

# What is a **GOOD** Learning Environment?



**A good school is everyone's right!**

*Raising Voices*

Fatima, you're so smart today!

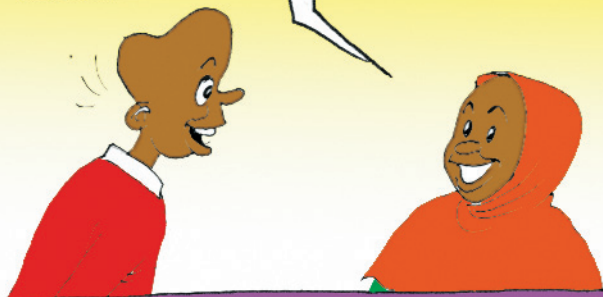
Thanks!



What's the special occasion?



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



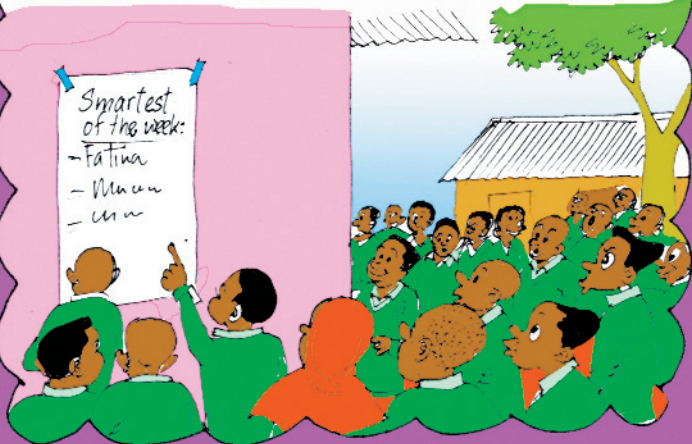
The board?  
What board?





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

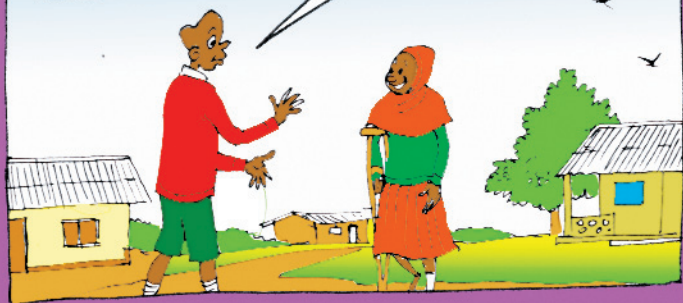
**They even announce your name at assembly!**





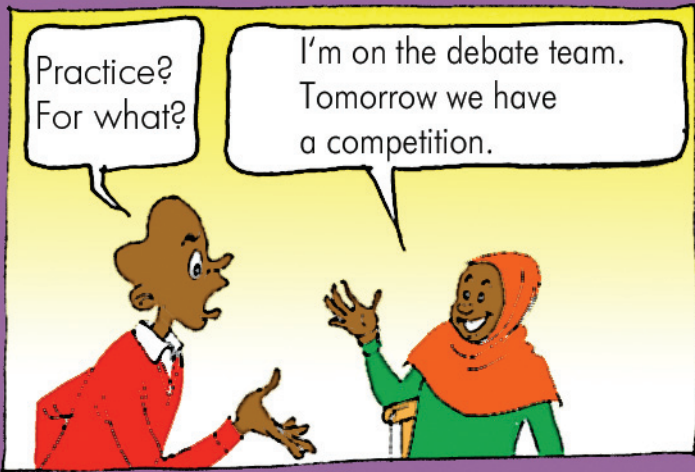
Wow! That's great!

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, with his hand near his chin 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.

