

What is a
GOOD Learning
Environment?



A good school is everyone's right!

Raising Voices

Fatima, you're so smart today!

Thanks!



What's the special occasion?



Oh, no reason... I just want
to be on the board this week.



The board?
What board?





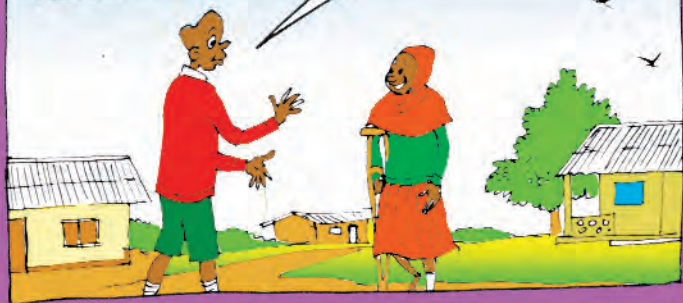
Our school has a
Board of Fame...
If you're the
smartest, or you
improve in your
studies, you get
your name there!

They even announce your name at assembly!




Wow! That's great!

Our school doesn't have one.




Sorry, Peter. I have to rush. I'll miss practice!



A comic panel with a yellow background. On the left, a boy with brown skin, wearing a red sweater over a white collared shirt, is looking towards the right with an open mouth and hands gesturing. On the right, a girl with brown skin, wearing a green long-sleeved shirt and an orange headscarf, is smiling and gesturing with her right hand. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the boy on the left and one from the girl on the right.

Practice?
For what?

I'm on the debate team.
Tomorrow we have
a competition.

A comic panel with a yellow background. On the left, the same boy from the first panel is looking towards the right, resting his chin on his hand in a thoughtful pose. On the right, the same girl is looking towards the left, with her hands clasped in front of her. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the boy on the left and one from the girl on the right.

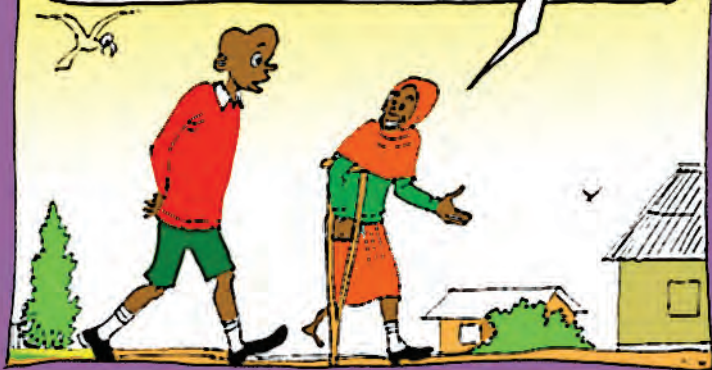
Really? About
what?

The topic is, "In a *Good School*, students help make the rules." We are arguing "for".

Ha! That's going to be difficult! Students never make the rules!



Oh, but in our school, we have a Student Council. And we help write classroom rules at the beginning of every term.



Really? Your school sounds great!
I wish I went there.



Sure! You're welcome! Why don't you come with me on Saturday?



You're going to school on Saturday?



We're having a school pride day...
Everyone is coming to help clean the
compound and make it look smart.
We're even planting trees!



Thanks for inviting me!



***Good Schools* like Fatima's School
have a healthy physical and
psychological environment.**



A healthy environment can help children develop to their full potential.



So, what is a healthy and s

A healthy and supportive environment means many things!



d supportive environment?

A healthy environment means both the psychological environment and the physical environment.

1. Students have a voice.
2. Our school is violence-free.
3. Girls and boys are valued equally.
4. Our compound is clean and safe.

See our Health and Supportive Environment!

Our school has a healthy and supportive environment!



That means how we think and feel matters!

**It means we
contribute
ideas.**

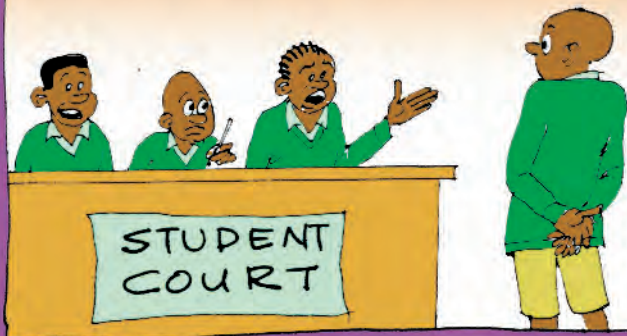


And our ideas help create change!

Yeah!! We have water to wash our hands!



**Having a voice means we
participate in our own discipline,**



**we help write our
classroom rules ...**

CLASS RULES

1. Be on time
2. Respect each other
3. Ask questions
4. Be smart in center

**and we participate in how our
school is run!**



**Having a voice also means we have
the freedom to express ourselves!
We have opinions.**



We have essay and debate competitions,



we have music,



and drama



and sports!



Having a voice means our expression is valued



That's great! Our school has a healthy supportive environment too!



