



### A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL MANAGER

Dear Nairobi Waldorf School Community,

The year's end always brings with it a tremendous sense of accomplishment. So many things have been accomplished this year, our students have been involved in an extraordinary number of activities. Of course, we should not forget the tremendous amount of learning which has taken place during the year. Throughout all of these activities our students have demonstrated great character! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given both to your child and to the school. It was a year of major accomplishments, emerging possibilities for the future, and significant change.

This year we began to take firm steps toward envisioning our school's future. We developed the school's strategic plan 2019-2024 which will be implemented beginning September, 2019. The Board of Trustees and management took up the idea of possible school expansion in the Lavington campus by starting class one, we are looking forward to having class 8 in our Karen campus and class 2 in our Lavington campus in the coming school year. The school shall establish a high school in the academic year 2020/2021.

We are doing our best to keep the school website up to date with current information. There are a number of important items that you can find out about on the school website, including:

- Behavior Policy
- Communication Policy
- Illness Policy
- Dress Code
- Bus Rules
- Library Rules
- Documents for Prospective Families

In addition, the calendar and events page has been updated to serve you better. You can find school-wide events easily on the interactive calendar.

Thank you so much for sharing your children with us this year and trusting them in our care! It brings us complete joy to watch our children grow, learn and change into capable, communicative children! We have enjoyed our time with all of the families this year.

Have a wonderful summer.  
James Kioko, School Manager

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### UPCOMING DATES

*September 3 - Tuesday*  
Term 1 Begins  
Karen & Lavington

*September 4 - Wednesday*  
Class 1 Term 1 Begins  
Karen & Lavington

*September 9 - Monday*  
New Parent Talk  
Karen Campus

*September 21 - Saturday*  
Waldorf 100 Celebration  
Karen Campus

**"YOUNG CHILDREN LIVE IN A RICH WORLD OF IMAGINATIVE PLAY AND DISCOVERY. THEY ARE COMPLETELY OPEN AND DEEPLY INFLUENCED BY ALL THAT SURROUNDS THEM. WITH IMAGINATIVE PRESENTATION NATURAL CURIOSITY CAN BE AROUSED IN ALL LEARNERS."**





### Class 7 in Lugari

Class 7 left for Lugari on the 17th of June, 2019 to go and build a classroom as their community project. They left at 8 am and arrived at 4 pm. The class 7s had to put up the skeleton for the structure and dig holes to put the poles. The second day, they started to make mud to be used for the walls. Meanwhile, the fundis were busy making the roof. On the third and final day, the class 7s were finishing off the walls while Titi was chopping down some bamboo which would later be used as a fence for the veranda.

On one of the days, the class 7s went for a walk to go see a bridge. It was getting late and it started getting really dark. Their only source of light was Ms. Nyokabi's phone, but they made it back safely.

At the end of the week, the Class 7s all woke up at 5 am as they wanted to leave by 6:30 am. They were very quick to pack their bags and get ready and they were all done by 6:30 am. Before leaving, a lady wanted to come with them back to Nairobi and there was one more seat so they said OK. The lady was a sister of

one of the fundis and there were a bunch of people around her so they assumed she was saying bye to them. The class 7s were wrong - all of the other people wanted to come too. They declined and took only 2 people to a nearby village. The Class 7s arrived back to Nairobi around 5 pm.

Thank you to all the people who sponsored Class 7 to help a lot of children in need.

Written by Mustafa and Wambari on behalf of Class 7.



### Kindergarten Lantern Festivals

Karen and Lavington Kindergartens hosted their annual Lantern Festivals in June. In preparation, parents were invited to make a paper lantern for their child. This year the classes saw several lantern styles crafted from beautiful watercolored paper.

The Kindergarten communities met in the evening to walk their campuses, led by the light of the lanterns. They celebrated with cocoa and snacks around a bonfire amidst music and dancing.

In celebration of 100 years of Waldorf education, parents lit candles to outline “WALDORF @ 100” in Karen while making a wish for the future of their Waldorf journey.

A big thank you to our teachers and staff who work tirelessly to make these events a success. This year both campuses saw great turn out - we had many families and friends in attendance and we appreciate your continued commitment to school events.