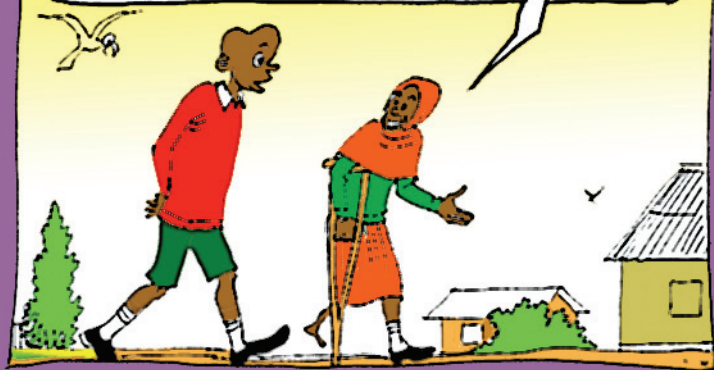
Really? About  
what?

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?

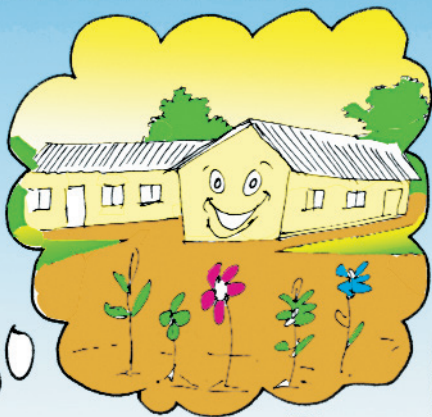


You're going to school on Saturday?





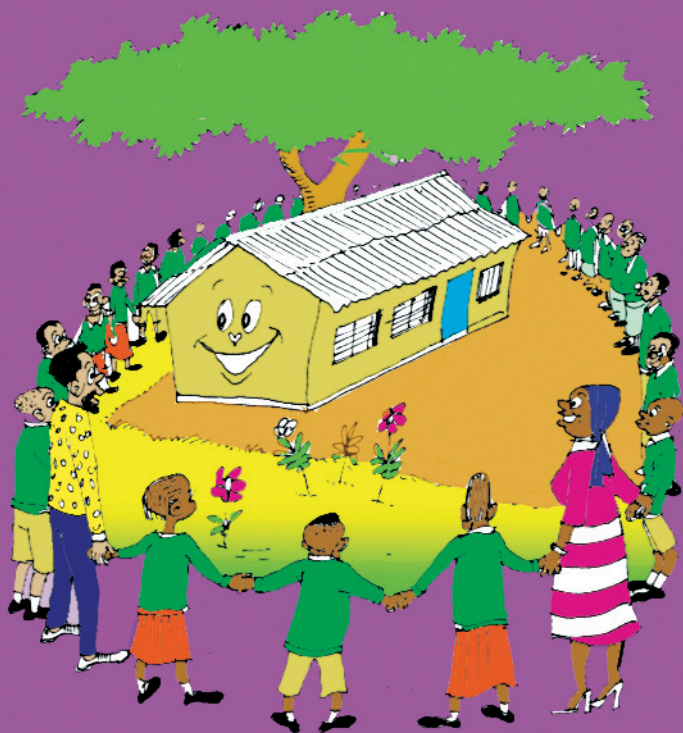
We're having a school pride day...  
Everyone is coming to help clean the  
compound and make it look smart.  
We're even planting trees!



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.

