



# Board of Education

## Media Information

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### Student Cultural Presentations to Raise \$45,000 for Zambian Schools

**Kelowna, BC:** In Zambia, one of the poorest nations on earth, a child born today can expect to earn approximately \$395 per year and live to 40 years of age. With these grim statistics in mind, social justice students at Glenrosa Middle School have decided to take action. They are working hard to raise \$45,000 by June 30 to build three schools in the city of Senanga. They need your help.

On May 21 and May 28 at 5pm, parents, members of the local business community and any interested individuals are invited to take in the special presentations at Glenrosa Middle School. Beginning with a traditional Zambian greeting, visitors can sample delicious dishes of the country while viewing photography and information displays about the region. A half hour presentation by 20 students will begin at 5:30pm. Afterwards, visitors are welcome to ask students questions about life in Zambia and their ambitious school-building project.

"Education is the stepping stone out of poverty," says Cliff Schwartz, a teacher in the ACES program. "Building these schools will have a positive ripple effect through the lives of the Zambian children that we can help. I'm very proud of our social justice students at Glenrosa Middle School—they are the leaders of tomorrow. Seeing this project successfully completed will give us all hope and a sense of connection as a community reaching a helping hand across the globe."

School construction in Zambia will be coordinated through the Victoria International Development Education Association (VIDEA). Based in Victoria, B.C., VIDEA is one of Canada's oldest non-profit education centres. Global justice and sustainable development are among the key mandates of VIDEA. Donations to "VIDEA-KaZ" can be made at the Glenrosa Middle School presentations or mailed to the school. Tax receipts will be issued.

Currently, through various fundraising activities, the Glenrosa Middle students have raised \$2,000 toward their goal of \$45,000.

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