



AMAZING LOVE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hello ALDO friends and supporters,

As I sit at my desk and write this quarterly message, the snow continues to fall and I am hopeful that by the time this newsletter reaches your Inbox, it will be a memory for another year. I always enjoy the spring and the warmer temperatures it brings.

For us in Canada, it means we physically get out more and see neighbours and friends who have been in semi-hibernation, since the bitter cold arrived. For Ugandans, March also brings a welcome change from an extreme climate. With the hottest months being December to February, March often brings a reprieve from oppressive heat.

For the students of Amazing Love School, it means that a new year, filled with fresh possibilities and new learning, has arrived. Read on in the following pages to see the "new things" that have arrived at Amazing Love School since we last wrote to you in December.

I hope you're as excited as we are to see what the children have been up to.

- Sheilagh



AROUND THE SCHOOL

The 2024 school year ended on a high note with our grade seven students successful completion of the National Primary Leaving Exams (PLE), which is the last step of what North American's consider elementary school, and determines their eligibility for different high schools. We are proud to report that three students achieved Division One (which is the highest category) while 23 students secured Division Two. There were no Amazing Love students in Division Three or Four, which demonstrates the overall excellence in academic performance.



The ALDO Board wants to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the school and for the encouragement you offer to our dedicated teaching staff. Their hard work, combined with your commitment, has played a significant role in these impressive results. We are optimistic that this success will positively influence the academic performance of our students in 2025 and beyond.



"Uganda is currently in 2025, facing a heat wave, causing economic and health crisis. Farmer's report crop failures, while health experts warn of increased cases of dehydration, heatstroke, and respiratory illnesses."



GIRLS DORMITORY UPDATE

ALDO is grateful for the generosity of two funders: the Trinity Jubilee Foundation and the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO). The Trinity Jubilee money was used to purchase beds for the girl's dorm. The ETFO money will be used for eight new bathrooms, eight new latrines, security wall and installing solar power.



ROBOTICS

The National Robotics competition will be held on March 12 this year in Jinja City, Uganda. Students need to travel one day before (March 11) due to travelling distance, and to have sufficient time to rest and practice in a new location. Funds for meals and accommodation on March 12 are covered by Education for a Cause. This marks our third year competing and you may recall that last year the Amazing Love team won two trophies, including the 2024 Line Follower Trophy! We are wishing our students the best of luck as they aim to bring home another trophy.



ANIMAL FARMING UPDATE

Our animal farming program continues to thrive. After facing some environmental challenges towards the end of the previous school year, we are pleased to report that the animals are now in good health. We now have 26 goats and two rabbits. This program remains an important part of our school's approach to practical education, and we look forward to seeing it develop further as we continue to integrate it into our students' learning experience.

The recent heatwave in Southern Uganda has delayed crop production in our fields. We now endeavor to fundraise to supplement our crop loss so that we can continue to feed our students and the animals who depend on us.



PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

In preparation for the new academic year, we organized several professional development sessions for both our administrative team and the rest of the staff members. These sessions were designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of our staff, ensuring that they are well-equipped to support the students throughout the year. By the time the students returned to school on February 3, 2025, the staff were ready to welcome them with enthusiasm and energy.

We were also encouraged by the strong turnout of students on the first day of school ... 113 students attended, which represents a significant improvement compared to previous years when attendance on the first day was lower. This change reflects a positive shift in the mindset of both parents and students, demonstrating their commitment to starting the academic year on time and with purpose. We are grateful to the Ugandan school board members who visited on the first day to observe the positive atmosphere and the smooth start to the year.



LOOKING AHEAD: A PROMISING YEAR

As we begin the 2025 school year, we are filled with hope and determination. Our commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of our students and the broader school community remains at the heart of everything we do. We are excited about the year ahead and the opportunities it holds for both academic growth and personal development.



DID YOU KNOW? Uganda is renowned for its extraordinary natural beauty and biodiversity, attracting wildlife enthusiasts and nature lovers to visit. Uganda is mostly famous for the source of the Nile river, the world's longest and most iconic river.

GRATITUDE FROM THE COMMUNITY

The school community (students, parents, staff, and supporters) have expressed deep gratitude to the ALDO board and Canadian community for your unwavering support and dedication to the continued success of the school.



2025 ENROLLMENT

Finally, we are excited to announce that enrollment for the 2025 school year is now 390 students. We anticipate another year of growth and achievement, and we look forward to welcoming new students into our school community.

Together, we can make this year a memorable and successful one for all involved.



For years, **ALDO** has been running a nutritional program, which ensures the students receive at least one hot meal per day.

- Consistent attendance, Increased enrollment, Improved nutrition and reduction of hunger, Improved performance

We request your continued support in ensuring that no child goes hungry at the [Amazing Love School](#). Your donation, whether big or small, will make a meaningful difference in the lives of these children.

It costs \$30 per child per term. If you would consider sponsoring a student in the nutritional program, please send an e-transfer to: amazinglovedevelopment@gmail.com

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