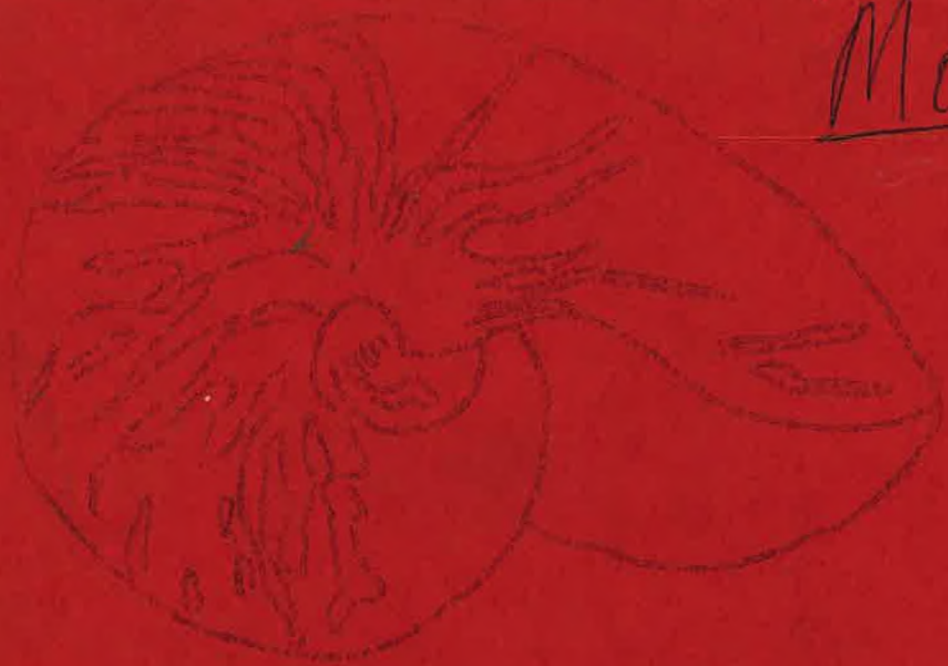


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WRITINGS

from

NAIROBI



DAY



SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER I
for the
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Mrs. Gertrude Wilks
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NAIROBI

Nairobi is a place in West Kenya. It is a very beautiful city and it is the capital of Kenya. It is by the Nile River.

There is another Nairobi. It is in E. Palo Alto, California. This Nairobi is a school. It's no ordinary school. It's a school where you learn. Other schools are boring, but this one isn't.

Phillip Willis

Nairobi is a good school. We start every day with Assembly. Then we go to our classes. It's a good school if you're coming to learn. You could learn at any school if you get down to work, but you can't learn if you are going there to play. You should not go to any school to play in class.

Timothy Wethington

My school is beautiful. It is a good school because it has spirit in it. Nairobi is a place where we come to learn lots of things that are happening around here. At Nairobi we don't jive around. At Nairobi we are all Black and proud.

Robin Harvey



P.W.

NAIROBI

At Nairobi Day School we read, write and spell. We learn history and we learn math. Our teachers don't fool around.
Bobby Hoover

I like Nairobi School. We learn at Nairobi Schools. I work at Nairobi School. It is a good school. We all work at this school.

Deirdre Jones

At Nairobi we learn and we do history. My name is Richard Moultrie. I know how to read. I am in the first grade.
Richard Moultrie

Nairobi is a good school. At Nairobi we learn. It is fun at Nairobi. We learn a lot. We learn math. At Nairobi it is fun.
Tony Dole

At Nairobi we learn! At Nairobi we do math and we do spelling, history and reading. Nairobi is Black.

Sheria Johnson

Nairobi Day School is a good school. Nairobi is not like the other schools because the other schools fool around too much. I know about Nairobi Day School because I go there. The teachers teach you what you need to learn. The teachers don't give you unnecessary work to keep you busy. I like Nairobi Day School.

Vester Wiggins

NAIROBI

Nairobi is a school where people do not fight, talk back to the teacher, go off the black top, throw rocks or steal. Everyone has fun at Nairobi, even the teachers.

John Willis

I go to Nairobi School. It is a good school to go to because it is in my heart, in my mind and everywhere. My mother is a worker here at Nairobi School. I get recess, lunch, P.E. and I help clean up.

Marty Mouton

At Nairobi, we not only come for math, reading, and spelling, but we come for the strength to learn and the ability to respect ourselves. We respect our teachers and ourselves. We know that if we try hard enough we can walk out of here and carry on our skills to our young and others.

Bukeka Newby



MY SCHOOL

This is a wonderful school. This school means a lot to me. I always wanted to go to a school like this one. It has nice children and nice teachers too. We come to an Assembly every morning and sing good songs. The school I am talking about is Nairobi.

Nairobi is together
and it has soul all the way
It is a wonderful school
Nairobi!

Jennifer Dyer

HOW NAIROBI STUDENTS ACT

Act nice, listen and don't talk out!
Show you are nice people! The people at
Nairobi School are nice. It is the best
school in San Mateo County, so it is too
the best in E. Palo Alto.

Robert Gillis

NAIROBI

I go to Nairobi. Nairobi is a school
where Black people get an education. They
learn to read, write, spell and do many
other things.

Garr Harvey

Nairobi is a beautiful school and I
like it because the teachers teach. Nairobi
was started and built by famous Black people.
That's why I go to Nairobi.

Jeanie Hoover

NAIROBI DAY SCHOOL

We work at school and we don't play.
We work hard every day. We work very hard
and we don't jive at Nairobi Day School.

Rona Harvey

Nairobi School is a Black school and
we learn. We love Nairobi School.

