

Children Garden Home and School

A Place For All

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Director's Remarks

We deeply appreciate for your kind hearted support you have always given us and enabling this institution be a successful one. Since opening the school for the second term period, it has been quite a busy month for us. The students reported in high turnout from the April holidays.

I take this opportunity, to thank the partners for supporting us in music, dinning repairs, desks, costumes, for buying us one more cow besides many others. Thank you for generous service you are providing to these less fortunate children and youth in our society.



Introduction

The month of July ended well. Our form four candidates sat for their Mock Examinations and ended on 2nd August 2013. On side of co-curricular activities, Children Garden Home & School has been ranked the best in music festivals. One of our pupils Sammy Karanja was chosen as the best drummer in the whole of Nairobi Province and he was position four in the whole country. We hope that other student/pupils will follow the footsteps of Sammy who made us proud. May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your support that enabled us to overcome most of the challenges to this success.

NEW ENROLLMENT & POPULATION



We have successfully enrolled new students/pupils who keep on coming to different classes. Currently, the population stands at 231 which keep on changing from time to time. The reason being children come with a lot of problems hence it's impossible for us to say no to a child when they come.

Discipline

We have noted a great improvement in our students/pupils. The level of discipline has increased through the way they handle our visitors in our Home. They respect their teachers who have really played a big role in ensuring that the level of discipline is maintained. We believe that, the coming next term we shall reduce all the cases of indiscipline.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

We have few computers in our Institution, with the current number of increased students; more computers ought to be added.

PRIMARY SECTION



Children Garden Home & School begin the month well. The numbers of pupils who have so far been admitted this month are 3 girls and 2 boys. Pupils will be sitting for their end term exams as from 1st to 5th of August 2013.

The environment is very clean and conducive for all our pupils, both the toilet latrines and classrooms are neat. Infrastructure has been well improved. More desks were put in class to ease the con-

gestion of the pupils since new are being enrolled.

Our teachers are working hard day and night to see that the school becomes the best in Dagoretti in Nairobi County. However, the school has several challenges; especially the lower classes need enough writing and learning material. Enough counter books are needed in upper primary school in order to equip them fully.

Library

The library section is well equipped. Thanks to Dad Moses who has ensured that the facilities are of great use to all the secondary student and primary pupils. They enjoy reading all kind of course books and story books. By doing this, they will improve in grammar and writing. **NB: The library needs expansion.**

SECONDARY SECTION

We closed School on 8th August 2013. The students had a positive results in terms of performance, discipline and development has superseded our expectations; due to the increasing number of student. We intend to;

Increasing space especially for the form one class which is very small.

Increase the number of Computers facilities which will attract more students to learn computer.

The Kenya National Examination Agriculture projects for form four candidates' students is extremely doing well and are waiting for a assessment between 29th July – 2nd August 2013. They have also done Westland's District Mock Examination for them to prepare for the Kenya National Examination Council In November 2013.

COMMUNITY COOKER

The cooker was officially opened on 29th June 2013. It has been very useful to the home. The rate of waste papers and old clothes has reduced since they are use as a source of heat energy. Though we have challenges in collecting the garbage's from various areas where by transporting them from our neighboring community is a big challenge e.g we need a pick up which will help in transporting the garbage's hence reducing the cost of transport and the cost of buying firewood in the home. **The smoke has been bothering neighbors but the planning system are working on it starting from 2nd Sept**

Life history

Name: Jane Makhungu

Class: six

Age: 15 years

Parents: Deceased

This is a story of a young girl aged 15 years old; she used to stay with her parents who provided her with all her basic needs. Her dad died in the month of March 2012 after suffering from along illness. Life became so unbearable for them since he was the sole breadwinner.

Early in the year 2013 January, her mum passed away having being diagnosed with a complication of malaria and typhoid. Leaving the other siblings and her in the care of their aunt. She stayed with the aunt for one week before going to stay with her sister in

Nairobi having hope that she could get more assistance. Unfortunately that didn't happen, her sisters husband developed a negative attitude which became so unbearable for the girl to stay in his house, he even went further chasing them away from his house.

Her sister looked for an alternative solution; she talked with a close neighbor if she could accept her sister to stay with her. Luckily, she met a Good Samaritan who informed her of Children's Garden Home and School, she came and met the Director and after listeng to his pleas, he gave her a

Life history



Name: Susan Anyango

Class: Baby Class

Age: 2 years

Parents: orphan

Susan's biological parents died when she was still young. Their relatives took her to their grandparents' home to stay with her since the relative were unable to provide her with the basic needs.

They stayed with the grandparents for a period of time and because of the old age. They could no longer provide her with basic wants. The grandparents engaged themselves in alcohol drinking habits since they could no longer do anything like going to farm as they used to do before. Her uncle who is jobless and sick could neither cater for their needs and he felt so bad due to the way the girl was going through and decided to look for a place that she could get all the attention. She needed parental love, care, education and shelter. Luckily enough he talked to Dad Moses and he listened to his pleas, he decided to give a chance.

SHORT COMING /CHALLENGES.

- Bigger classrooms need to be constructed especially for the form one student .Currently with the highest number in class, due to this there is no enough space for the students.
- Lack of enough medical kit fully equipped with preventive drugs like paracetamol, actal and seprine which will enable us to reduce the simple problems.
- Lack of enough new edition books used in the new syllabus. The number of texts books we have in library is the old edition which is not in new syllabus.
- Food is a day today challenge. We are in need of Maize, Rice, Beans, besides others. We appeal for food donations.

HEALTH

The month of July being a very cold season and dusty, most students/pupils complained of coughing and chest problem due to coldness. We encouraged them to dress warmly to avoid the cause of chest problem. Coughing which is an air borne disease we tried our best to take them to hospital for treatment to prevent further spread to other children.

Conclusion

Lastly, we appreciate to all the stakeholders. Our sponsors who have always support the school hoping that they will continue doing so to uplift the standards of these less fortunate children in our community to become a future mighty oak.