That means there are rules and policies in place to protect everyone!

**Violence-free means we feel
protected and safe**



We feel accepted by our peers



In our school, you can't bully other students!



Hey, give me that!

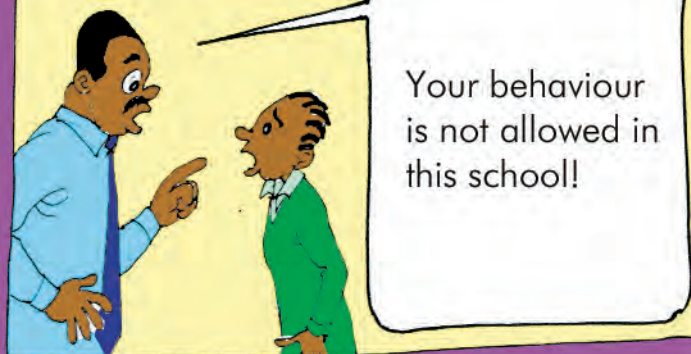


Bullying is when someone makes you feel bad or hurts you repeatedly because they are bigger than you.

If someone bullies you, you can report it to the counsellor or head teacher.



They will take action while keeping your talk private.

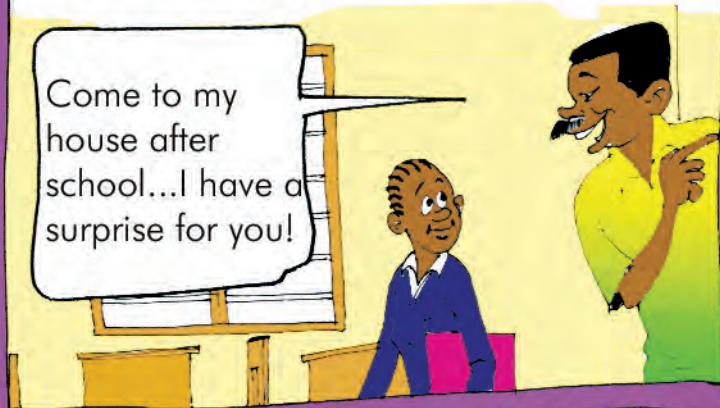


**In our school, sexual harassment
is not acceptable!**



**No one is allowed to touch your private parts,
or do or say things that make you feel bad.**

Come to my
house after
school...I have a
surprise for you!



If it happens, you can tell the head teacher or counsellor.



They will protect you and do the right thing!



They use positive discipline.

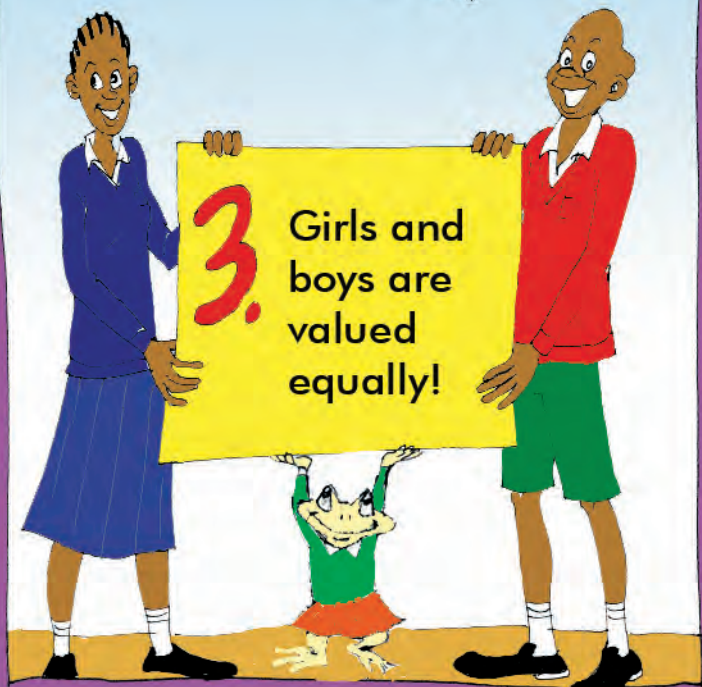


Violence-free also means our teachers never use fear or shame to punish us.



That's
great!

Our school has a healthy
and supportive
environment too!





That means girls
have the same
opportunities as
boys:

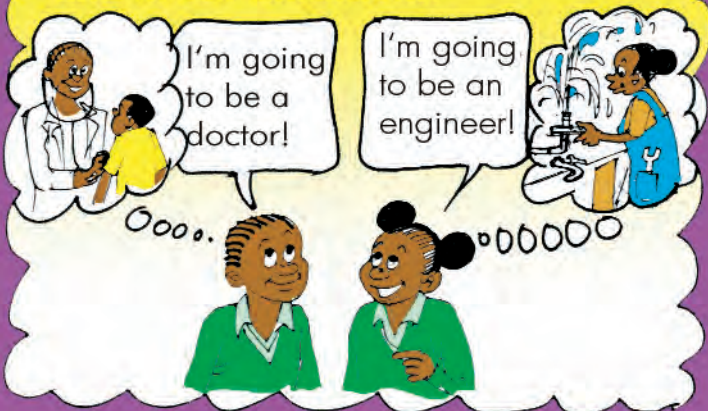
in the classroom,



in sports



and in our ambitions.