Chip Ellis

Nairobi Day School is a good school.
It is better than the school I used to go
to. The school I used to go to you would
get beat up every day. You learn at Nairobi.
At Nairobi the teachers teach and don't jive.
At Nairobi we have learning subjects. They
keep us busy learning here. Nairobi is a
Black school.

Stephen Randall

Nairobi is a Black school. At Nairobi
we learn! At Nairobi we read and spell and
we do lots of history.

Angela Kemp



NAIROBI

Nairobi is a school where they know that people can't do a thing without learning how to read. Nairobi is a school where they know that some students graduate barely knowing how to read. They graduate with an elementary education. But at Nairobi they take students who can't write their names, when Nairobi is done with them, they are super bad!

Nairobi is super bad! I'll tell you one thing about Nairobi. I was dumb at first, but now I'll graduate. Nairobi led me to the point where I can say "Nairobi is Super Bad!" I can say I did my thing.

Lawrence Randall

Nairobi is a place where Black people can learn about themselves, their people, and their heritage. At Nairobi we learn to: respect ourselves, act like gentlemen and ladies, and to be brothers and sisters. At Nairobi we are kind to the young and old and the young and old are kind to us. These are some of Nairobi's rules:

We respect our elders.

We are brothers and sisters.

We do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

The word "Nairobi" is a Swahili word. I do not know what it means, but Nairobi East Palo Alto is a nice place to live in.

Shabaka Razak



BEGINNING TO END

I see a shape molding
like a piece of sculpture
made out of clay.

I see Black minds
young Black beautiful minds
shaping into a unique shape
of some kind.

I think I can see what it is now
I think I can make out
what it is going to be.

A place
where mature Black men and women
go to learn.

I can see a woman,
a woman with great strength
and with a voice that is so strong
that it can be heard across the world.

I see a school
with good teachers
and many things going on.

I see a school
with love and security.

I see Nairobi!

Bukeka Newby

"me"
Carol Timmons



S C I E N C E

NAIROBI HIGH SCHOOL held its first Science Fair May 13 - 16, 1973. Parents and students were enthusiastic about being a part of one of the first Science Fairs to be held in the Black Community. Guest speakers, student speakers, and exhibits highlighted the occasion. Elementary and Kindergarten students also participated through demonstrations and exhibits. The following reports were done in conjunction with the fair.

WAVES, TIDES, and CURRENTS

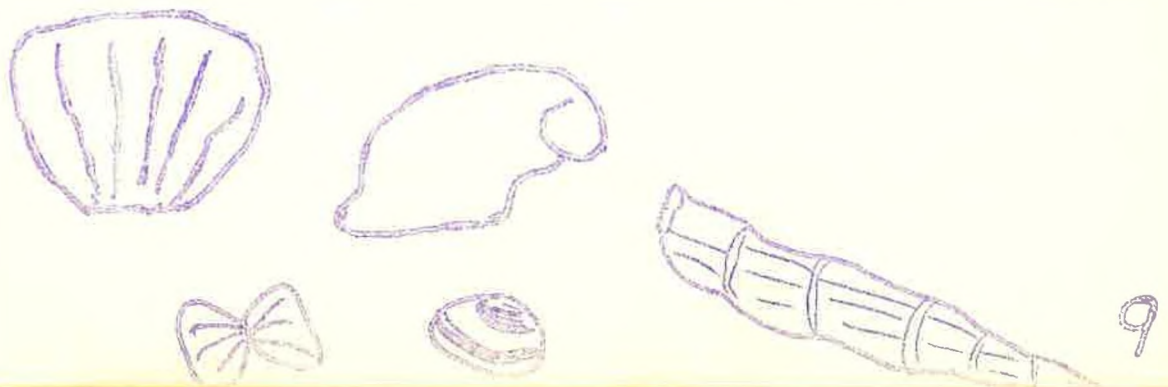
Waves are giant splashes of water. Tides are the rise and fall of the ocean. Currents are flowing streams. I learned a lot about the sea. I learned that waves can drown you.

Tony Dale

SEA SHELLS

Sea Shells are round and they are found in the sand. There are different kinds of shells. Some are hard to crack. They are different colors.

Deirdre Jones



SHELLS

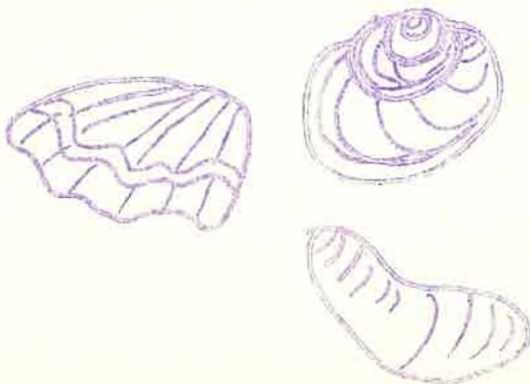
Many kinds of animals and plants have shells. Clams, lobsters, oysters, crabs, shrimps, snails and turtles all have shells. Most shells grow outside of an animal or plant. These shells are like strong suits of armor that protect the body it covers. Shells are also used to hold the seeds and nuts of the coconut, peach, walnut and others. Some shells grow inside of animals like the cuttlefish. Many shells are good to decorate your home with such as the crown conch, abalone and many others.

John Willis

SHELLS

Shells are the hard covering of various animals. My article is about the shells of animals called mollusks. There are two kinds of ways a mollusk can grow its shell. A mollusk can grow three shells when it is a kid, or it may grow as many as it wants. The three layers are the outer layer (periostracum) the middle layer (prismatic) and the inner layer (mother of pearl).

Marty Mouton



OCEANOGRAPHY

Oceanography is the study of plants and animal life in the ocean. You can find fish, crab, star fish, crayfish and all kinds of things in the ocean. Most of the things you can eat. People who are studying oceanography go under the water and get things from the sea. Oceanographers dive from a boat. They get things from the sea and bring them on land. When oceanographers find things they show people the new things and talk about them.

