



Steven Tito Academy

STA Newsletter, Term 3, September 2016

STA Book Drive Success!

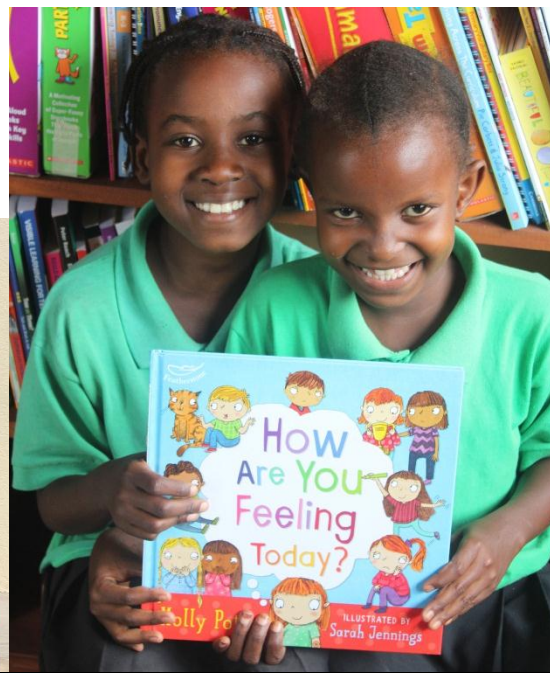
Last term we conducted our first ever STA Book Drive. 27 wonderful donors got on board, sending us over 60 books!

Our teachers requested books to help them teach our students about values, emotions, writing, parts of speech and problem solving. The books were ordered through Amazon and sent to Scotland. Their long journey ended when the 40 kilograms worth of books were brought to Tanzania by a volunteer.

The students and teachers are so delighted with the new books. Some of the books have made their way into the teacher resource room where they can be accessed by staff members to help them plan lessons. They are also used in the weekly professional development sessions attended by all teachers.

A beautiful selection of the picture books has also been put in the school library. Students get a chance to borrow books once a week and couldn't be more thrilled with the new additions!

Thank you to everyone who donated books!!!



Sharing and Learning with Others

The world is increasingly a global community, and we love being part of it!

So far this year we have built relationships with two schools in Australia and an international school in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Our grade 2/3 students have sent and received letters from a small country school in Victoria, Australia. They have learned that many of the things they learn and do at school are similar to Australian kids but that some things are different too! Our 5 and 6 students are busy preparing a puppet show using puppets and a book sent by a school near Melbourne.

Dar es Salaam International Academy , from right here in Tanzania, also visited our students. Together the two schools did dancing and drumming, and shared their identities through art projects, speeches and play.

We look forward to continuing to connect with schools around the world. If you know a school who would like to participate in shared learning activities with us then email info@steventitoacademy.org for more info!



Learning a new song with some students and teachers from DIA.

Athletics is not just for Olympians!

When the weather gets a bit cooler that means it's time for the annual STA Athletics Carnival!

....and what a day it was! Our students participated in age groups in five events: shot put, sprints, hurdles, long jump and long distance running. We like to make do with the equipment we have here so our hurdles were made of chairs and mop handles, the shot put was a brick and the relay batons were sticks. It was great to see all students having a go and putting in their best effort!

At the end we had a junior and then a senior/teacher relay. The STA students showed some great athletic ability and the teachers had a hard time keeping up!

Mikumi House took the trophy with the most overall points, while Daudi (Prep) and Lawrence (Grade 3) achieved great personal success by winning every event in their age group. Teacher Wainaina also took home a gold in the teacher sprint race.

Thank you to Volunteers Nic and Will for organising such a superb day!



Eric (Prep), U8 girls hurdles, U7 boys distance running, Open girls sprints (heat 1)



Mikumi, the winning house!

Whole school warm up with Teacher Theodore

The Mwandu Family's Summer Safari!

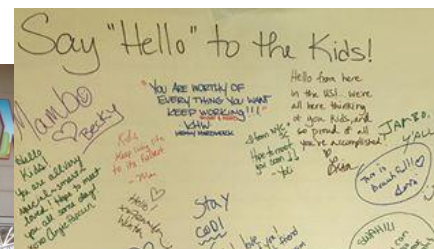
This summer, the Mwandu Family was fortunate enough to go to the USA and UK to visit some of the donors who make our work possible.

Terri (our director), her husband, Caito, and their two children, Justis and Nadya landed in Phoenix, AZ where they were warmly received by Dick and Mina Van Dyne and the Trinity Cathedral congregation. Trinity sponsors 5 STA students and last year built us a new classroom. Next, they visited Jim and Ellen Dailey who built our Eco-friendly toilet last year. Across the pond in England, Terri paid a visit to Mary Brady, who helped us open the school back in 2012, and the Towndrow family, who have helped educate so many of our students over the years. It was a fantastic trip!

A very important part of the visit to the USA was to meet with Terri's family in New Jersey. They are the people who work behind the scenes to make things happen that nobody ever hears about. Jo Place, Michael Place, Becky Place, ASANTENI SANA!!!!!! Thanks also to Gwen Keith, whom they missed seeing.



The Place Family and
The new school toilets



The students sponsored by Trinity

On August 20, Lisa Blando held a fundraiser. The setting was beautiful....Lisa's deck overlooking the beautiful New York City Skyline. Some people donated silent auction items and Mia Nissim (age 12) cooked dozens of elephant cookies to sell and raise funds. All in all Lisa raised \$11,000!! This will be enough to build a new classroom for STA. We still have 3 more classrooms to build before we are officially done, but this one "should" satisfy the government enough to get us fully registered. Some of you may remember 10 years ago when we fought long and hard to be licensed as a children's home. It's not easy, but we are so grateful for the love and support of all of you around the world!!

Student Spotlight – Sabrina!

Sabrina has been at STA since it opened in 2012. She lives at the Baobab Home, the children's home on the same property as the school.

Sabrina loves school and wants to be a teacher or an athlete when she grows up. This year she has participated in the Bagamoyo 5km Fun Run, figured out how to do 2 digit by 2 digit multiplication, helped teach the after school English language club, and participated in scouts, craft and bicycle clubs.

At Steven Tito Academy (STA), we provide a well-rounded education that focuses not just on academic subjects such as mathematics but also sport and the arts.

We make sure every child knows that their talents and skills are valued!



Sabrina with one of the dictionaries donated by the Rotary Club of Islington, Highgate and Muswell Hill (United Kingdom)

One-off donations

Our school is still under construction! We are currently building and furnishing two new classrooms to cater for the ever growing needs and size of our student population.

We also have ongoing resourcing needs. Currently, we are replenishing our levelled readers as we develop a reading support program to help our students become better readers.

Every little bit counts! If you'd like to make a one-off donation then click on the link below!

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