



# Opportunity Education Foundation

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### We Got A Solution

The problem:

It's getting to be that time of year...  
kids have more energy than you have  
time and sometimes patience.

We can help!

Keep them busy writing a letter, while  
you get your grades and year-end  
clean-up done!

We even have what you need to get it done:

Fun ideas, resources and lesson plans to make the letter a fun and fulfilling assignment.  
It's all you need to get right to writing!

[Click Here for Letter Ideas & Resources](#)

[Click Here for Letter Lesson Plans](#)

We also have two options to stay up to date with our international pen pal program.

**OPTION 1:** Unable to get on Facebook? No worries.

[Just CLICK HERE for our Sister School Blog.](http://opportunityeducation.wordpress.com/)

**OPTION 2:** To keep up with our "Friends" - we also have a Facebook page just for you!

[Click Here for Facebook Page](#)

Both the Sister School Blog and Facebook offer interesting ideas, stories and links to help generate enthusiasm and discussion about education and integrating pen pal letters into your mission and curriculum.



## **Judy's 8,860 Mile Field Trip**

What's the longest field trip you have ever taken?  
Judy Sorenson, a Kindergarten teacher at Maxey Elementary in Lincoln, Nebraska was able to visit both of her pen pal schools in Tanzania during January.



According to Judy...

"We had a wonderful time in Tanzania and our visits to Upendo and Nuru Schools were highlights of our trip. It felt so great being with the teachers and students at these schools, really natural to me. It is refreshing and encouraging to see how eager and excited the children are to learn. They are so happy to be in school and LOVE their teachers, even me! We are very excited to be Sister Schools with Upendo and Nuru. Thank you for helping these children learn and grow through Opportunity Education."

[Click Here to read more about Judy's Sister School Visit...](#)

## **Where Do You Want to Go?**

**We need your input on when and where to visit in 2014.**

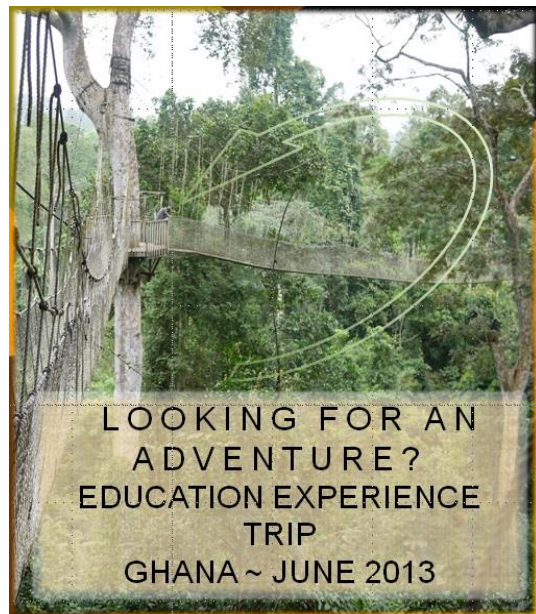
We are very excited to be taking a diverse group to Ghana in June.  
But we are also getting ready for next year.  
So, what do you think?

Where do you want to go...Cameroon, Ghana, India, Lesotho, Nepal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda or Zambia?

Email [schools@opportunityeducation.org](mailto:schools@opportunityeducation.org) and let us know, when and where to go!

What can you expect on our trip?

Take a quick video vacation to learn more. <http://www.opportunityeducation.org/videos/load/ugandashort/>



## Start Writing to This School Now!

### Suhum Primary A, Ghana

We got letters waiting for your school from Suhum Presbyterian Primary A in Ghana. Established in 1918 - they opened the doors to 13 students the first year. With growing enrollment, the school created a 'B' stream in 1954 and a 'C' stream in 1964. The 'A' stream currently has 318 students from grade 1 to grade 6, six teachers and six classrooms. The name of the school reflects only the founding body and not the make-up of students. As a public school, no fees are charged and the only source of revenue is a government grant. The Head Teacher, Mrs. Margaret Baah, is very proud of the school's honors and awards in academic, sporting and arts competitions.

Several of its teachers have also been honored with Best Teacher Awards. The school welcomes sister school opportunities and relationships and welcomes visitors. OEF is visiting Ghana in June 2013 - we would love to personally deliver your letters to your new pen pal school - email [schools@opportunityeducation.org](mailto:schools@opportunityeducation.org) and you can start writing today!

If you already have a pen pal, refer a friend to our [OEF Pen Pal](#) link.

If you would like a different school, simply email [schools@opportunityeducation.org](mailto:schools@opportunityeducation.org) and note what grade you would like to write to and we can get you writing, right away!



## Welcome New Schools



**Thank you to all the schools that visited us at the NCEA conference in Houston. We are happy to welcome the following new schools:**

Bishop Garriga Middle School, TX  
Holy Family Catholic School, TX  
Immaculate Conception School, AR  
Incarnate Word Academy Mid Level, TX  
Lourdes Catholic School-Bigelow, AZ  
Our Lady of Guadalupe School, TX  
Our Lady Queen of Peace, TX  
San Martin de Porres, TX  
St. Anne Catholic School, TX  
St. Eugene Catholic School, OK  
St. Helen Catholic School, TX  
St. Joseph Catholic School, Waxahachie, TX  
St. Joseph Catholic School, TX  
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School, TX  
St. Patrick Catholic School, TX  
St. Pius X, MO  
St. Theresa Catholic School, Austin, TX

De La Salle College Revesby Heights, Australia  
Holy Trinity, KS  
Immaculate Conception School, TX  
Lincoln International Academy, Nicaragua  
Lourdes Catholic School-Soto, AZ  
Our Lady of Sorrows School, TX  
Queen of Peace School, TX  
Santa Cruz Catholic School, TX  
St. Catherine's Montessori, TX  
St. Frances Cabrini School, LA  
St. John Berchmans, TX  
St. Joseph Catholic School, Baytown, TX  
St. Mary's, Ponca, OK  
St. Michael, WA  
St. Philip Neri School, OK  
St. Theresa Catholic School, Houston, TX

## **Featured Sister School & Gift Certificate Winner?**

Congrats to Kathy Richards at Lockhaven University, in Lockhaven, PA.

Kathy's students have wrote their pen pals three times since November!

On behalf of your pen pals from Tanzania - thank you and congrats on winning our monthly drawing for schools that send letters.

Want to win next month?

Just email [schools@opportunityeducation.org](mailto:schools@opportunityeducation.org) after you mail your letters and you are entered to win!

Or simply "Like" us and we will randomly select winners who show up on our Facebook page for a gift certificate drawing!



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## **Need Help Finding Your Sister School?**

Whether you need the name, address, or mailing instructions...

you can find it on our website

or by emailing: [schools@opportunityeducation.org](mailto:schools@opportunityeducation.org)



**Click Here for OEF Sister School Search Link**

## **Refer A Friend and Get a Gift Certificate!**

[CLICK HERE](#) to share a link to refer your friends!

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