Vester Wiggins



SEA SHELLS

I learned about sea shells. Sea shells are shells of the mollusk. They are all different shapes. The shells are kind of white and brown. The shells come out of the sea.

Angela Kemp



SEAWEED

I told my classmates about seaweed. There are a lot of different kinds of seaweed such as elk kelp, coral, and surf grass. Seaweed grows mostly attached to rocks. People in China eat seaweed. I went to Half Moon Bay about 9:00 at night when the tide was out and I collected some seaweed. I saw a lot of it attached to rocks. The seaweed will probably grow about 10 feet long. Surf grass looks like regular grass. Elk kelp is very long and has something that looks like bulbs. Coral is a white seaweed and it is small.

Timothy Wethington

THE OCEAN

The ocean is the great water that covers more than 70 per cent of the earth's surface. The bottom of the ocean lies more than six miles below the surface. The ocean is filled with life and many plants grow along the shore and in the ocean. The currents bring all kinds of things up to the shore like crabs, shells, starfish, stones and pebbles. All the natural elements can be found in sea water. Along the ocean are millions of tons of gold and silver.

Garr Harvey



OCEANOGRAPHY

Oceanography is the study of the ocean. An oceanographer studies the animal life in the ocean as well as the plant life. An oceanographer also finds minerals in the ocean. The ocean has lots of food for the world.

At the Science Fair Mario Sampson told us about the animals in the ocean. He talked about starfish, jellyfish and a Portuguese man-of-war. He also answered many questions about the starfish. Mario's report about oceanography was very good.

Shabaka Razak



FLOWERS

We will tell you the names of all the flowers that we know around our school: camelias, hibiscus, roses, California poppy, iris, chrysanthemum, bottle brush, bird-of-paradise, sweet broom, alyssum, marigolds, petunias, gladiolus, daffodil, bachelor buttons, cactus, and one with a funny name "yesterday, today, and tomorrow".

The Kindergarten Class

LEAVES

Leaves are very important. When you plant a vegetable or fruit seed, first will come a leaf and from the leaf comes food. There are many different kinds of leaves so I can't report on them all. I will report on three kinds of leaves.

The first leaf is the Ginkgo. The Ginkgo leaves were probably eaten by dinosaurs. They are considered to be very tasty. They are green and are shaped like ducks' webbed feet.

The second report is on the tulip. Scientists have found prints of the tulip in rocks. The tulip tree blossoms in June. It is hard to see the blossom because the leaves are big and wide.

The third leaf is the Royal Poinciana. This tree was imported from Australia. In Florida it blossoms too late for most visitors to see. Its leaves are very thin and long.

Bukeka Newby



Royal
Poinciana



Ginkgo



Tulip

HOW WE CAN IMPROVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

I will improve my neighborhood by picking up trash around people's yards. I will find out if they have rats. Don't let trash blow around. Throw away left over pet food. Don't let trash pile up because rats can move in. Rats can live in broken washing machines. Don't let rats move in with you!.

Bobby Hoover

POLUTION

Polution is a dirty word. Polution kills everybody. Nobody can live in polution. People just polute, polute and really polute. I don't like polution. There are all kinds of polution such as air and water polution. Smog is the major cause of polution. Stop poluting up the world!

Lawrence Randall

LEAVES

Leaves are beautiful and they grow on trees. Another thing, they grow on flowers and vines. Leaves can be all sizes and shapes. They are a pretty color of green and some can be red. They can be very very big leaves. It starts like this, a stem comes out, then you will see the leaves bloom out.

Richard Moultrie



NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers are made by a machine. Newspapers form the free press which for nearly 200 years has been considered one of the main supports of American democracy. A free press is one that exists without interference from the government.

Robert Gillis

SR.



NEWSPAPER AND POTATO PRINTING

When they make newspapers they have a machine that puts it all on a metal plate. The plate is placed on a printing machine and it prints on paper. It is done with every sheet. About 5,000 articles come in a day.

Potato printing is a hobby. The way you make it is to cut a potato in half and then cut any shape that you want into the potato. Put paint, or any other coloring on the potato. Then you stamp it on paper or cardboard. It makes a beautiful design.

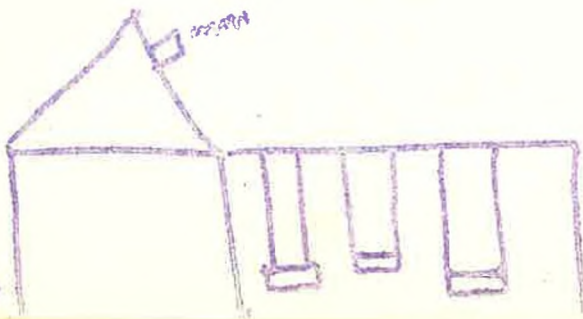
Stephen Randall

HOW WE CAN IMPROVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

We can improve our neighborhood by cleaning it up, and putting the trash in the garbage cans. Also by cleaning our yard and keeping the tops on the trash cans. We should get rid of the rats and keep our dogs on a leash. Don't litter and don't put trash on the ground.

Rona Harvey

R.H.



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LETTERS

The following letters were presented to Mrs. Wilks at a morning assembly prior to her departure for Washington D.C. to receive a distinguished educator award from the Black Child Development Institute, Inc.

Dear Mrs. Wilks,

I hope your trip to Washington D.C. will be very peaceful. You and Mrs. Mouton must be very happy to be going there. Please tell us all about your trip. Flying over 10 states should give you many things to say.

