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WIN A KINDLE FIRE!

Watch your Mail for A Surprise From Opportunity Education Foundation



Win A Kindle Fire!

Watch your mail. To thank you for all you do, we are sending a surprise to our Sister Schools! Included in this mailing, is a postage-paid postcard that you can fill out and return for entry into a drawing for a Kindle Fire. We appreciate your feedback to make our Sister School program the best for both teachers and students.

FEATURED SISTER SCHOOL - GIFT CERTIFICATE WINNER



Congrats to Saint Anthony School, Des Moines, Iowa

The winner of our monthly drawing! St. Anthony School just joined our pen pal program this month. Upon signing up, we forwarded letters from St. Charles Lwanga in Uganda that were waiting for new pen pals.

They were able to start letter writing - right away!

According to Jenny Thorson, a 3rd grade teacher at St. Anthony,

"Oh my gosh, this is so exciting! I have wanted to be pen pals with another Catholic School out of the country for such a long time! Thank you so much!"

We are excited to have St. Anthony School in our Sister School Program!



St. Charles Lwanga, Kyabakuza, Uganda

SISTER SCHOOL PEN PALS NEEDED!

Start writing this school today!

Mzigu English Medium Primary School in Tanzania

is a private school with a total of 205 pupils in grades Nursery to Primary 7. The school has 10 teachers and 12 classrooms. Of the 205 students, 24 are boarders. Mzigu receives no other funds other than tuition, which is 120,000 shillings (approximately \$100) per year for Nursery and 150,000 shillings (\$120) per year for Primary. Boarders pay 620,000 shillings (approximately \$500) per year. The particular issues facing Mzigu are scarce operating funds and the need for computers. Despite their hardships, they are very enthusiastic learners who are excited to write pen pals!



Mzigu English Medium Primary School Students

If you already have pen pal school, forward this email to a friend! Please email, "**I want a pen pal**" to schools@opportunityeducation.org and you can start writing today!

WELCOME NEW SCHOOLS



We are excited to welcome the following schools to our international pen pal program.

- St. Anthony School, Des Moines, Iowa. Their pen pal school is St. Charles Lwanga, Uganda.
- Cathedral of the Risen Christ School, Lincoln, Nebraska. Their pen pal school is St. Joseph Primary School, Tanzania.
- De Sales Catholic School, Ossian, Iowa. Their pen pal school is Gomoa Eishem Roman Catholic School in Ghana.

We applaud all of our schools that bridge the cultural divide with letters!

UGANDA EDUCATION EXPERIENCE TRIP - July 2012

YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP - DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 4/01/12!

Want to learn more - check out this video on Uganda.

<http://www.facebook.com/OpportunityEducationFoundation#!/photo.php?v=192979857478914&set=vb.100003007043440&type=2&theater>

Who Should Go? Educators, high school/college students, parents or anyone willing to share their time and experience.

What Is Planned? A trip of a lifetime!

The 10-day trip to Uganda features an orientation, 4 days in Ugandan schools and a 3 day safari to Murchison Falls National Park on the Nile River. Participants will stay at Ggaba National Seminary, a secured college campus located on the northern shore of Lake Victoria outside of Kampala. OEF will pay for housing and meals at Ggaba and in-country transportation. Participants will be responsible for airfare, off-site meals and the safari transportation and excursion. Based on current airfare, an estimate of trip expenses, including the safari would be \$3000-\$3500.

* We are offering an optional extension of the trip to include 5 days of observing the professional development program we provide to Ugandan teachers. The program is hosted on the Ggaba campus, so no additional travel or arrangements are needed. If you chose to extend your stay - **AT NO EXTRA COST** - you can chose a departure date anytime from Sunday July 15 to Friday July 20th. We welcome all trip participants to stay the extra days to learn more about Uganda and the wonderful people who teach there!

When? **July 6 - 15, 2012**

Why You Should Go? This is the most important question!

The main focus: to foster cultural awareness and professional development outreach through visiting African schools. You will experience the successes and struggles that African teachers face everyday as you work with students to improve their English skills. Connecting to classrooms not only promotes cultural understanding but also provides motivation - to all of the participants - to share & learn more. While aimed at educators, we welcome participants from all vocations to share their experience.

If you have questions or would like or to place your reservation, please email:

Schools@OpportunityEducation.org

[Click here for a printable trip brochure!](#)



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We created a Facebook page just for you! With interesting ideas, stories, and links to help generate enthusiasm and discussion about education and integrating pen pal letters into your mission and curriculum.

Simply "Like" us and we will randomly select winners who show up on our Facebook for a monthly drawing for an educational supplies gift certificate!

Congrats to Judy McKenzie from Swampscott Middle School, Swampscott, Massachusetts, who won the gift certificate for

Liking Opportunity Education Foundation on Facebook.

More About Opportunity Education Foundation

The mission of Opportunity Education Foundation

is to make quality education accessible to all children in order to improve their standards of living and work toward a brighter future.

Opportunity Education Foundation is a international non-profit organization that provides educational curricula, teaching materials, audio-visual equipment and educational assessments at no cost to nearly 1,100 schools throughout Africa and Asia.

To further support our mission, we facilitate a

Free Sister School Pen Pal Program

that connects schools we support with schools around the world.

Both students and teachers can exchange letters and learn more about each other.

We have schools in our program eagerly awaiting a Sister School Pen Pal to share correspondence.

It's fun, free and easy to sign up!

Forward this to a friend!

We appreciate your help sharing our program.

Your referral of a school to our pen pal program can earn you a gift certificate. Have your friend email "I want a pen pal" to schools@opportunityeducation.org

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Pen Pal Program Resources

[Click here](#) to check out our Sister School Resources page. Here you can verify mailing directions, get ideas on integrating letters into your lesson plans and more!

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