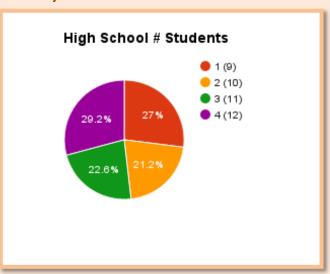
We will implement a similar program for Grade 8 students when they return in September, with a focus on positively impacting National Exam results as well.

Your support in encouraging your child to actively participate and learn from this experience is greatly appreciated.

God bless you for your love and support. Teachers Dadson, Isaac & Sammy

Student Distribution by Grade







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Thanks to the love and support of the Cornerstone team, our Primary Teachers Room and Headmistress Office received a much needed facelift.

With fresh paint, new curtains, new shelves, fresh chalk board (with new frame), new containers for each teacher, and an inspirational message plaque created by my sweet sister Colette, our teachers will be pleasantly surprise when they return back to school for third term!

God willing, we hope to raise funds to freshen up the High School Teacher's room later this year as well as purchase proper chairs and boardroom table for both teachers rooms.





After





Before

New look teachers room and office









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Teachers and Aunties also loved their beautiful wrist watches...We appreciate Cornerstone Women's Ministry for your kind donation may God bless you all tremendously!



High School Camp