Sincerely,

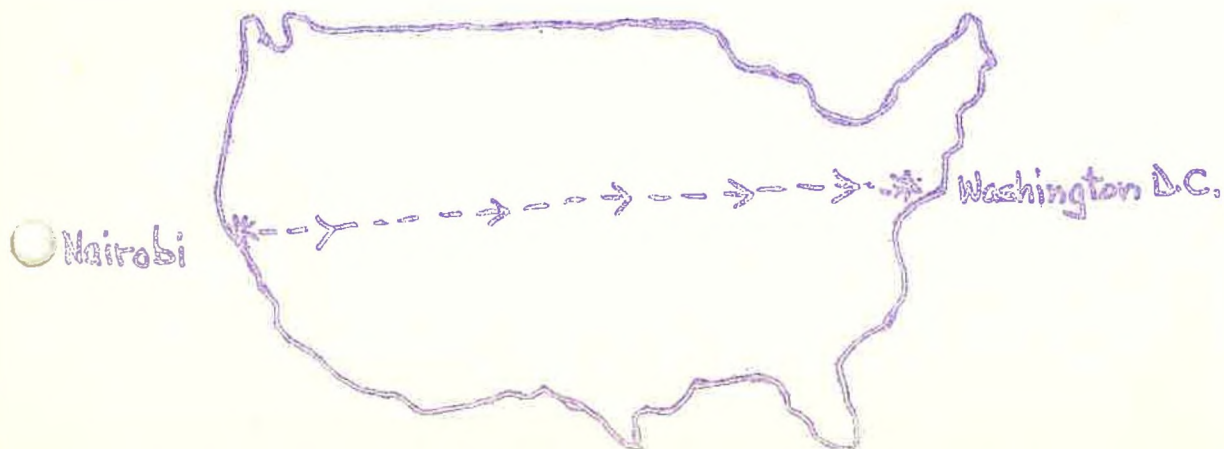
Phillip Willis

Dear Mrs. Wilks,

When you go to Washington are you going to see the President? I hope you have a nice trip Mrs. Wilks. We are going to miss you a lot. What kind of medal are you going to get?

Love,

Jeanie Hoover



Dear Mrs. Wilks,

How do you feel about going to Washington D.C.? Excited probably. After your trip would you tell us about it? I hope so. Please ask the Jackson Five for an autograph.

Sincerely yours,

Tosha Berk

Dear Mrs. Wilks,

I hope you have a good trip to Washington, and a safe one. Don't stay too long! Nairobi is just not Nairobi without you. You are the leader of our school.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy Wethington

Dear Mrs. Wilks,

How are you feeling? Fine I hope. I hope you and Mrs. Mouton have a very nice time. I am writing to you telling you not to be afraid of high places. Have a great time and tell me what happened when you come back.

Your niece,

Jennifer Dyer

Dear Mrs. Wilks,

How are you? I hope you have a nice trip. I hope you don't get air nor homesick. Here is a poem for you.

Nairobi's Struggles

Nairobi has gone through lots of troubles,
Nairobi had struggles in finding a place
where we could learn!

Nairobi had to buy books to help us learn.
We started in a church with only a few
But now we are in a schoolhouse with books
and other things.

We still need donations to keep us going!

Yours truly,

Lawrence Randall

Dear Mrs. Wilks,

I hope you have a very nice time in Washington. It must be fun to be going some place where you haven't been before. Please tell us about your trip when you get back.

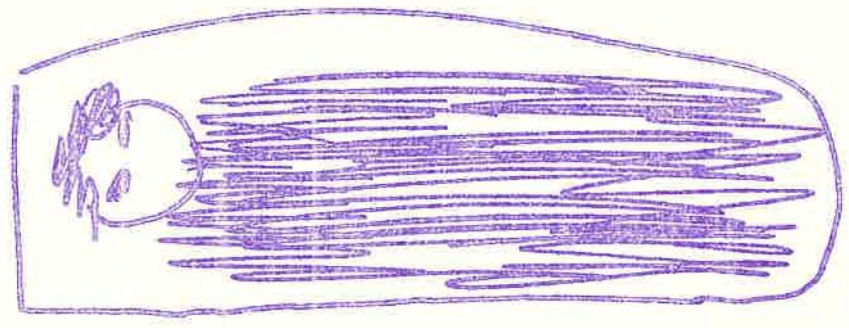
Your friend,

John Willis



“ a mother taking
care of her baby ”

Stephanie Powell



“ blue whale and
her baby ”
Leah Amos

UMOJA / UNITY

Umoja means unity, to join together or to unite. It is one of the seven principles of Kwanza. Kwanza is a great time for Black people to get together.

Garr Harvey

Unity means a lot to me. Here, sometimes unity means a group of people or clubs that go different places. That's what unity means to me.

Robert Gillis

Unity is the joining together of things. Unity is when people work together for one cause. Unity is togetherness with honor and love. Umoja means the unity of all Black power. Unity is having faith in one cause or one God etc. Unity is love and happiness.

Lawrence Randall

Umoja means unity. It is very important to all Black people in every way. Black people need to put their minds together so that we can get what we deserve. We can not let our enemy make us look like low class people. In order to have this done, we must stay together and work out the solutions to problems. That is umoja. That is unity to me.

Bukeka Newby

UMOJA
UNITY

UMOJA / UNITY

Umoja means unity, and I think unity means sharing things. Example: If I had 6 apples and everyone wanted some, I would give everyone a half. I would not give my best friends a whole and leave some people out.

John Willis

I think unity means that all Black people should get together and do something about it. They should make a film about Black people.

Jennifer Dyer

Umoja means to me unity for all of our people. Umoja is the first principle of Kwanza. Umoja means for all of our people to come together for singing, hearing speeches about why we are treated so bad, and for a big feast like our ancestors had way back in Africa. The principles of Kwanza should be taught to all Black people in all schools.

