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Opportunity Education Foundation

is an international
non-profit
foundation
that provides
curriculum tools
teachers in
developing
countries
use to
create quality
educational
experiences
for their students!

We currently
provide educational
support to over



Creative Classroom Connections!

Write a letter before the holiday break! If you're busy trying to get grades in and need an enriching assignment - have students explain their holiday traditions to their pen pals.

- Try to send letters once a month, and include a cover letter introducing the "theme" of the letters or the contents of the package you are sending.
- Exchange curriculum ideas or lesson plans with teachers, your creativity is appreciated by those with limited resources.

1,100 schools in developing countries throughout Africa & Asia.

Our mission is to make quality education accessible to all children so they can improve their standard of living and work toward a brighter future.

To further support our mission, OEF facilitates a Sister School Program by linking schools supported by our program with schools all around the world enabling students & teachers to exchange letters & learn more about one another.

We have several schools from our program that are on a waiting list for a pen pal partner and their students are very excited to correspond with an international school.

Please click on the links below for more information!

- Start creating a monthly page for a Pen Pal School Scrapbook that includes pictures of your school and your class. Each month you can add another page to their book, detailing what's new. Your pen pals will eagerly anticipate your monthly updates!
- Have students organize a fact book of their city - include pictures and highlight facts and interesting details about their city. A good place to start is the local chamber of commerce.
- Video! Anything from a "Day in the Life" of your classroom to what you do in gym class. Share the assignments, projects or plays that you do as a normal course of your curriculum.

Featured Target School



St. Lawrence School
Uttar Pradesh, India
Please contact us today!

Schools@OpportunityEducation.org

We can send you the information and mailing instructions for St. Lawrence and you can immediately start writing letters!

St. Lawrence is located in Lucknow, the capital of the state of Uttar Pradesh in North India. The school was established by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lucknow in 1991. It is co-educational and teaches subjects in English, Urdu and Hindi. There are 41 teachers and 35 class rooms that efficiently teach almost 1500 students. The ages of students range from pre-school to grade 12, so there are many age levels from which you can choose to correspond with and these students are very eager to respond!

If you already have a pen pal school, please forward this email to a friend!

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OEF Education Experience Trip to Uganda!



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

What? A trip of a lifetime!

The 12-day trip to Uganda features an orientation, 5 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.

When? July 13-24, 2012 - Dates to be finalized.

Why? 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.

For a trip brochure or to place your reservation, please email: Schools@OpportunityEducation.org

Featured Sister School & Gift Certificate Winner

And the Winner Is...

OEF Congratulates Rebecca Bene', a 7th & 8th grade language arts teacher from Knox Doss Middle School in Hendersonville, Tennessee. Her name was drawn out of the many Sister Schools who

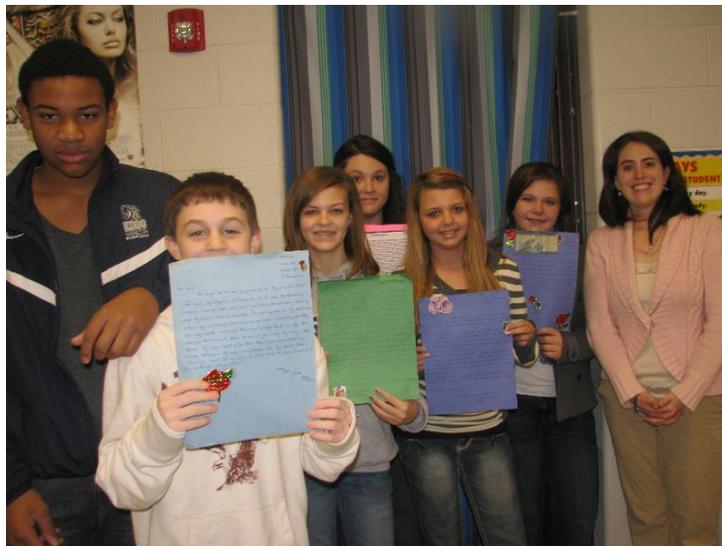


wrote their friends overseas. Her 7th grade class has been faithfully corresponding with Karume Day & Boarding English Medium Primary School in Bukoba, Tanzania.

When asked about how the pen pal program was working, Ms. Bene' said it best...

"I would say that I absolutely love this opportunity! It is a great chance to interact with other teachers and students from other schools and countries. It is a great experience for my students because they get practice on their writing skills and it also offers a chance for a cross-curricular experience because they are able to learn about another country and culture. For my students, it is like Christmas. They are beside themselves with excitement when I announce or have up on the board that we have letters and are responding. Thank you Opportunity Education for offering such an awesome program! I hope to be able to continue for many years to come!"

***Sincerely,
Rebecca Bene'***



Remember to email, Schools@OpportunityEducation.org when you mail your letters, so we can help insure their safe delivery and enter you in our drawing.



Sister School Success

Share your School's Story

If you have any stories, pictures, example letters or even advice you would like to share - we welcome your input! Everyone is looking for

creative ways to teach the basics - and the Sister School Pen Pal Program encourages many different curriculum applications. In gratitude for sharing your Sister School Success, we will publish your experience in our newsletter and send you a gift certificate for educational supplies.

Email your submission to:

Schools@OpportunityEducation.org



On behalf of everyone at
Opportunity Education Foundation -
we wish you all a happy holiday season.

As the Outreach & Sister School Coordinator, I feel particularly blessed by the opportunity to be at OEF. My position works to plan, develop and implement projects and programs to expand the influence of the foundation to benefit ALL of our schools throughout the world.

A key component is the Sister School Program. In building relationships between our schools overseas and schools, churches and organizations in the developed world we hope to bring tangible improvement to the lives of our students, their families, and communities.

I am eager to hear from you all - if you have any comments or suggestions on how we can improve our program, or if you need any assistance with the Sister School Pen Pal Program, please don't hesitate to contact me, Teresa Roll, at Schools@OpportunityEducation.org or (402)614-5381 ext. 102.