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KNEF CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! December 2022 brings us another exciting year to report on. These student's smiles are just the beginning!

From the KNEF Directors, Board, staff, and their families, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Read on to learn more about the hard work accomplished at KNEF all year.



“We can't thank you enough for being part of KNEF. We wish you the most wonderful Christmas.”

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE NEW YEAR.

WARM GREETINGS



Wishing you a joyous Holiday Season, and a most prosperous and healthy New Year!

– Charles, CEO,
KNEF



May the peace and joy of the holidays be with you today and throughout the New Year.

– Cherie, Vice President,
KNEF



QUALITY EDUCATION



According to the United Nations Academic Impact report, "Obtaining a quality education is the foundation to improving people's lives and sustainable development". KNEF Ghana works towards this goal by continuing to work towards hiring only the best teachers and offering a well rounded curriculum that is inclusive of the community. We continue to establish goals such as completing work on the solar panels and building a sustainable garden for the school and the community.

Here are some highlights of how KNEF students receive quality education by learning and exploring in the following areas:

LITERACY AND NUMERACY

Literacy and numeracy are the backbones of any strong education, and KNEF students benefit from lots of skill development and learning in these areas, from workbooks, group work, classroom activities and library time.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Our approach to teaching and learning combines science, technology, the arts, and math to guide student inquiry, discussion and problem solving skills.



FOCUS ON HEALTH

Throughout the year, Harvest School students participated in sports days that covered everything from yoga on World Yoga Day, table tennis and skipping rope, to sack races and toy bows and arrows. Not only does this develop a love of physical education, it helps develop children's stamina, gross motor skills and hand and eye coordination. We appreciate Ms. Benedicta's sporty nature to organize such great sports days for the students.



On the 21st of June, working with Ghana Health Services, students were vaccinated for polio.



Also, a big **thank you** to the District Circuit Supervisor for donating mosquito nets to our Grade 2 Harvest school students.



CLASSROOM AND COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

Related to our Focus on Health, Harvest School has taken measures to keep a tidy and clean school and community. This helps to minimize exposure to viruses and other illnesses, and by including the students, it teaches individual and community responsibility in the classroom and beyond. We used some of our school infrastructure funds to tile the main hall area of the school making for a cleaner environment for the little ones to play. Harvest school has also implemented regular cleaning days throughout the year and spends money on cleaning supplies regularly. The school is still very appreciative of the bore well built last year and having a clean water source. In March, the students painted the outdoor tire park in bright pink and blue.



ARTS EDUCATION

Arts education is a great way to make cross curricular connections with other subjects and allows students to both express themselves artistically and develop fine motor skills, problem solving and creative thinking. The school purchased art supplies such as crayons, scissors, coloured paper and glue to use on a dedicated Art Day, and continued throughout the year. The students had a great time!



NATIONAL AND CULTURAL PRIDE



July 1st is Ghana Republic Day, where students learn about local festivals, religions and customs. Students celebrated at the school with face painting, games, and singing the National Anthem.



ONGOING FUNDING PROJECTS

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SPONSORING A HARVEST SCHOOL STUDENT:

The new term started with sponsored students receiving new textbooks and school supplies. The sponsorship enables us to provide free meals and transportation to these students everyday. Emma Akraasi, Nancy, and Godsen from Harvest Education Complex are now sponsored. It is with great appreciation that we thank our sponsors for their support during this difficult time.

www.knefghana.com/sponsor-a-child



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SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING:

School infrastructure funding helps Harvest School and students with everything from the sustainable garden to gas to keep the school bus running. With the current Ukraine conflict, both gas and food prices are sky rocketing in Ghana, jeopardizing the student sponsorship programs we already have in place and ones in the future. In addition, a large herd of cattle was driven through the school compound and both ate through and trampled the student's garden. Building a fence for a rebuilt garden are part of the plans for future funding. We are also yet to tile our classroom space to make a cleaner and more durable school building. We also have a shortage of classroom space and have just started our school expansion project with the intention of adding six more classrooms. KNEF Ghana is so thankful for the support received and hopeful for continued support and funding for the future.

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SOLAR PANELS:

Great news! We are close to achieving our goal to install solar panels at Harvest School. We have reached the \$2,152 mark and need your support to make it the rest of the way! Find out more at: www.knefghana.com/clean-energy



OUR TEACHERS

In April, Harvest School welcomed Ms. Vida, a new teacher to our school! Ms. Vida holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Foundations of Education Diploma, both from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. In August and October, we welcomed Ms. Patience and Mr. Prince. Ms. Vida, Ms. Patience and Mr. Prince all hold degrees, which you can see in practice in the classroom through a language rich approach, including word walls and a well stocked library.

When Harvest students are sponsored, part of that funding goes to ensure well educated teachers that build learning rich environments!

In August, Ms. Benedicta moved from the area, and we want to thank her for all of her amazing work at Harvest School! Thank you Ms. Benedicta!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

George has been helping and coordinating our shipping from Hong Kong to Ghana since 2013. Thanks to his efforts, we were able to successfully collect and ship books for our library, classroom furniture, stationary and second hand clothes. George supports KNEF's educational mandate because he is committed to do what he can to help the children of Ghana. THANK YOU GEORGE!



The end of the year is a lot of fun, but for Harvest School it's also very busy!

As the year draws to a close, and the holidays are just around the corner, Harvest School is as busy as ever! In the month of December, the students wrote exams, and had their graduation ceremony. Each class of the school body will be moving up a grade to start the new term in January 2023. Congratulations Graduates!

The students were also excited to take part in a school wide Christmas party, and had a lot of fun! Find more photos @KNEFGHANA and @Knef_ghana

From everyone at KNEF GHANA and HARVEST EDUCATION COMPLEX, we wish you a:



VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



From everyone at KNEF, thank-you for supporting us!



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