Phillip Willis

Umoja means unity. Umoja means that people work together, learn together, and fight together. Umoja means the same as the saying, "United we stand, divided we fall." If you want to get a job done, and you ask some friends to help you with the job it will get done faster. Say for example you are in a fight. If your team isn't together and you're always quarreling then the enemy could defeat you easily. If you have Umoja you can have a strong nation. In a nation the people have to agree on what their leader says if they want to have a strong nation.

Shabaka Razak²²

LOVE

Love is when you like someone very much and that someone likes you too.

Tosha Berk

Love is good. I like love. Love is black and proud. I think love is good. Love is respect.

Tony Dale

BLACK LOVE

Black love is as tender
as a new born baby in your arms.
Black love is pretty as a pearl.
Love is a man struggling to be counted.
Love is as smooth as velvet.
Love is as precious as a kitten.

Charles Dyer

Love is beautiful. Do you know what love is? Love is two teenagers walking around acting crazy. I don't mean just crazy, I mean foolish crazy. Love makes a family look beautiful.

Stephen Randall

Love is beautiful, but love is cute. I like love. My sister likes love. Gregory likes love too!

Angela Kemp

LOVE

Love is beautiful. It is cuddly and warm sitting by the fire.

Richard Moultrie

Love is when people kiss. Love is when a man kisses a girl. Love is on T.V. I think love is a man kissing a woman. Love is beautiful to a boy and he kisses his bride.

Deirdre Jones

I like love. Because you get a family when you are married. Then you get a job. You get money to support your family. And when your child gets older, he will get married.

Bobby Hoover

Love is romance. Love is a boy and girl kissing. Love is romantic. Love is charity. Charity is beautiful. Romance is beautiful. Love is beautiful. Then the man and lady get married. Then the lady goes to the hospital to have a baby. Love makes a family bigger.

Vester Wiggins

LOVE

Love is a sensitive feeling inside you.
Love is warm.
Love is precious.
Love is sweet.
Love is kind.
Love is a bouquet of flowers.
Love is a baby in your arms.
Love is gentle.
Love is nice.
Love is special.
Love wasn't made to be tossed around.
Love was made for you and me
to use together through eternity.

Bukeka Newby

LOVE

I think love is when people are nice
to other people. I think that people
should push their chairs in.

Rona Harvey





"me"
Wayne
Costello

LETTERS

Dear Miss James,

I hope you get well soon. I am sorry to hear that you are sick. Our class likes writing letters and we hope that you'll write us back. Try to get well as fast as you can so you can help people. I know they'll be glad that you're O.K. Get well soon!

Sincerely yours,
Shabaka Razak

Dear Mrs. Murray,

I hope you get well soon so you can come back to the Day School. I hope you don't have the flu because the flu can kill you or put you in the hospital.

From,
Robert Gillis

Dear Mrs. Murray,

How are you feeling? Fine I hope. I wish you could come back because I did all of my home work. Andre Randall is our teacher until you come back. I hope it is not serious for you because we all miss you very much. Get well soon!

Love,
Jennifer Dyer

Dear Mrs. Mouton,

I hope you have a nice trip. Come back soon before we miss you. You are a beautiful woman Mrs. Mouton.

Love,
Robin

Dear Mrs. Mouton,

I hope you like Washington D.C. We hope you have a happy day and a good week. I wrote a poem for you.

STREET TROUBLES

Drunkies here, drunkies there, drunkies
everywhere!

Pushers in the alleys, pushers on the streets
Dope dealers here, dope dealers there.
Prostitutes trying to get their money any-
way they can.

Shootings here, deaths, accidents, murders,
pollution, dope and drunkies.

What's happened to this world?
THIS SHIT MUST STOP!

Yours truly,
Lawrence Randall

Dear Mrs. Winder,

I am very sorry to hear about your husband's death. I hope you are taking it like a Black woman should. I hope you come and visit us.

Your friend,
Timothy Wethington

Dear Mrs. Keyes,

I hope you come back soon. We like the way you cook. We all need to cook. I have tried the stuff you made in class and it was good.

Love,
Marty Mouton

Dear Mrs. Hawkins,

I am very sorry that your mother died today. I hope your Mother lived a happy life. It's too bad that she died one day after Mother's Day. You've helped out Nairobi Schools in many ways and we are proud of it.

Sincerely yours,
Phillip Willis

Dear Miss Wright,

Thank you for teaching us when our teacher was sick. You are a very good teacher. I wish you would teach us again sometime.

Love,
Garr Harvey

Dear Mrs. Keyes,

Thank you for doing all you did for us. Please come back. You make yummy things.

Yum-Yum,
Tosha Berk

Dear Mrs. Hall,

Sorry to hear you are sick. Your class is talking a lot but we can live through it. I Hope you come back soon!

Love,
Bukeka Newby

Dear Sheria,

I hope you're getting better and better by the second. It must be hard and painful having your tonsils taken out.

Sincerely yours,
Phillip Willis

Dear Dr. Martin Luther King,

I hope they have been treating you good in heaven. The people who killed you were not very nice. I liked the speech you said before you got killed.

From,
Marty Mouton

Dear Mr. Glover,

I want to thank you very much for encouraging the S.F. Foundation to give us the grant. We will work hard to make the grant worth-while. Our school needs money to pay for things. I hope you can come and visit us. Thanks for the grant.

Sincerely yours,
Shabaka Razak

Dear Mrs. Murray,

How are you feeling? Andre Randall is helping us. We had a quiz so that when we have our test we won't miss a word. We did it in a way that we could be serious and have fun at the same time. Well everything is going swell. I hope everything is going swell with you.

Love,
Bukeka Newby

Dear Mom,

I would like to say Happy Valentine's
Day!

