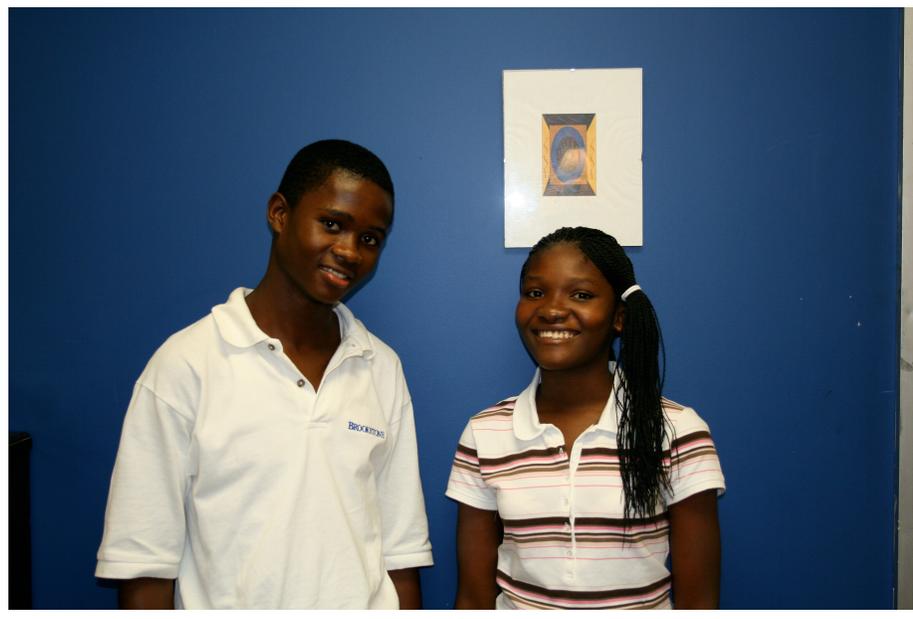




SERVANT LEADERSHIP WORKS

BROOKSTONE SCHOOL SERVANT LEADERSHIP NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2009



BROOKSTONE WELCOMES RICKS EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Lusinetta Korman and Samukai Sarnor are two Eighth Grade Students from Ricks Institute, our sister school in Liberia, attending Brookstone School this semester. While living in Columbus, Lusinetta and Samukai are each being hosted by three different families. We are so glad they are with us and we hope you all have the chance to meet these two outstanding young individuals.

A recent interview with Lusinetta and Samukai helped us to discover a little about their experience so far.

What has been the most thrilling thing that has happened to you in the US?

Samukai: Visiting the National Infantry Museum and Tuskegee

Lusinetta: Visiting the Columbus Regional Hospital with Dr. Gorum. I want to go back!

What has surprised you the most about the US?

Samukai: I had heard alot about the US, but when I arrived I felt that I was in a dream.

What has become your favorite American food?

Samukai: PIZZA!

Lus: PIZZA!

What do you like most about Brookstone?

Samukai: The staff- everyone is so kind and ready to help.

Lus: I like the way the teachers teach and everything we get to do in the classrooms.

What would you want your friends at Ricks to know?

Samukai: Columbus, GA and Brookstone are really awesome! I wish you could be here!

What would you change about Brookstone?

Lus: I miss uniforms and think that uniforms would be good for Brookstone.

Are you glad you are at Brookstone?

Samukai: YES!

Lus: YES!

2009 - 2010 UPPER SCHOOL SERVANT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

An Upper School Servant Leadership Committee has been formed to help with the planning and leading of events for the school year. We are pleased to announce that the following students comprise this committee:

SENIORS

Caroline Adams

Charley Bates

Andrew Carroll

Nell Henson

Blake Hudson

Michael Ippolito

Jenna Leigh Jenkins

Kelley McIntire

Praveen Nandamuru

Carolyn Robinson

Kyle Scarbrough

Jack Sherrer

Elizabeth Sudduth

JUNIORS

Jina Desai

Hannah Illges

Mollie Jenkins

Jack Key

Palmer McCluskey

Pomi Yun

SOPHOMORES

Gabe Pippas

Virginia Smith

CAMPUS NEWS

SERVANT LEADERSHIP FAIR

Brookstone hosted the First Annual Servant Leadership Fair on August 31 in the Turner Center Gallery. The purpose of the event was to allow Brookstone students to gain awareness of the organizations in Columbus and to help facilitate and foster relationships between these organizations and our students. Representatives from 24 local agencies were present to share information about these organizations as well as opportunities for service with the Upper School students. There was great attendance by the Upper School Students and the organizations were pleased to have this opportunity to interact with young people.



Servant Leadership Fair Attendees

American Red Cross - Boys & Girls Club - Bridges Learning Center - Brown Bag of Columbus - Columbus Botanical Gardens - Columbus Community Center - Columbus Dream Center - Columbus Museum - Easter Seals - Feeding the Valley - Girls Inc. - Habitat for Humanity - House of Heroes - International Friendship Ministry - Open Door Community House - Our House - PAWS Columbus - Ronald McDonald House - The Literacy Alliance - Trees Columbus - Twin Cedars Youth Services - United Way Volunteer Center - Valley Interfaith Promise

SHOEBOXES FOR RICKS

Brookstone is preparing ShoeBoxes for Ricks Institute again this year from September 21 - October 2.