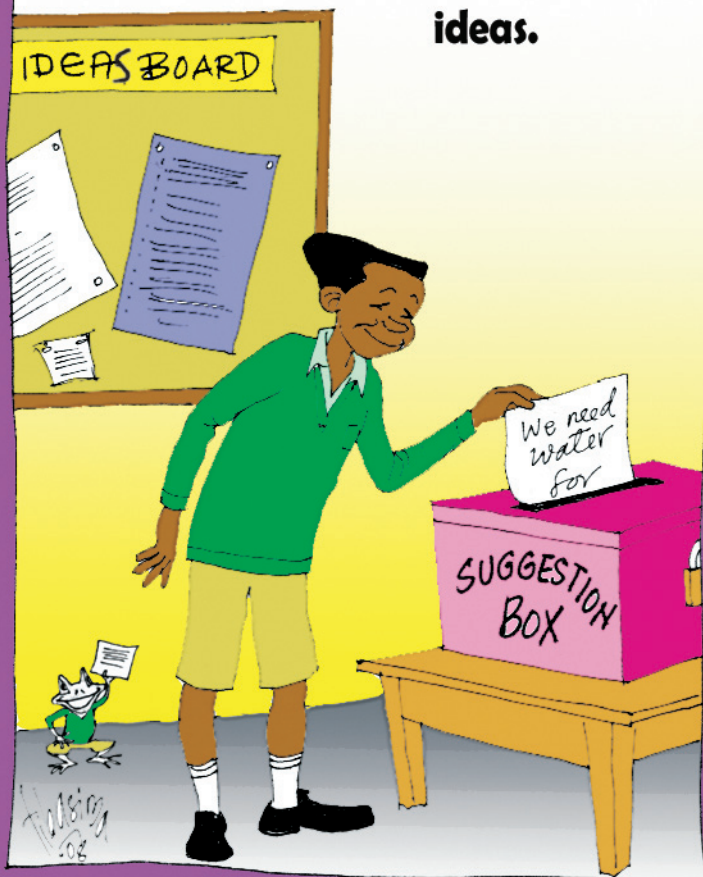
See our Health and Supportive Environment!

Our school has a healthy and supportive environment!



That means how we think and feel matters!

**It means we  
contribute  
ideas.**

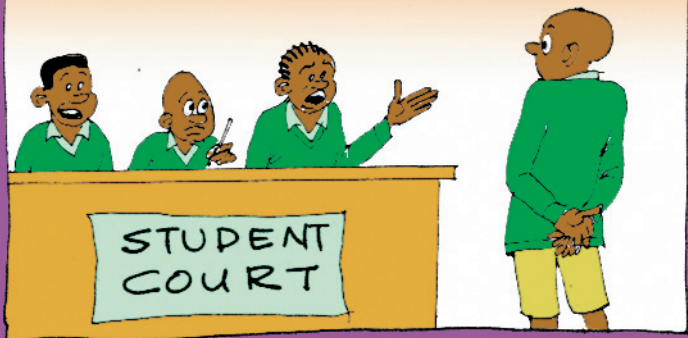


**And our ideas help create change!**

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
- Sam*



**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,**

*Debate Competition*



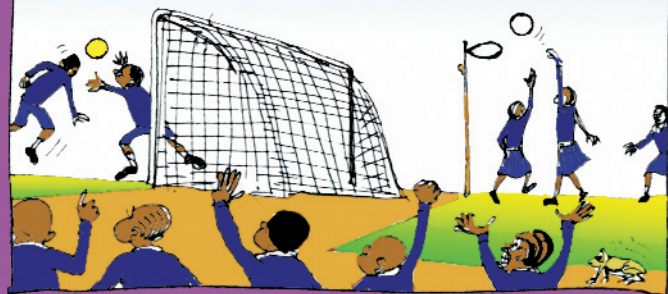
**we have music,**



**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.**



Your behaviour  
is not allowed in  
this school!

**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!





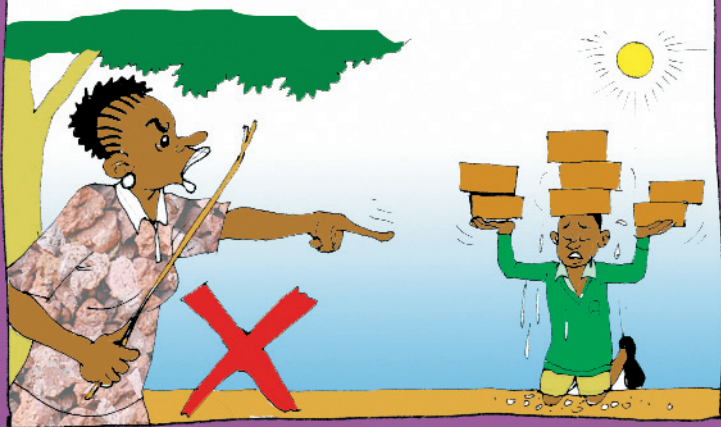
**If it happens, you can tell the head teacher or counsellor.**



