



Steven Tito Academy

Newsletter, Term 3, September 2017

Greetings from Bagamoyo!

It's been a wonderful few months here at STA, and we have a lot of exciting news to share! Over the course of the term, the Standard 7s studied and wrote their national exams. In Standard 6, students have been learning note taking skills for report writing. The Standard 3/4 class learned about healthy lifestyles. In Standard 2, the students have been working on non-fiction writing. The Standard 1s have greatly improved their math with multiplication and division. And in our new Prep class, the children have been learning the letters of the alphabet and tons of new English words!

Read on to find out all the details of what we've been up to lately. Don't forget to visit our blog at www.steventitoacademy.org/blog and follow us on social media for more updates!

School Registration

The biggest news from Term 3 was about school registration. After over four years of writing applications, filling out forms, paying fees, hosting inspections, meeting officials, traveling to offices, and bending over backwards to meet the demands of the government, Steven Tito Academy is OFFICIALLY REGISTERED as a Tanzanian primary school!

This has been a very long and bumpy road, and we couldn't have done it without the help of Academic Advisor Lauren, Head Teacher Naftal, and Directors Terri and Caito. We're so grateful to them for their tireless efforts and unwavering support. We celebrated our new status with a special ceremony at the school, full of speeches, student performances, and cake! We're absolutely ecstatic that the Tanzanian government finally recognized the value of our work here in Bagamoyo, and are so excited for what the future holds!



Teacher Scott

In July, Teacher Scott from Colorado, USA came to volunteer at STA. He was at the school for a month, and was a huge help both in and out of the classroom. Scott demonstrated his knowledge of outdoor education, worked on the social science curriculum, and lead professional development workshops for the teachers. We always appreciate having talented individuals come and lend their skills, and are so grateful to Teacher Scott for his time! Asante!



Standard 7 Exams



In Tanzania, Standard 7 students must take qualifying exams in all subjects to determine if, and where, they go to secondary school. The exams are difficult, and often poorly written. Children spend months preparing for the exam, and many fail. In August, our eight Standard 7 students took their regional exams, and in September, the national exam. We're still waiting to hear about their national results, but are pleased to report the results of the regional exam. They all scored far above average, and we are beyond proud to announce that the top three scorers in the entire coast region were students from STA! Congratulations to our students, our teachers, and to all of you who made this possible!

Construction on the Path

In September, we had a civil engineer, Monica, visit us all the way from Australia. She helped us design our school path in the past, and on this trip, worked on developing swales and conduits to redirect the flow of water and help it drain during the rainy season.

We hope this keeps our path to school dry year-round! Asante, Monica!



Sports Day



This term we hosted our annual school-wide Sports Day. There are four 'houses' at STA: Kilimanjaro, Mikumi, Victoria and Wami. Houses Kilimanjaro and Victoria teamed up against houses Mikumi and Wami to play some rousing games of football and netball. It was a very tight couple of matches, but in the end, Mikumi and Wami were victorious! Congratulations to all athletes!

Prep Class

In July, STA opened a new Prep class. These young boys and girls mostly come from the local village of Sanzale, and are all desperately in need. They would never have the chance to get a quality education outside of STA, and some of them might not have even gone to school at all. If you're interested in sponsoring one of our incredible children, please visit www.steventitoacademy.org/sponsor to find out more about this life-changing opportunity.