You have been with me all my life.
You have taught me to be sharp as a knife

You're my world's greatest treasure.
You're also a very nice pleasure.
All I want to say is Happy Valentine's

Day!

Love,
Shabaka

To my Mother,

I hope that you have a very pleasant Mother's Day. All mothers should be rewarded for all the things they have done. If I were judge in a Mother-of-the-Week contest, you would win 52 times a year. You're the greatest mother of all.

Love,
Phillip Willis

Dear Mother,

You are the sweetest woman in the whole world. I love you very very much. If it were not for you, I could not survive. You helped me get into this world. You have made my world more understanding and more exciting. As I grow older, get married, have children, I shall want to be all the things that you have taught me to be. I will tell my children to be what you are, a goddess. I love you too much to have your ways of love and kindness be wasted away. You are a wonderful person. You are young and beautiful and should be treated like a queen. A million times I love you and a million more times and more.

From your loving daughter,
Bukeka

Dear Mr. Williams,

I am glad that you are out of the hospital. Your grandson, Shabaka, said that you have been healthy most of your life. I hope that you can come to visit us someday.

Your friend,
John Willis

Dear Mr. Organ,

Happy Birthday Mr. Organ! I miss you. Did you read our letters to your father? I hope he feels good. Have a Merry Kwanza and a Happy New Year!

Love,
Jeanie Hoover

Dear Mrs. Bell,

Mother Holder is doing a good job. I know you are not very sick. I hope you like our cards. I wish you would get well soon. I miss you very much.

Love,
Jeanie Hoover

Dear Mom,

Mom, how are you feeling? I hope you are feeling better on Mother's Day. You are a very special person to me.

Your son,
Timothy

Dear Mr. Dale,

I hope you are feeling fine. I am glad your illness wasn't anything serious. We want a member of the board to get well very fast, so do your best to get well as soon as you can.

Sincerely yours,
Shabaka Razak

Dearest Mommy,

Happy Mommy's Day. Mommy, here's a poem fresh from the old noodle.

Roses are red, violets are blue, Jason and I still love our Leo's, and we hope you love us too.

Your youngest loving son, 33
Tosha Aku

Dear Mommy,

I hope you are getting better. I did a poem about you and I hope you like it. Everybody is hoping that you come tomorrow. People are wondering just how sick you are. Robin asked me who brought me to school. When I told her that you did she said, "She must not be too sick." Then I had to explain the symptoms.

From your loving daughter,
Bukeka

Dear Mrs. Newby,

I am sorry to hear that you are sick. I hope you get well soon. We wanted to hear your lovely voice at music, Wednesday, but you were sick I'm sorry to say. We'll be waiting to see you at music class.

Sincerely yours,
Shabaka Razak

Dear Daddy,

How are you? I hope you are feeling O.K. I hope you will be out soon. We all miss you.

Your son,
Garr

Dear Mr. Randall,

I hope you get well soon. Have a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,
Tosha Berk

P.S. I am not a very long writer.

Dear Champ,

I hope you come back to Nairobi Day School. Are you having fun at Morehouse College? We have more people and bigger classes than we had last year. Do you have a car or a bike? I have a bike. I hope you get out of college and get a job. If you come back, all of us will give you a hand on Saturdays for teachers. There are 12 people at the High School and 40 primary students (K - 6th grade).

Your friend,
Marty Mouton

Dear Champ,

How are you? I hope you are doing good in college. Nairobi is doing well. This year we are working hard. We've made some improvements since last year. Everything is all right and together.

Yours truly,
Lawrence Randall

Dear Vincent,

I do not know you but Mrs. Murray told us about you. I hope you will get out of jail soon and not steal again.

