

Educating Students • Creating Global Awareness • Providing Service-Learning

Our Mission



Help students become caring global citizens by providing service opportunities where they can make a difference, helping less-fortunate students in Africa gain a better education.

Students who participate in the Global Classroom will gain stronger awareness of the world around them, learn about a rich culture, and experience the joy of service.

Success Stories

Timberline Middle School (Alpine, UT): Timberline raised \$11,000 in one week, selling goods from Kenya, drinks, popcorn and cotton candy during lunch hours. The funds were donated to the Mwembeni school for books, desks, and new schoolrooms. Class competitions were highly motivating with some students receiving credit for term projects or getting to pick a class pet. Next year, Timberline plans to sell bracelets made by students from their sister school.

Merit Academy (Springville, UT): Students at Merit organized a fun run “Run for the Potty” to raise funds to build latrines at their school in Kenya. They raised nearly \$2,000 and sent a teacher facilitator and a student to Kenya that summer to help build the latrines. The following year, Merit held a comedy night with proceeds going to their sister school. It was a life-changing experience and they are working to continue every year.

Westridge Elementary (Provo, UT): Westridge students raised money to build desks for the Mvendeni school. To raise money, students performed simple tasks at home to earn \$3 to donate. Collectively, Westridge raised \$1,700 and helped the kids in Mvendeni build 85 desks. In return, the Kenyan students planted 600 trees around their school to “earn” the desks.

Become a part of the Global Classroom project with your school, class, or youth group. A small investment in time and effort can reap a lifetime of rewards for students as they become caring global citizens—gaining a greater appreciation for their own education.

*The Global Classroom builds so much more than desks or latrines...
it builds awareness, connection, and dreams.*

How Do I Get Involved?

Step 1: Contact Troy Holmberg of US Synthetic Engineering Good at tholmberg@ussynthetic.com, or Rinda Hayes of Kenya Keys at rinda@kenyakeys.org.



Step 2: Set up a time to discuss your interests, needs, and choose a project. Typically involvement works best coming from the student council, a club faculty advisor, or Parent Teacher Organizations. For example: Do you want to educate your group and give them an appreciation for all they have or are you simply looking for a service project? Do you want to connect with a sister school and find ways to exchange and communicate?



Projects: Provide school uniforms, build desks, donate books and school supplies, build a school library, add a classroom or latrine facilities to a school in need.

Pick a project that your students will enjoy supporting and according to the funds you believe you can raise. Pick a project and sister school to support if you wish. Design a service activity to raise funds for your sister school. Set a goal and a time-frame for participation. Usually shorter, focused campaigns work best.

Step 3: Schedule time to have us educate your youth group in a 45-minute presentation to introduce the program. We will teach them about life in Kenya and have a model Kenyan village that students can experience along with video and pictures from Kenya. We will show your students pictures of their sister school and motivate them to take action to make a difference. The student council or youth leader can pitch the service project scope and timeframe to the students.

Step 4: Do your service projects with the group. Again short, focused campaigns and projects will be more successful.

Step 5: Goal achievement celebration/assembly (optional). Report on the success of the service and congratulate the students on their success. Memorialize if you wish with pictures/photos of the students and the sister school in a display at school.

Step 6: Follow-up/Share with students how their efforts impacted their sister school. Continued contact between schools may include: making a short video, sending letters, photos, exchanging murals painted by the students, exchanging hand-made bracelets, sharing via a common Facebook page, etc.

100% of all donations go to Kenyan Students