

Newsletter Updates from November 2012 to April 2013

Receive our warm greetings from the entire Tender Foot Community. To all our esteem well-wishers, we extend a hand of gratitude for the continued support you accord to us. Once again, we would like to send our updates about our school events from November 2012 to April 2013.

End of Term 3- 2012 Exams

The whole school sat for their end of term 2012 exam on 13th – 15th November 2012 apart from Standard 8 who were getting ready for their primary 8 (KCPE) exams for 4th to 6th December 2012.



Prayer Day for Primary 8 / Pre-Unit Graduation day

We held our prayer day occasion for our primary 8 on 16th November 2012 to wish them success for their exams led by Father John from the Catholic Church. This is normally done yearly when our pupils are about to sit for their exam and preceded by different churches. This prayer day was combined with the Pre-unit graduation ceremony as they were graduating to primary 1 level. This occasion was also attended by the District Education Officer (DEO) Westlands Division together with the parents.



Primary 8 – Year 2012 with the Head Teacher



Pre-Unit Class during graduation



Father John Praying for the pupils



Mr. Mburu - DEO Westlands Division

Kenya Certificate Primary Education (KCPE) 2012 Exam

The KCPE 2012 was done in 3rd December 2012 to 6th December 2012.



Some of the pupils after the Maths Paper



Supervisor, Tr. Esther & the Policewoman who were invigilating during KCPE

Closing Day

The school closed on 6th December 2012 and we were happy we had visitors from USA – Dick Van Durzend and Sharon Van Durzend courtesy of Barbara Steenstrup. They graced our closing day cum farewell party for the primary eight pupils.

Construction of a semi-permanent class

A semi-permanent classroom was constructed during the December 2012 holidays. We had to construct this semi-permanent classroom due to the expected high rate of new admission for the 2013 though still we wanted to minimize the congestion in the classes.



Initial stages of the construction of the semi-permanent



After construction



Some of the construction materials and carpenter at work doing some renovations which are normally



Pupils inside the new Classroom

Computer Class

Due to the current technology knowhow, the parents suggested we start computer classes in 2013 and Esther the Principal came up with an idea of creating a space in one of our classes and some computer tables were made. The only challenge we are having is, we do not have computers to start this very important class, but God willing we shall be able to have them.



School Opening Day

We opened school on 8th January 2013 and the turn out was very encouraging. We had new admissions in all classes but it was very high in the pre-school level.

Text / Exercise Books

On 11th January 2013 we received learning materials and stationery for the school. Hereunder are some pupils who were assisting to carry text/exercise books and learning materials.



Pupils assisting in carrying the books



Teachers counter-checking the Text books & Exercise books

Opener Exam

Immediately after resuming school in January 2013, the whole school sat for an opener exam on 15th January 2013 which is normally done so as to prepare the pupils to focus for the term.

KCPE Results Analysis

On 29th January 2013, we had an officer from the Education office who came to congratulate us on our Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) – Primary eight performance which results were released on 28th of January 2013.

We are proud that our pupils performed very well with a mean grade of 296 whereby 13 pupils scored 300marks – 410 marks and 16 pupils scored between 200 – 299 marks. The marks are out of 500marks.

Half Term Break

The children sat for their half term exams on Tuesday 19th February 2013 to Thursday 21st February 2013. We had our half term break from 28th February 2013 to 10th March 2013 due to General elections which were held on Monday 4th March 2013; we resumed on Monday 11th March 2013.

Feeder Road

As we had informed you earlier, we had written a proposal to the Ministry of Roads regarding the uplifting of our feeder road, we are glad that the Ministry has responded to our proposal and our feeder road was temporarily uplifted and our school buses can now ferry the children up to the school even during rainy days.

Visitors

On 23rd January 2013, we had visitors from City Education Office who came to inspect the school. On 31st January 2013, we had a visitor Mr. James Mburu – District Education Officer (DEO) from Westlands Division.

On 4th February 2013, Bill Gray and Trevor Dagleis both from Rotary Club of Cataraqui - Kingston Canada accompanied by Jane Adam from Rotary Club in District 9200 visited our school. On 7th February 2013, Public Health Officers visited our school on a routine health inspection.

Parents Teachers Meetings

On 18th March 2013 to 20th March 2013, we had inter-classes meetings which were successful. The parents expressed their joy for the former (2012) primary eight good performance. Academic discussions were made between parents and teachers; and some recommendations were made to enhance pupils' performance.



Parents Meeting

Dettol Hand Wash Lesson

The Dettol soap campaign visited our school on 25th March 2013, to teach our pupils on hygiene through hand wash.



Dettol Soap Group doing the Demonstration

GAMES

The pupils participated in the divisional athletics in field track events and they were ranked number four amongst 24 schools.

St. Christopher Donation through Charity Club of Hillcrest School

We were privileged to get uniforms from St. Christopher's School – UK through Charity Club of Hillcrest School. The pupils were very excited and appreciative to the generous and very kind donation.



Boxes containing uniforms



Tr. Esther with the Boys



Pre-School Boys & Girls



Tr. Esther with the Girls

Closing/Opening Day

The school closes today 10th April 2013 and opens on Monday 6th May 2013.

Appeal for Development Plan

We are proposing for additional classrooms which is our development plan and it's already in place. We would like to appeal to all our well-wishers to support us in any way possible and we shall appreciate very much so that we can see our children attain this very important tool which is education. We are still very congested in our existing classrooms and the enrolment turn out is very high, as much as we would like to admit more children, we do not have enough room to keep them and also we can not turn them away.

We would like to take this opportunity to pass our utmost gratitude to all our well-wishers and friends for supporting us this far. We wish you all the best and we shall keep you posted on any development that may arise.

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