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NWST DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S NWST MESSAGE

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Goretty Som - NWST Deputy School Director

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the NWST Community Members for their consistent support over the past year. Your dedicated commitment to the school and active involvement in diverse events and activities have had a significant positive impact on our students and the wider community.

Your unwavering presence at scheduled school meetings and events exemplifies your dedication as parents and guardians, fostering a strong sense of unity within our school. Your invaluable insights and feedback have played a crucial role in enhancing services and educational offerings, thereby creating an enriching environment for our students to thrive.

Furthermore, we value the collaboration we've shared on various matters throughout the year. Your willingness to engage in meaningful discussions and work collectively toward shared objectives has proven invaluable in addressing challenges and finding effective solutions. Your trust and endorsement of our school have enabled us to establish an environment where children can learn, develop, and flourish.

As we continue our well-deserved break, we want to extend our warmest wishes to you and your families. We look forward to continuing our journey together in our next academic year, 2023/2024.

We are excited to announce that NWST will reopen for the next academic year, 2023/2024, on September 4th. The school will open its doors on September 5th, 2023, for our students starting class one to allow for preparations of the Roses Ceremony, which ushers them to Class One. We are thrilled to continue this incredible journey together, fostering excellence and shaping the future of our students.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, we are optimistic and excited about the opportunities. As we strive for excellence in education, we remain committed to enhancing the learning experience for our students.

Our dedicated team of educators will continue to refine and innovate our teaching methodologies, ensuring that our students receive a well-rounded and progressive education that prepares them for the challenges of tomorrow.

We want to strengthen our community engagement efforts in the upcoming academic year.

A strong partnership between the school, parents, and the wider community is vital for the wholistic development of our students.

Let us take this time to rejuvenate during the break. Let's continue building a brighter, more prosperous future for our students and community.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Goretty Som - NWST Deputy School Director.

A healthy social life is found only when, in the mirror of each soul, the whole community finds its reflection, and when, in the whole community, the virtue of each one is living. Rudolf Steiner.

NWST KAREN CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

The construction of classrooms and multi-purpose hall is taking place simultaneously. The structures being constructed are four secondary classrooms, five pre-primary classrooms, nine primary classrooms, and four supporting toilet blocks.

These structures have been thoughtfully arranged in clusters across the site to preserve as many trees as possible and maintain a natural forest ambiance, creating a seamless integration with the environment.

The secondary and pre-primary clusters are more advanced in construction, with most roof structures completed and wall timber frames in progress. The primary classrooms are also at a roof structure level, except for one classroom, which is currently at the slab level due to an additional request.

Most of the electrical manholes and conduits are installed, and over half of the classrooms are already connected to electricity. The construction of two new septic tanks is underway, and they will eventually serve the new WC blocks. Multi-purpose hall construction began on June 12th. Similar to the classrooms, the hall's placement and design are carefully designed to respect and incorporate the existing native trees which the school is careful not to cut down. The workers are in the final stages of laying the foundations, and the slab is scheduled to be cast in the coming week.

The construction timeline for classrooms is estimated to be 16 weeks, while the multi-purpose hall is projected to take ten weeks. These timelines may have to be revisited due to some delays due to challenges with neighbours, weather conditions, and material procurement.

The Construction Committee is currently evaluating the tender package for Phase 2, which includes technical drawings, specifications, and cost estimates; it will serve as a baseline for negotiations with the contractor. The construction of this phase shall commence after the completion of the construction of classrooms and multi-purpose hall. It will consist of five additional classrooms (1 pre-primary and 4 primary) and other supporting facilities such as the Physics Lab, Library container, Sick Bay, Teachers' Room, Music Room, Workshop, and parking area.



NWST Kindergarten Block



NWST Primary Classroom



NWST High-School Classroom



Multi-Purpose Hall

NWST SWAHILI AND SHAMBANI FESTIVALS

NWST Celebrates Nature and Culture on Closing Day, on 7th July 2023.



NWST Shambani Festival Celebration



NWST Swahili Festival Celebration

On July 7th, as the academic year drew to a close, the Nairobi Waldorf School Trust (NWST) came alive with vibrant festivities, celebrating the spirit of togetherness and cultural diversity. The closing day had two captivating festivals, the Shambani Festival and the Swahili Festival, which brought students, teachers, and parents together in a memorable term culmination.

