



# The Global Corner

## FY-14 ANNUAL REPORT

### PASSPORT TO KENYA

School Year 14—15  
FY-14 Statistics Snapshot

Schools Visited	18
Number of Students	5589
Funds Raised	\$60,011
Expenditures	\$59,577
“Virtual Adventures” Since 2008	51,488
Volunteers	15

#### Mission Statement:

The Global Corner provides opportunities for the children of Northwest Florida to learn about world languages, cultures, and geography through innovative, educational programs.

#### Motto:

“Bringing the World to Life –  
One Child at a Time.”

The motto reflects our primary focus. Although we teach thousands of children each year, our hands-on activities allow children to experience the adventure each in their own way. As we broaden the horizons of children throughout Northwest Florida, we enable them to dream big dreams – and envision themselves as explorers of our world!

### Major Milestone Reached this Year!

During this year’s Passport to Kenya, The Global Corner passed an impressive milestone: **more than 50,000 “virtual adventures” provided to students in Northwest Florida!** Continue reading to find out what students learned as they experienced Kenya.

#### Introduction:

Ms. Jeanne provided an overview of this East African country, sharing lots of interesting facts—including that Mount Kenya has snow, that the Great Rift Valley is visible from space, and that Kenya has beautiful beaches! She taught “hello” (*jambo*), “my name is…” (*jina langu ni*), and “thank you” (*asante*) in Kiswahili. In this



picture, she is introducing students at Capstone to the types of houses in which some Kenyan people live.

**Kenyan Art:** In this activity, Ms. Lisa taught the color and shape

words in Kiswahili. Her students made colorful masks and *kangas* (traditional clothing items). Both activities showed the students the symbolism used in Kenya art.



Did you know that the color purple stands for royalty, or that the color gray means wisdom? Animals are also used as symbols. The giraffe, for example, means one who is perceptive (having a broader view).

**Safari:** Ms. Parker had as much fun as her students as she led them on a *safari*—the Kiswahili word for journey—around this amazing east African nation. She introduced them to



the animals and shared interesting information about their habitats. Students learned that the Kiswahili word for lion is *simba* and the word for zebra is *punda milia*. (If these words sound familiar, it's because many Kiswahili words were used as character names in the movie *The Lion King!*)

**Music & Dance:** This year was an especially fun year in this activity. Ms. Brandice brings Kenyan



music to life by teaching a welcoming song to the students. As they learn to sing it, they are learning a number of Kiswahili phrases. When they have learned the song, they all dance in the traditions of several different tribes. At the end of the lesson, a Masai Warrior of the Day is selected. (See the picture above.)

**Kenyan Culture:** As in many countries, there is no “typical” way to grow up in Kenya. Ms. Erica introduced students to three different Kenyan children: one who comes from the Samburu tribe and lives in a mud hut, one who is part of the Kikuyu tribe and lives in a simple home,



and one who lives in the big city of Nairobi.

By learning about the lives of these children, students are able to compare and contrast their own lives with those of children who live across the globe.

The picture above shows students playing a Kenyan game.

**Tales of Kenya:** In this fun activity, Ms. Michele shared the importance of passing down traditional tales from generation to generation. Younger students acted out *Handa's Surprise*, a Kenyan counting story that intro-



duces lots of Kiswahili words (see picture of students above). Older students learned one of the traditional “Why” stories—Why Zebras have Stripes. They then had the opportunity to create their own unique *punda milia*.

## Students at These Schools Took a Virtual Tour of Kenya!

Bratt  
Brentwood  
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Capstone  
Dixon School of the Arts  
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## Passport to Kenya Teachers

Jeanne Hooper—Head Teacher / Introduction  
Lisa Burrige—Art  
Michele Thomas—Tales of Kenya  
Parker Addy—Safari  
Erica Malloy—Culture  
Brandice Purvis—Music & Dance  
Lorraine Laurie, Anita Solarski—Substitutes

## Goals:

The Global Corner was founded to accomplish four major goals:

- Introduce the children of Northwest Florida to the languages, customs and cultures of people around the world – and in the process improve basic academic skills.
- Increase student and community interest in and awareness of learning about other cultures.
- Develop a future workforce capable of successfully contributing to multinational organizations and local companies that trade internationally.
- Enable citizens to develop a holistic world view encouraging critical thinking, celebrating international diversity and increasing global awareness.



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We had two events to raise awareness of The Global Corner:

**Our January “Out of Africa...” Evening**

**&**

**Our Annual Explorers’ Luncheon & Silent Auction**

# OUT OF AFRICA

**AN EVENING OF KENYAN MUSIC,  
CULTURE, & CULINARY DELIGHTS**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH . 5:30 - 7:30  
PENSACOLA CULTURAL CENTER**

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Our January fundraiser included Kenyan drumming by local artist Poleon Williams, a Kenyan dance demonstration by Polimbatree Griot Ensemble, wonderful Kenyan food created by Culinary Productions, and South African wines to complete the evening of music, culture, and culinary delights.

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### *The Global Corner’s Explorers’ Luncheon*

*Tuesday, June 2nd 11:30—1:00*

*Pensacola Yacht Club*

*Celebrating Another Successful Year*

*“Bringing the World to Life”*

This year our guest speaker was Dr. Donovan Chau from UWF who helped our guests understand the importance of learning about the world. Our two essay winners were Ansley Balenger from Mrs. Proctor’s class at Gulf Breeze, Elementary and Natalia Mercado from Mrs. Ceravolo’s class at Oriole Beach Elementary.