

Newsletter nr 85

Latest news from the school

Present situation

We have just received information regarding the pupils' results in the third semester tests, which include all classes. The children in general perform well, but as always there are some, who will need a bit of extra support before it is time for the final exam tests for the 8th graders.

Computer theft in the school

On September 12 we got the news that 26 out of the school's 30 computers were stolen. Augustine, assistant head master and principal teacher and responsible for the computer department, describes very sad in a mail what happened. When they left the school in the evening everything was OK. During the night no sounds were heard, which could indicate that something was going on in the area. Early Friday morning he got a call from one of the night guards, who told him what had happened. He quickly contacted Calvince and Evans (the school management) and ran to the school to see for himself. The thieves have, after having broken and pulled away the iron grid installed to protect from break-ins through the window, entered the class room. 26 out of the 30 computers, which the school got last year were stolen. Augustine, Calvince and Evans immediately contacted the police. The two night guards were interrogated and arrested and part of the staff. Augustine concludes his mail by expressing his big sorrow and also shame over the lack of respect shown by the burglars for property belonging to a school for orphan children.

Comment by Bitte: On October 10 there was a trial, but at the time of writing this the result is not known.

The school's future

During a whole day in October the Society's board and representatives for the Foundation will discuss how to organize the operation of the school in the future. For 16 years the Kisumu Society has been responsible for raising sufficient funds to cover all costs for the construction of the school, repairs and renovations and all operating costs. The school board's representative in Sweden has also been directly responsible for recruiting staff of all categories. When we started, we had a vision to leave the responsibility and operation of the school after 10 – 12 years. This has shown to be very difficult because of, among other things, all rules and regulations of which we don't have sufficient knowledge and the risk that the school will not work for the benefit of the group of children, which we want to safeguard. Our hope is, however, that we will be able to find a solution where a bigger part of the responsibility for the school rests in Kenya in the future, but we are fully aware that the school will need our continued financial support if we are to guarantee a good and safe schooling for the most needy children in the village.

Former student with very good performance

The student, who in November 2017 reached the highest result in the history of S:t Christine and the region, continues to perform at the highest level in Secondary School as well. The boy has received a scholarship and goes to a boarding school with very good reputation. The head master of this school praises his results and diligence.

This kind of news makes me feel that all the work, all the time and every crown we together raise for the children of S:t Christine come to very good use.

School meals

One item in the school's budget, which we have been forced to reduce is the food cost. The custodians have therefore since a few years been asked to contribute corn. This summer they handed over 15 bags of corn. At the same time as we got this good news, we also got to know that part of the corn farmed on the land lent to the school from Albinus Odada was stolen. Corruption and theft in different forms are unfortunately very common in Kenya, and it is very frustrating against the background of all the hard work done both in Sweden and Kenya to make ends meet.

Father's Day 11/11

On November 11 it is Father's Day.

Think of dad, but skip the socks and tie. In stead give him a parcel with a gift to the children of S:t Christine.

School uniform: SEK 100 per semester

Food package: SEK 550 per year, SEK 175 per semester or SEK 45 per month

Books and school supplies: SEK 85 per year and pupil

We protect your personal data according to GDPR

It is important to the Kisumu Society that you feel safe with our way to handle your personal data. The information we have collected about our members is held in a member register. This contains names and addresses including e-mail addresses plus telephone numbers. This information is used solely to distribute information and newsletters about the school's operation and the Society's activities. You have the right to see which data we have saved about you in our register and to be deleted should you so wish.

Do you want to know more? We will publish more extensive information on our web site www.kisumu.se You can also contact us at ordf@kisumu.se if you have any questions.

Christmas Fair at Farsta Gård November 24 – 25, 2018

Even this year we will participate in the Christmas Fair at Farsta Gård in Farsta. We are looking forward to this and hope to see you there any of the days.

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Gifts for celebrations, in memoriam and other donations

Do you wish to give a gift for a celebration or in memory of someone? Send your donation to one of our accounts below and a mail to us at gava@kisumu.se. State purpose, the name of the person to whom we shall send our thanks and who the donors are. We will then send a thank you-card with the names of the donors.

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For IBAN-number contact our accountant Julia Olson, julia@kisumu.se to get the Society's account number and IBAN number in Handelsbanken