The primary and high school students revelled in the Swahili Festival, embracing the rich heritage and beauty of the Swahili culture. The air was filled with enthusiasm as the young learners showcased their talents through captivating performances of melodious Swahili songs. The celebration of the Swahili language was a powerful reminder of the importance of preserving and promoting some of our linguistic heritage.

Through this festival, the children fostered a deep appreciation for the rhythmic language and imbibed a sense of pride in their linguistic identity. Simultaneously, the Kindergarten children delighted in the magical aura of the Shambani Festival, where they partook in a charming play and sang joyous songs. The festival centered around the rhythm of nature, fostering an understanding and connection with the world around them. As the little ones embraced the enchanting melodies, they were instilled with a profound appreciation for the natural world and its bountiful gifts. The Shambani Festival also emphasized the significance of community and unity.

Throughout the day, an air of relaxation and happiness enveloped NWST as everyone bid farewell to a rewarding term. The celebration of these two unique festivals highlighted the school's commitment to wholistic education, enriching the minds and hearts of the students beyond the classroom walls.

The closing day festivities demonstrated the school's unwavering dedication to nurturing well-rounded individuals who are academically proficient, culturally aware, and socially responsible. As the students left for the summer break, they carried with them cherished memories of a day well spent and the anticipation of continuing their journey of growth and exploration in the next academic year.

The Swahili and Shambani Festivals truly encapsulated the essence of Nairobi Waldorf School Trust—where diversity is celebrated, cultures are honoured, and each child is encouraged to flourish uniquely. As the NWST community came together to bid farewell to the term, we embraced the spirit of unity, love, and joy that forms the foundation of this exceptional educational institution.

As the school year drew to a close, the NWST community rejoiced in the magic of nature and the richness of language, leaving behind a day of unforgettable celebrations and looking forward to the promise of an exciting new academic year.

KICD VALIDATES THE WALDORF/STEINER CURRICULUM



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Dear *Mr. Kioko,*

RE: APPROVAL OF THE STEINER/WALDORF CURRICULUM BY THE KENYA INSTITUTE OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT IN THE YEAR 2023

The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) is mandated to develop, review and approve programmes, curricula and curriculum support materials that meet international standards for basic and tertiary education and training.

In line with the function of the Institute as stipulated in the KICD Act No. 4 of 2013 part (c), the Institute received curricula from the Nairobi Waldorf School Trust for Evaluation and consideration for approval. The evaluation process involved the following stages:

1. Evaluation by a panel of Subject Specialists
2. Evaluation by a Course Panel
3. Evaluation by the Academic Committee of the Council
4. Approval by the KICD Council.

In this regard, we are pleased to inform you that the Waldorf/Steiner Curriculum has been considered and approved by the KICD.

We take this opportunity to congratulate you on this achievement.

Yours *sincerely,*

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KICD is ISO 9001 : 2015 certified.

Letter from KICD

We are happy to inform you that The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development has validated the Waldorf/Steiner Curriculum. This validation is a significant achievement and holds immense importance for the school community.

The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) plays a crucial role in the education sector of Kenya. Established in 2012, KICD is a semi-autonomous government agency responsible for developing, reviewing, and evaluating the national curriculum for the country's pre-primary, primary, secondary, and teacher education.

KICD's role is critical in shaping the education system of Kenya, ensuring that it meets the needs of the learners, the community, and the nation at large. By promoting quality education and continuous improvement, KICD contributes significantly to the development and progress of the country's educational landscape.

In 2017, the Ministry of Education passed a directive to validate all foreign curricula offered in Kenya by the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD). The Waldorf/Steiner Curriculum was presented to KICD for validation in 2019.

The validation by KICD means that the Waldorf/Steiner Curriculum offered by Nairobi Waldorf School Trust has been officially recognized and approved by the national education authority of Kenya. This recognition showcases the quality and relevance of the curriculum. This validation positions Nairobi Waldorf School Trust as a pioneering institution, offering an alternative and innovative educational approach within the framework of the national education system.

As the school continues its journey with the validated curriculum, it will undoubtedly strengthen its impact on students' lives, fostering a lifelong love for learning and nurturing well-rounded individuals who can thrive in an ever-changing world.

Once again, congratulations to Nairobi Waldorf School Trust on this momentous achievement, and may the school continue to inspire and empower generations of students to reach their fullest potential.

UPDATE ON NWST FUNDRAISING STRATEGIES

We'll continue to keep you informed at every step of this transformative process as we work diligently to bring our Nandi Road Campus to life.