Sincerely yours,
Garr Harvey

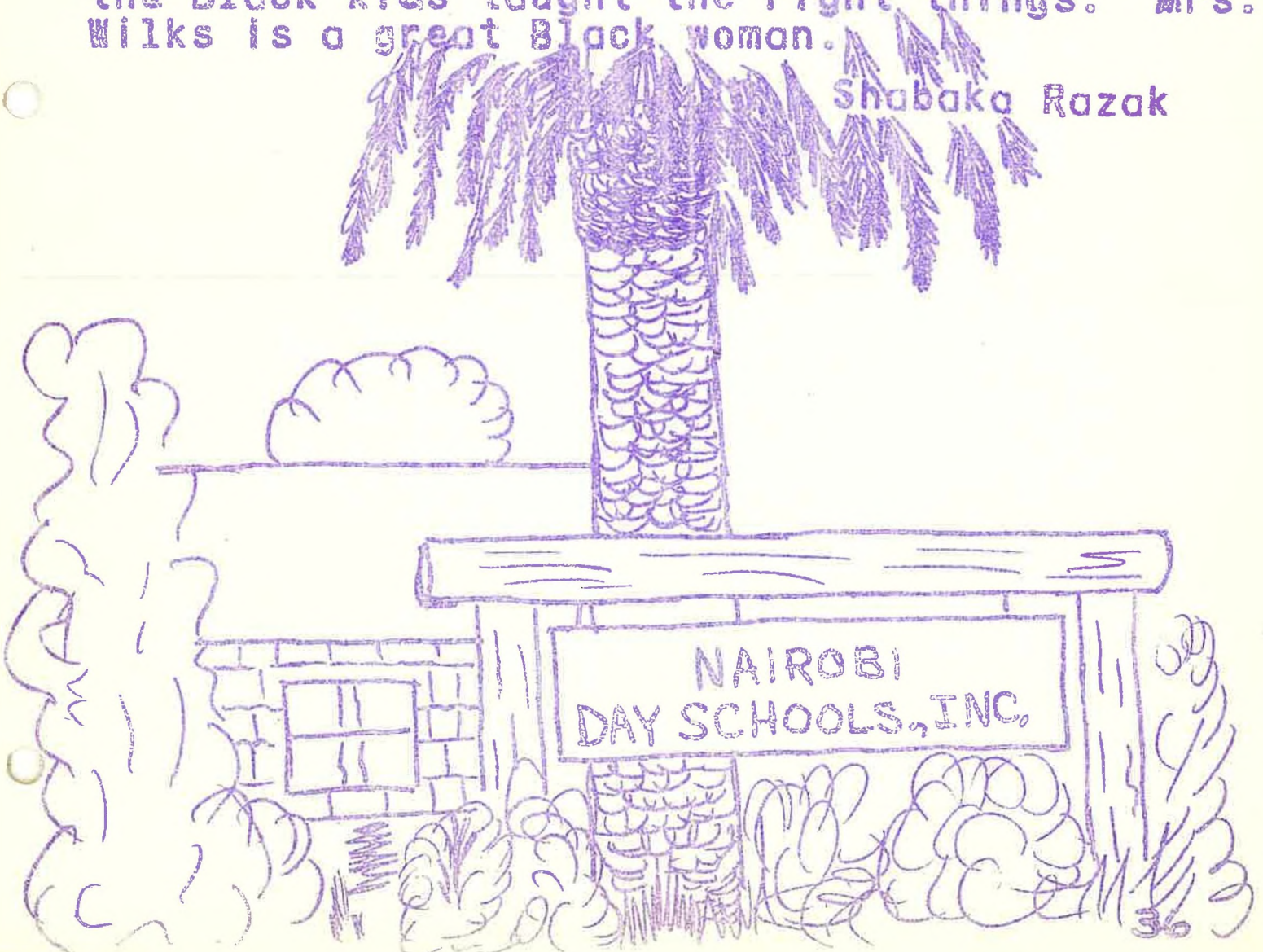
BIRTHDAY DEDICATIONS

Mrs. Wilks is Black and beautiful. She is a great founder. I am proud of her as the founder of our school. She does a lot of work for the school. My class is proud of you Mrs. Wilks.

Robin Harvey

Mrs. Wilks is the founder of Nairobi Day School. She worked a lot for this school. She wanted Black children to get a good education. She knew that the public schools taught the wrong things. Mrs. Wilks is still fighting to get money for the school. She helps set up a lot of fund raisers. She helps Black people by having the Black kids taught the right things. Mrs. Wilks is a great Black woman.

Shabaka Razak



BIRTHDAY DEDICATIONS

Mrs. Wilks is a nice person. She began the Nairobi Schools, the M.E.E. Bookstore, and the Day Care Centers. That's why I am dedicating this paper to her. She also comes to see how the students are doing. She is a mature person too.

Jennifer Dyer

Mrs. Wilks is Black and proud of what she has done for Black people. She found a school for our Black people so we can learn and grow up to be somebody.

Robert Gillis

Mrs. Wilks is Black and beautiful. She is our great founder of Nairobi Day School. She has the spirit at Nairobi.

Garr Harvey

Mrs. Wilks is a leader. She made this school come alive. I hope Mrs. Wilks never dies. She is a great person. She built a great school. I like Mrs. Wilks. She is good.

Jeanie Hoover

I am very happy that you made this school. I like it very much here, and everybody else does. May this school live forever and ever after.

John Willis

Mrs. Wilks our great founder is Black and beautiful. She is a determined woman full of braveness and strength. She sells cakes, garments, purses and pies. She'll always be remembered even when she dies.

Phillip Willis

BIRTHDAY DEDICATIONS

I dedicate this paper to Mrs. Gertrude Wilks. She is a great woman. I think so because she worked to get money for the school and still does. That is why she is great.

Tosha Berk

She is a very nice person. She does a lot of things for Black people. She started a school for Black children because they were not getting the right education in the public schools. Mrs. Wilks has to work very hard to keep the school going. She is a great woman.

Timothy Wethington

Mrs. Wilks thought of a plan for a school where Black people can learn to read, write and spell. Mrs. Wilks started the Nairobi Day School and High School. Mrs. Wilks also started a nursery school and a kindergarten for our Black people. She is a woman who has done more things for Black people than almost any other person I know.

Lawrence Randall

Mrs. Wilks is the great founder of Nairobi Day School. My mother is a great friend of Mrs. Wilks. I like Mrs. Wilks and our school likes her very much too.

Marty Mouton

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Our Children
can learn!

ASSEMBLY

Assembly is when you take everything off of your mind except learning. Learning is the most important thing in our lives.

Tosho Berk

SWEET LITTLE BABY

I got a sweet little baby
nice and fine.
As pretty and plump as grapes
on a vine.
She is Black and proud
as any baby of mine.
She's got the looks of me
and is wrapped in a blanket
the color of wine.
I got a sweet little baby
and she's mine
all mine.

Bukeka Newby

POLUTION

Polution is a dirty word.
Polution is a killer.
Polution stinks.
Polution is bad.
Polution kills all our food before
we get it.
Help the world a little!
Before you throw your trash
on the ground,
THINK about what you are doing!

Lawrence Rondall

DOPE

Dope can kill you.
Dope can destroy you.
Dope is a killer.

Cocaine

Heroin

Reds

L.S.D.

The killers.

Dope can mess you up.

Don't take dope!

You'll feel better.

If you do take dope

YOU'LL

BE

SORRY!

Lawrence Randall

CHARLES DYER

Charles Dyer is a Black boy. He is proud of what he is. He is good sometimes. He goes to Nairobi. He likes it there.

Charles Dyer

ASSEMBLY

Assembly is a motivational get together where we leave all our hang ups and gripes outside. In Assembly we sing and get our spirits up high with soul. At Assembly we stand up straight and tall because we are proud that we are Black and beautiful.

