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OUR VOICES

Special Grade Eight Welcome Newsletter



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Meet the New Grade Eight Cohort

Meet Emmanuel Chola



I always imagined what secondary school was like, how it felt to be a secondary school pupil and the challenges of being in secondary school. A transition into a new environment felt different but I'm now used to it and call it my second home.

I have made new friends who have helped me to adjust to the environment and to understand certain subjects. Being in grade 8 feels good. Learning new subjects, having different teachers. I am forever grateful to KF for this wonderful opportunity. I will hold it with both hands.

Meet Gladys Mwangala

Firstly, I would like to extend my gratitude to Kucetekela Foundation for offering me a scholarship. It is priceless. I would never in my wildest dreams imagined that I would ever be at a prestigious school like Pestalozzi Education Centre.

My life has been one full of challenges and at a time when it seemed nothing good could come my way, KF came my way and changed my life forever. At Pestalozzi I have learnt so much both academically and socially. Now more than ever, my resolve to excel is strong and the sky is the limit!



Meet Nancy Chilopa



I study hard and make sure I excel in my academics in my quest to secure a better future for myself and my family. I am grateful for the good things in my life, but well not all days are sweet, some days have been a bit different and tough.

When I got the KF scholarship, it brought so much joy to both my family and I. Now, I am at Chalo Trust School, one of the best schools in Zambia.

I plan to continue working hard and set a good example for my friends and family. I remain grateful to KF.

Meet Isaac Mulenga

Life was not easy but God created a way for me through KF. Before KF my life, I came into was how mv parents worried about would raise the money to take me to secondary school. I had no idea how long I had to wait before my parents would come up with the commence for me to means my secondary education.

I am glad that somehow I had the good fortune of getting the KF Scholarship and attending a prestigious school like Pestalozzi Education Centre. My goal now is to put my best foot forward and be the best student I can be.



Meet Charlington Malupenga



Being chosen for the KF scholarship has given me a platform to move my life to the next level.

I saw how hard it was for my mum to provide for me and so I will ensure that I do not waste this opportunity.

Furthermore, I am blessed to have been given a mentor who takes keen interest in my life and encourages me on how to develop into a well mannered young man. I am grateful.

I also enjoy the extracurricular activities at my school and I hope to develop my sporting skills further.

Meet Gracious Phiri

As my name suggests, God has been gracious to me and I am filled with so much gratitude for the privilege of being a KF student. I know so many people more deserving of this opportunity but I the privileged among few was picked for who were the scholarship.

Life at Pestalozzi is interesting and everyday I am learning something new. At the beginning I found a few of my grade classes a bit difficult but now I am becoming more and more comfortable in class. Finding myself in a competitive environment has made me work harder and apply myself more.



Meet Ivy Kalifungwe



My gratitude to KF can never be fully expressed in words. As a reward to this lifetime opportunity that has presented itself in my life, I pledge to work hard, excel and give back to the community.

Before I got the KF scholarship, I did not know whether I would continue with my education beyond the 7th grade. Resigned to my fate, one day, I received the good news that I had been picked for the KF scholarship.

Now I am at Chalo Trust School and I couldn't be happier. Chalo has taught me discipline and hard work.

Meet Ruth Siakonga

People say I am ever smiling. Well I have a lot to smile about because it is not everyday that you walk around as a KF student at a great school like Pestalozzi. I am ever so grateful for this privilege to study under the KF scholarship.

The burden of catering my for school needs by my parents has been lightened through the KF scholarship. For me it is not just about going to a school like PEC, it is also about the mentorship and personal development programs that have been put in place by KF for our all round development.



Meet Faith Chompwe



The KF scholarship is the best thing that could have ever happened to me. Other people may take it lightly but I am always slapping myself to confirm that I am not dreaming.

I am always asking myself "is it me holding this phone?" "Is it me meet-ing this white lady who is my men-tor?" "Am I the one at this wonderful school?"

The only way I can repay this great gesture is to keep working hard and getting good grades. I am grateful.

Meet Paul Phiri

Everyone tells me to talk more. Well the day I heard the news that I had gotten the KF scholarship, I couldn't stop talking about how excited I was to be going to my new school. I was very happy and very, very thankful.

I must admit, adjusting into life at Pestalozzi was not easy, It took me a while to adjust to the mode of teaching, I was a bit intimidated by my surroundings and I needed a bit of time to just settle down. With the help of the other senior KF students and staff, I have settled and am looking forward to doing better going forward.



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Kucetekela Foundation is an organization that sponsors talented, highachieving students in secondary school. Not only do we provide these high-need students with opportunities for quality education, but we also support their holistic personal development, through mentorship, work experience and community service programs.

All of our secondary school graduates are currently enrolled in or have completed tertiary programs. We pride ourselves in providing high-quality services for our students, and always strive to inspire them as much as they inspire us.

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