NWST FINANCIAL UPDATE ON FUNDRAISING STRATEGIES FOR 2022/2023			
Strategy	Target Kshs (m)	Amount Collected in Ksh	Collection Balance-In Ksh
Development Fee - New enrolments; Kshs 30,000 per child	2.2	1,373,000	930,000
NWST families to pay Ksh 30,000 per family	7.5	5,910,000	960,000 <small>NB: The number of existing families by Sept. 2022 was less than the projected 277</small>
Nairobi Waldorf School Trust Staff	1	925,000	75,000
Friends of Waldorf (Donors) - BMZ, GLS, FREUNDE, CBS, and EPZ	5	20,000	4,980,000
Fundraising Events	1	941,000	59,000
Total	17.2	9,169,000	7,004,000

We are happy to present an exciting update on our fundraising journey as we work together to build the future of The Nairobi Waldorf School Trust at the Nandi Road Campus! Your unwavering support and dedication have propelled us forward, and we are truly grateful for the collective efforts that have brought us this far.

Our fundraising efforts have made remarkable strides. Through a series of well-coordinated strategies, we have secured significant contributions to support the development of the Nandi Road Campus. The figures captured above reflect the dedication and generosity of our school community.

A Shared Vision:

We have proven that extraordinary achievements are possible when a community unites behind a shared vision. The Nandi Road Campus represents more than bricks and mortar; it symbolizes our collective dream of providing an exceptional educational environment where our students can thrive, learn, and grow.

Moving Forward with Gratitude:

As we celebrate our progress so far, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our fundraising endeavours. Your belief in our mission and dedication to our school community has driven this journey. We will continue to keep you informed at every step of this transformative process as we work diligently to bring our Nandi Road Campus to life.

Let us carry forward this momentum and continue Building Our Dreams Together. The future of Nairobi Waldorf School Trust is brighter than ever, and it is because of each one of you.

THE MAGIC OF WALDORF CLASS PLAYS

Waldorf class plays embody the essence of our philosophy – fostering wholistic growth, and nurturing the human spirit.



NWST Kindergarten Play



NWST Class 7 Play



NWST Class 7 Play



NWST Class 5 Play

Waldorf class plays are more than just a showcase of talents; they are an integral part of our curriculum. Each play is thoughtfully selected to align with the student's developmental stage, allowing them to explore characters, emotions, and narratives that resonate deeply with their age and experiences.

They are a collective effort, fostering a strong sense of community within the class. Students work together, supporting and inspiring one another as they bring the play to fruition. From designing costumes and sets to coordinating movements and music, every aspect of the play results from teamwork and camaraderie.

Beyond the applause and curtain calls, Waldorf class plays leave a lasting impact on our students. They learn the value of perseverance, dedication, and adaptability as they navigate the challenges of the rehearsal process. The experience of stepping into different characters also nurtures empathy and a deeper understanding of the human experience.

Waldorf class plays embody the essence of our education philosophy – fostering wholistic growth, igniting imaginations, and nurturing the human spirit.

We invite all members of our school community to make it a habit to come to witness the magic of Waldorf class plays. Each play is a unique and heartwarming experience, with laughter and moments of pure wonder. As the audience, you become part of the story, supporting our young actors on their journey.

NWST MEMORABLE STAFF TEAM-BUILDING RETREAT IN MOMBASA - JULY 2023



NWST Team Building Exercise at The Beach



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NWST Staff posing for a photo at Mombasa



NWST Team Building Exercise at The Beach



NWST Staff in the SGR traveling back to Nairobi

The sandy shores of one of the beaches at Mombasa witnessed a jubilant gathering of the Nairobi Waldorf School Trust (NWST) staff from 13th to 17th July 2023 as they embarked on an exhilarating team-building retreat.

The goal was simple yet profound – to unite the team in fun-filled ways, fostering stronger bonds and creating lasting memories.

Leaving behind the busy routines of the school, our dedicated staff set foot in Mombasa with hearts full of excitement and anticipation. The retreat offered a well-deserved respite, a chance to recharge, and an opportunity to celebrate the spirit of camaraderie that defines our school community.

The team indulged in the culinary wonders of Mombasa, savouring delightful local delicacies that reflected the rich cultural tapestry of Kenya's coastal region. The shared meals became moments of connection, further strengthening the bond among our NWST family.