

The New Horizon School Newsletter



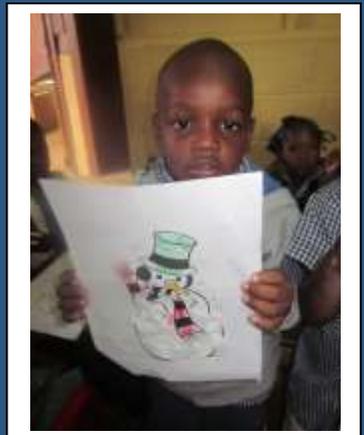
Happy holidays from our family to yours!

Christmas Holidays are a time for family and friends to spend precious moments together. The New Horizon School family, students, and staff, wish our extended family and friends happy holidays and a New Year filled with health and happiness.



"We are thankful to all our friends and supporter for their time and financial support during 2014."

Our Staff



These kindergarten students are learning of other cultures' Christmas experiences through art.

Bookending Stories



The Beginning of the 2014 -2015 School year

As we reflect on our new school year, we all started with great expectation, not really knowing how many students will show up on the first day or how the first few weeks would unfold.

Breakfast was scheduled to start at 7:30am and all staff members were on hand to welcome the students as they entered the school.

At 7:00 am Manoucheca Roger walked through the gate as the first student to enter our school for the new school year. Her enthusiasm for learning has not diminished since.

The end of the semester Little Deeds of Kindness Our Christmas Story

I have often seen him roaming in the neighborhood and loitering in front of the school with a group of his friends. This group of boys is in the 9–12 age range. Any attempt to get near enough to speak to them always results in them running away.

They have no interest in attending school and it appears that their parents were unable to convince them to attend this year, so now, more than three months after the start of the school year they just roam the streets.

Recently, they were involved in making life difficult for a number of students leaving classes for the day. Several times, I had to escort students past them as they were blocking the way and harassing students passing by.



You can imagine my surprise, a week after this event, seeing one of the boys in the school. The last thing I had expected was to see any of them near a school, let alone in a school, but stranger things have happened. I asked him what he was doing there, and he said that he had been invited in. He did not know who invited him, and he looked somewhat suspicious; so I asked him to leave and reminded him of the event of the past week. He denied being involved and said it was his friends causing the problems.

Two days later, I saw him again trying to inch his way into the school. When I asked him to leave, he told me that he was invited in. I did a quick check with the teachers and found that it was true; one of the teachers, Edith, invited him in for lunch. After eating a sumptuous meal, he left. The following day, I saw him loitering in front of the school. It then occurred to me that I should check with his parents to see why he was not in school. When asked, he told me that his mother was at home.

With a student and another parent in tow on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, we made our way to his home, and sure enough his mother was there. I spoke to his mother and told her that I would like to enroll him in The New Horizon School and that she should send him to school the next Thursday morning.

Thursday morning, December 11, 2014, Wixon arrived at school as agreed, his first official day in school for the 2014/2015 school year. We were all excited that he came and he was given a warm welcome.

An academic assessment tells us that we have a long and challenging road ahead of us to get him to where he should be, but we are up to the challenge.



What a strange turn of events! Thanks to Edith for setting the process in motion.

Our mission is to get all of his friends to attend as well!

As we approach this Christmas season we extend our gratitude to all our friends and supporters for making stories like this possible!



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