Keep up with school events using our interactive calendar.  
Visit: <http://www.nairobiwaldorfschool.ac.ke/events>



### Kindergarten Transition Ceremonies

Waldorf schools make an effort to pause and observe significant moments in a child's life. As their final year of kindergarten comes to a close, the transition classes commemorate crossing the threshold from the world of intense imagination and play to the world of study and primary school.

This is a special time in the lives of young children and the teachers honor this milestone through story and verse before the children walk a spiral path. The children carry a candle as they walk into the next stage of learning and place it in a pool of water, keeping their light shining.







### Class 3 Completes Shelter Structure

Each year students in Class 3 study shelters. This process includes a lot of hands-on learning starting from the very basic concepts of structures, to planning and constructing small model homes, and finishing the block by designing and building a full-sized structure. The students worked on measuring, identifying materials, and construction techniques learned across their subjects and classes. Now complete, they have donated this building to the games department for storage.



**"TO TRULY KNOW THE WORLD, LOOK DEEPLY WITHIN YOUR OWN BEING; TO TRULY KNOW YOURSELF, TAKE REAL INTEREST IN THE WORLD." -RUDOLF STEINER**



### Library Updates

Thank you for your great support during the academic year 2018/2019. We are saying goodbye to lovely Mama Sayaka, who was a great help in our project. ありがとう (Thank you.)

In order to keep our standards up even in the coming academic year 2019/2020 we are looking for more volunteers. It's a great & very rewarding opportunity to get involved in the school community. Time & location requirements are fairly up to you. For more information, please contact Mama Mustafa (Jana) at 0731436326 or Keziah in the Karen office.

We are excited to announce our first holiday opening hours! You & your children are most welcome to come to visit the Library **every Monday during the Holiday School weeks from 1 - 2 pm**. Mama Leila (Katie) has gladly offered to volunteer.

Have a lovely summer, keep reading and see you in September! -The Library Team



### Class 7 Graduation / Transition Ceremony

This July, the school proudly celebrated the accomplishments of the current Class 7. These children have been students of the Nairobi Waldorf School since kindergarten and have formed a close and special bond with each other, their teachers, and the school.

The event was made even more special by the presence of former teachers and classmates. Many stories of younger years and experiences were shared. The students presented a number of pieces including music, poetry, and verses. Teachers, students, and parents enjoyed laughs over the skit and trivia portion of the ceremony - our Class 7 boys are quite hilarious.

Two members of the class will be leaving the school to experience new things, while the remaining students will continue on in Class 8. It is our joy to welcome them for another year and we look forward to September 2020 when these students will pioneer our High School in Class 9.

Congratulations!





## 2018 - 2019 AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on June 22. This yearly forum allows the Board of Trustees, Management, and Administration to share the accomplishments of the previous year as well as the plans for the school in the future. The 2019-2024 Strategic Plan was discussed and an election was held to fill two positions on the Board.



During this meeting, parents expressed their concerns and expectations, informing the Board and Management of the needs to be met in the coming year and beyond. All parent feedback was welcomed and many topics were covered. The AGM presentation was shared by email following the meeting.



"FOR THE CHILD..., IT IS NOT HALF SO IMPORTANT TO KNOW AS TO FEEL. IF FACTS ARE THE SEEDS THAT LATER PRODUCE KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM, THEN THE EMOTIONS AND THE IMPRESSIONS OF THE SENSES ARE THE FERTILE SOIL IN WHICH THE SEEDS MUST GROW...IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A CHILD TO WANT TO KNOW THAN TO PUT HIM ON A DIET OF FACTS THAT HE IS NOT READY TO ASSIMILATE."

-RACHEL CARSON

## Upper Class Parent Talk

As the Nairobi Waldorf School Trust looks to the future, many parents have questions about the plans for Waldorf upper classes and High School. In term 3, the school hosted a parent talk to offer both a discussion from teachers and an open forum allowing parents the opportunity to ask questions.

Class Teacher Patrick discussed the student growth and learning processes during classes 4 through 7. Upper Class Teacher Bruce offered insight to the studies, blocks, and subjects of classes 8 to 12.

Following the forum between parents, staff, and teachers, the group welcomed an alumni to speak on her experiences as a Waldorf student and how she has transitioned into mainstream education.

The evening was informative and well-attended. As we continue to grow as a school, we will offer termly parent talks to expand the learning and discussions available to parents. We look forward to seeing you at the next talk - date and time will be shared online and via email.