Assembly also prepares us for the day of learning ahead. Assembly prepares our minds as well as our bodies for work and play. We should always be on time for Assembly.

Shabaka Razak

TEACHERS

Teachers teach.
Teachers teach kids who don't know things.
Teachers teach kids
who put the wings on flying machines.
Black teachers teach Black history.
Some kids say
"Teach, you should practice what you preach."
The kids don't know
that they're no foe for teacher.
The teacher teaches
and
the teacher learns.
Just as you learn something, and you tell
your parents.
They probably will be learning something new.
Everybody learns something,
even the teachers!

Shabaka Razak

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is picking cotton
going through slavery
and working for the white people.

South Africa is where you get
tickets to see your mother,
for 15 minutes
and sometimes not at all.

South Africa is hot!
You have to stand in line.

South Africa is where
I don't want to be!

Jeanie Hoover

Dear Mr. Rages,

We miss you. Please come back. It just isn't the same without you.

Love,
Tosha Berk

Dear Mr. Organ,

I am writing to wish you a Happy Birthday. We were going to sing Happy Birthday to you but you couldn't come to Assembly. I hope you had a good time in Texas and I hope your father got well. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours,
Shabaka Razak

(The senior Mr. Organ)
Dear Mr. Organ,

I hope you get well very soon so you can visit us. I think you are a very nice person because your son is very nice. I hope the doctors and nurses treat you good at the hospital so you can visit us healthy.

Love,
John Willis

MY FATHER

My father is a minister and he works with cement. He takes us to the beach. He sometimes cements the back yard. He is the nicest father I ever had. He takes us places. He is going on a trip and I hope he will have a real good time.

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Jennifer Dyer

Dear Mrs. Wallace,

I hope you will recover from your operation fast. Mrs. Wilks and Mrs. Hendrix need your help. It's awful hard to run a Nursery School without a lot of teachers. I've read a Science Year Book we have at our school. In the book they have an article about the new ways they have to cure kidney diseases.

Sincerely yours,
Phillip Willis

MY FATHER

My father is strong,
a hard working man, with big muscles
he's my best fan.

My father is loveable,
sweet and kind, very smart and has a
good piece of mind.

He's never too mad
and never too rough,
and when he says he'll tear you up
that's only a bluff.

So now you know Mr. Robert G. Newby,
who I'm proud to say,
is one heck of a soul brother
all the way.

Bukeka Newby

MY FATHER

My father is a great man. I like my father. He is sick in the hospital. My father doesn't work. He is a handsome man. My father is good to the whole family.

Robin Harvey

MY FATHER

My
father
takes his hard earned money
and supports a family.

My
father
helps me when I'm feeling blue.
He
helps me in every way he can.

My
father
comes from West Virginia.

He
met my mother in '51.

They
were married in '54.

He
has a present job at Pacific
Telephone in Redwood City.

He
is the greatest man
I ever knew!.

My Father!

Lawrence Randall

EDUCATION

Education is what Nairobi Schools want more of. Many people in this world don't have one. I'm going to use my education to help people. I think I'll go to Africa to teach some child to read and write so he won't end up being nothing. Or I might start an organization that will benefit Black people.

Phillip Willis

Education is a nice thing to have. Some people got out of school so now they can't get an education. I am going to get an education so I can go to college. Education helps people become what they want to be. When I grow up my education will help me be a doctor. I want to be a doctor because I want to help Black people become well so they can help other Black people.

Jeanie Hoover

I am going to be an oceanographer so that I can find more food under the sea. Since the world is becoming over-populated there will have to be more food for people. There are also a lot of minerals under the ocean that are needed. That's what I plan to do with my education, become an oceanographer.

Shabaka Razak

Education is something that everybody needs and should have. Education makes people smart and also it helps you get and keep a job. That's why everybody needs an education.

Tosha Berk

EDUCATION

Education is good. All people should want and should get a good education. Everybody at Nairobi is going to get an education because we work harder than any school I've ever seen. An education is what everybody in the whole world needs.

I want to use my education to help me be a doctor. I want to be a doctor to help sick people. If there were no doctors there would be very little people in the world today.

John Willis

I plan to go to college and help Black people learn how to do things. I want to be an artist and also teach people how to swim.

Garr Harvey

Education is very very important. You need education to get jobs and to live a good life. Everyone should get a good education. Many people don't have good educations because of money, but others do and grow up to be good people. I want an education so that I can be a psychiatrist and help people.

Bukeka Newby

I plan to get a good education. When I finish college I want to be a teacher so that I can help other people get an education. Black people need an education and I would like them to have one.

Robin Harvey

EDUCATION

We go to school so we can get an education. Then we can get a job so we can be someone. Education should mean a lot to Black people. With an education they don't have to walk the streets or steal. They will have something to do.

Robert Gillis

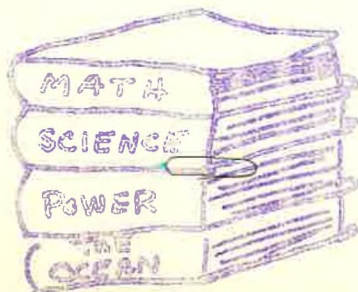
Education is the constructing of a person's mind so that he can live. Education is teaching the basic skills of life. Without education we'd still be acting like animals eating each other. With a high school education it's very hard to get a job. If I make it through college I'm going to work as an electrician.

An electrician helps supply most of the people's power needs. An electrician has to know a lot about his job to have it. He has to know about different circuits. He has to know about medical help, and most of all he has to know about power.

Lawrence Randall

I plan to go on to high school and then college. I want to get a job and come back to this community. That's what I want to do with my education.

Marty Mouton



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