

THE WALK CENTRE

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The Walk Centre was established in 2004 with only 20 students and one class. It was established by Alex Maina and his wife, Patricia. Alex and Patricia were inspired to start The Walk Centre so as to serve the children from the dumpsite and the nearby slum. 80% of the students from The Walk Centre live at the dumpsite.

Today, The Walk Centre serves over 500 students. 250 of these are in the Centre itself, and the rest are in other schools in Nakuru, but are still under the care of The Walk Centre.

The Walk Centre has grown tremendously in terms of infrastructure and the number of students. All this is a result of the volunteering programme run by African Adventures. Students pay absolutely nothing to attend The Walk Centre. All of their needs - such as school uniforms, shoes, food and anything else - are taken care of by The Walk Centre.

There are now 11 classes and one multipurpose hall at the school. Six classes, and the hall, are made of brick, while the rest are made from iron sheets. The toilets and kitchen are also made of brick. There are 11 teaching staff and four non-teaching staff at the school.

The classes are divided according to the age of the students:

- Play Group - 4 years old
- Pre Primary 1 - 5 years old
- Pre Primary 2 - 6 years old
- Grade 1 - 7 years old
- Grade 2 - 8 years old
- Grade 3 - 9 years old
- Grade 4 - 10 years old
- Grade 5 - 11 years old
- Grade 6 - 12 years old
- Grade 7 - 13 years old

Though these are the recommended ages for classes, you might find some are older due to late admissions. Currently, The Walk Centre does not have Grade 8, but next year it will.

This is how a typical day looks at The Walk Centre:

7:10am-7:40am: Arrival of the students. They sweep classes and clean the compound ensuring the school looks clean.

7:40am-8:10am: Morning devotion. The whole school congregates in the multipurpose hall to sing songs, pray and learn the word of God.

8:20am-9:30am: The lessons commence. Two lessons are taught within these two hours. They may be two different subjects or a similar subject.

9:30-9:50am: There is a short break. Students engage in games and some opt to chat with their fellow school mates.

9:50am-11:00am: The lessons commence. Two lessons are taught within the two hours. They may be two different subjects or a similar subject.

11:00am-11:30am: Students are served porridge. The teacher serves the younger ones first then the older ones.

11:30am-12:40pm: The Lessons resume. Two lessons are taught within the two hours. They may be two different subjects or a similar subject.

12:40pm-2.00pm: It's lunch time! The students are served lunch. After lunch they engage in games, chatting and some opt to just sit and relax as they await the afternoon lessons.

2.00pm-3:10pm: The lessons resume. Two lessons are taught within the two hours. They may be two different subjects or a similar subject.

3:10pm-4:00pm: Students play various games and talk with their fellow students.

4.00pm: The bell rings and it's time to go home.

There is normally an evening assembly whereby students gather for prayers and an evening briefing before heading home. Students take homework with them to be submitted the following day.

Every Wednesday the students also attend Guidance and Counselling sessions, and on Thursday they have interclass debates.