Instructions for packing a shoebox can be found on the Brookstone Servant Leadership Web Page (under the school life tab on the Brookstone home page).

Thank you in advance for your help with this effort!

SERVICE IN A SESSION

Monthly Middle School After School Service Opportunities

A new program is beginning in the Middle School this year to introduce Middle School students to opportunities for Service. These monthly, after-school sessions will have a different focus each month and will allow students to engage in a service activity on campus that benefits those in our community and even around the world. The first session, *Reaching Out Across the Globe*, was held on September 24 in the Middle School Project Room from 3:30 - 4:30. Students participated in a variety of activities including preparing shoeboxes for Ricks, packing clothing for Ricks and writing letters to troops stationed overseas. Information about the October Service in a Session will be in the @ Brookstone communications.

CAMPUS NEWS

WEEKS OF SERVICE

Lower & Intermediate Schools Week of Service	October 5-9
Middle School Week of Service	October 12-16
Upper School Day of Service	October 20

More information will be coming soon about the activities associated with these events. If you are interested in helping with any Service Week events, please contact Cindy Sparks at csparks@brookstoneschool.org.

GREG MORTENSON IS COMING TO BROOKSTONE!

The Brookstone Servant Leadership Program is pleased to announce that Mr. Greg Mortenson, author of Three Cups of Tea, will be this year's featured Literature Live speaker and will be visiting Brookstone on November 12. Mr. Mortenson will speak to all students during three different assemblies that day and will also speak at a community event (that is open to the public, at no charge) at 7:00 that evening on the Columbus State University campus in the Lumpkin Center. For more information about Mr. Mortenson and his work, please visit www.ikat.org.

8th Grade Reading Buddies

The Reading Buddies Program between Brookstone Eighth Graders and Fox Elementary students will be expanded this year to include all Eighth Grade students. Students will have the opportunity to visit Fox Elementary one time per month (during a PE period) to mentor the students by reading to them and playing educational games.

Thank you to our Servant Leadership Parent Volunteers!

BPA Service Representative

Teresa Young

LS Service Representatives

Michelle Blanchard & Olivia Blanchard

IS Service Representative

Sara Dismuke

MS Service Representative

Susan Graham

Recycling Representative

Fontaine Jenkins

Clothing Drive Representative

Jeannie Pierson

Shoe Boxes for Ricks Representative

Lisa Galbraith & Tammy Gorum

Sunshine Baskets

LucyJones

A WORD FROM REV. OLU MENJAY, RICKS INSTITUTE

(The following statement was sent to Cindy Sparks by Dr. Menjay)

"Yesterday, President Sirleaf, in her motorcade from a village behind Ricks (actually Samukai's village—where she was dedicating a newly constructed school), stopped at the boys dorm and had a 5-7 minutes conversation with me. When she stopped her motorcade, I walked to the car and the security tried to stop me. As soon as she saw me, she called my name and welcomed me by her vehicle. (The security started to relax); she begin to ask me about the well-being of the school as well as the renovation that was going on. She saw the roof totally of our elementary boys dorm (a project funded by FBC-Columbus) and our new administrative suite. In her words, she said, "We pray that the Lord will open doors for Ricks. You are doing a good job, Dr. Menjay." I thanked her for hosting our team from Brookstone School in her office. She specifically asked about how that relationship with Brookstone has helped us. I mentioned to her that our relationship was healthy and our friends she hosted, as well as many who have come to Liberia, have been passionate about Ricks. We sincerely appreciate our relationship."

SERVANT LEADERSHIP IS ON THE WEB!

You can now keep up with the Servant Leadership Program on-line! Find out about programs, news, and upcoming events. An exciting new feature is the Service Hour Tracking Form that will allow students to in-put their service hours and activities. The Servant Leadership Office can keep up with these hours for every student making it beneficial for them when writing their resumés, applying for scholarships or to colleges.

Visit us at www.brookstoneschool.org/page/school_life/servant_leadership or find us under the School Life tab on the Home Page.



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FINAL NOTES

DATES TO REMEMBER

ShoeBoxes for Ricks
September 21-October 2

Canned Food Drive with Pacelli to Benefit The Community
September 28-October 2

Lower & Intermediate Schools Week of Service
October 5-9

Middle School Week of Service
October 12-16

Upper School Day of Service
October 20

Literature Live with Greg Mortenson
November 12

Brookstone Students Express Gratitude to American Soldiers

Brookstone students are busy writing letters of thanks to WWII Veterans and also to 6800 soldiers to be deployed in early October.

Letters of appreciation were written to the Honor Flight heroes who traveled to Washington DC on September 22. The "Mail Call" letters were distributed on the return flight to Columbus. One of our our special heroes was former Headmaster Charlie Cumiskey who was hosted by Dr. Frank Brown.

Lower School Students will learn about the nearing deployment of Fort Benning soldiers at an assembly on September 30. The goal is to send a letter to each soldier and then maintain a pen pal relationship with a smaller number of soldiers.

Students are understanding the cost of freedom!

Brookstone is Focusing on SUSTAINABILITY!

Through the leadership of Mrs. Lisa Keller, the new Upper School Green Team, and a school-wide sustainability committee, Brookstone is focusing on how we can be better environmental stewards. Stay tuned for ideas and tips about our efforts!