



Greetings from Bagamoyo!

The 2017 school year is off to a great start! Term 1 has just ended and the students and staff are on a much-deserved, two week break before Term 2 begins in mid-April. Having decided not to take in a new Prep (Kindergarten) class at the end of last year, we are trying to grow stronger before we grow bigger. This year, STA has four classes comprised of about 90 students: Standard 1, Standard 2, Standard 3/4 and Standard 6/7.



For those of you who haven't heard, we are very excited to announce that we've hired our first Tanzanian School Manager! Teacher Naftal comes to us from Arusha, and brings a wealth of knowledge to the school. He has been a wonderful addition to STA thus far, and we are very happy to have him. We have also welcomed two other members to our team this year; Teacher Hawa is a Junior Teaching Assistant/Administrator from Tanzania, and Teacher Mike is our Standard 6/7 Teacher from the United States. Karibuni!



We're eager to see what this year will bring, and hope you join us on our journey! Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and Instagram, and subscribe to our email mailing list to never miss an update. You can also visit our website or check out our blog at www.steventitoacademy.org/blog. Thank you so much for your support. Asante sana.

Shoe Donation from DIA



Many students at STA only own one or two pairs of shoes. New shoes, especially proper ones for playing outside, are expensive so children are forced to wear footwear that doesn't fit or is falling apart. Thankfully the students at Dar es Salaam International Academy (DIA) ran a incredible shoe drive for us this term. They donated dozens of pairs of gently worn shoes in all different sizes to our school. The STA students were so proud to show off their new kicks on the playground, and finally have the right footwear for sports and games! Thank you so much to our friends at DIA for their generous donation!



Medical Exams

This term we had a registered nurse named Melissa visit us from the Netherlands! Melissa volunteered in Bagamoyo for six weeks, and accomplished so much at both STA and The Baobab Home. She gave all of the students basic medical exams, testing their height, weight and eyesight. She also set up a system so that we can chart the children's health status over time, and ascertain which students need to see a specialist.



Melissa identified a small group with eye problems who went to see an eye doctor in Bagamoyo, and then a specialist in Dar es Salaam. Many of them didn't even know they were having problems in the first place! Thanks to Melissa's hard work, we can provide the children with the care and treatment they need.



Sports and Clubs

We have a wide variety of extracurricular activities at STA led by our wonderful teaching staff. On Mondays, we teach sports, and on Thursdays, clubs. Each term, the students select one sport and one club to master. We offer five sports (volleyball, netball, basketball, martial arts and dance/yoga) and eight clubs (business, theatre, Scouts, needlework, agriculture, bicycle, computer and cooking). These activities teach vocational skills and athletics and create a well-rounded curriculum for our students.





Rally for Resources 2017



In order to give STA students the best education possible, we need teaching tools to facilitate classroom learning. Our current needs are new leveled readers and base-ten math supplies. At the moment, we don't have enough of these resources to go around, and students have to share. We are trying to raise US\$1000 to go toward these literacy and numeracy programs and to allow every student to reach their potential.



If you, or someone else you know, would like to help us reach our goal, please visit our fundraising page at www.steventitoacademy.org/rally_for_resources_2017. Every dollar makes a difference. Asante sana!