It means girls are not made to do an unequal share of work,



they are never exploited or abused



and their personal needs are cared for.

Madame, I don't have any sanitary pads.

Here, you can use these!

And there is water to wash just there.



That's fantastic! Our school has a healthy and supportive environment too!



That means how we feel at school affects how we perform!

**That's why a *Good School*
is also a clean school**



**where our classrooms are
decorated!**



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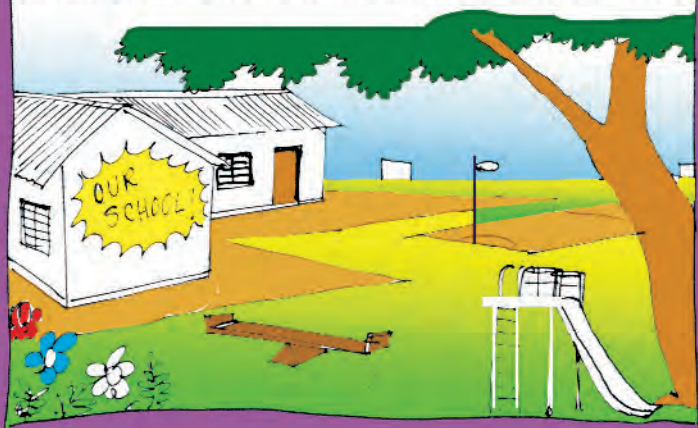
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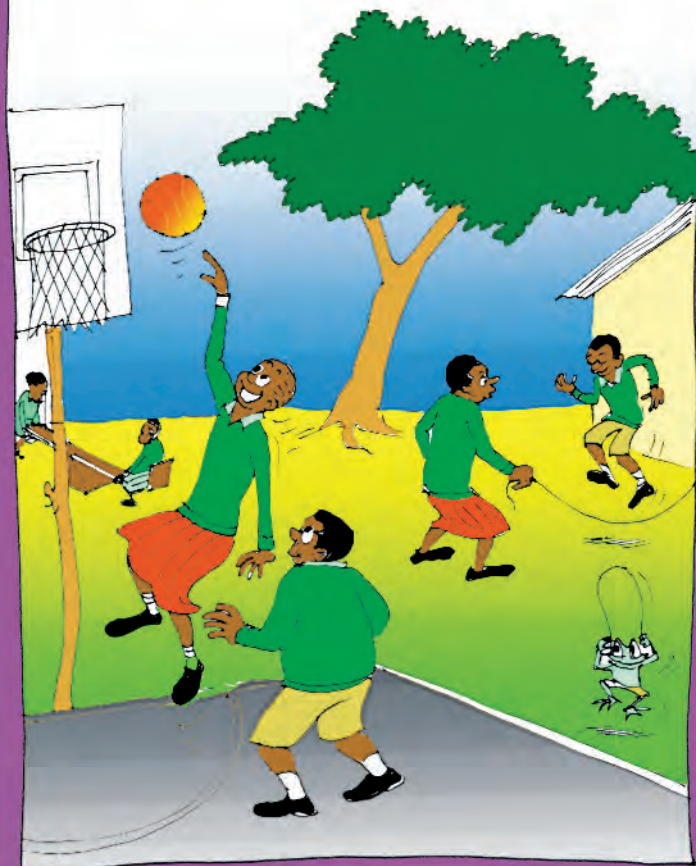
There are separate, clean toilets for boys and girls



and the compound is smart and safe!



There are places to play!



There are nice trees and flowers!



We have the basic tools we need for learning!



In our school,
what we think...

and how we feel
matters!



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Is your school environ

y and supportive environment!

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equally!

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And
safe!



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What can you do to create a child-friendly environment?

- Put up a suggestion box.
- Write class rules together.
- Hold essay and debate competitions.
- Write a school policy on bullying and sexual violence.
- Throw away the cane.
- Post student work in your classrooms.
- Keep the toilets and classrooms clean.
- Plant flowers.
- Have a School Pride Day.
- Visit other schools and share ideas.
- Clean the school compound.

How to apply ideas from this booklet.

- Read this book as a class assignment.
- Ask students and teachers to make a list of what they can do to help children have a voice.
- Make a list of what can be done to make your school violence-free.
- Make a list of what can be done to make your school environment clean and safe.
- Try to do some of the things on your lists.
- Have an essay or speech competition called, "How I feel at school affects how I learn."
- Involve other teachers by holding discussions in staff meetings.
- Discuss how boys and girls are treated in your school. Are they treated equally?



WRITE YOUR

Notes

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IDEAS HERE.



DRAMA COMPETITION
Next Friday
* Don't miss !

Safe
environ-
ment...

 **Raising Voices**



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