**They will protect you and do the right thing!**



**They use positive discipline.**

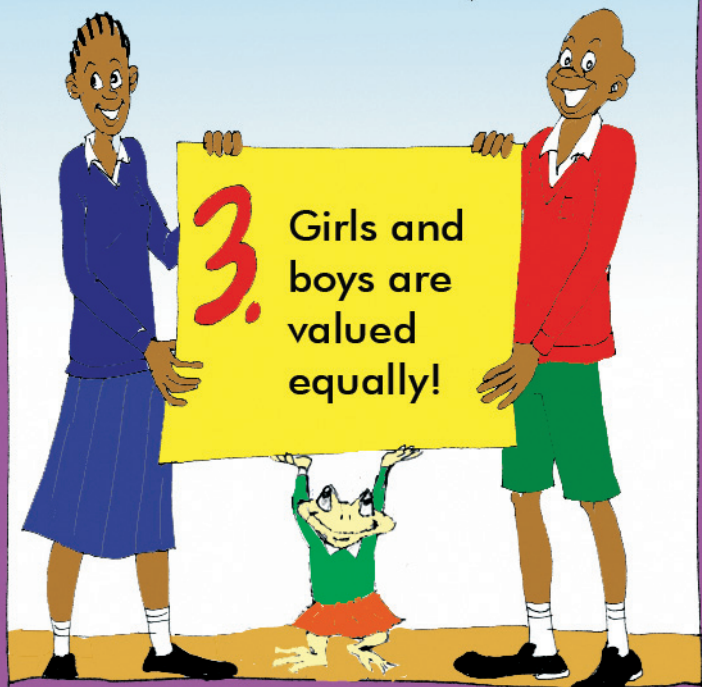


**Violence-free also means our teachers never use fear or shame to punish us.**



That's  
great!

Our school has a healthy  
and supportive  
environment too!





That means girls  
have the same  
opportunities as  
boys:

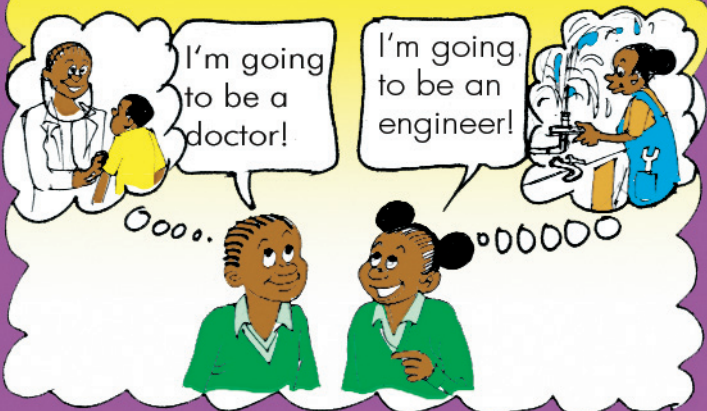
**in the classroom,**



**in sports**



**and in our ambitions.**

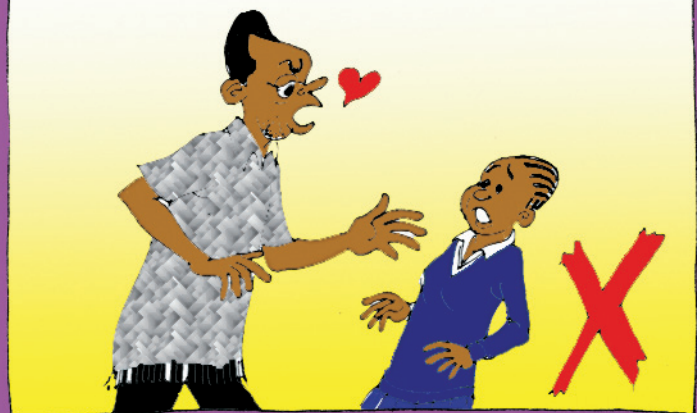




**It means girls are not made to do an unequal share of work,**



**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.

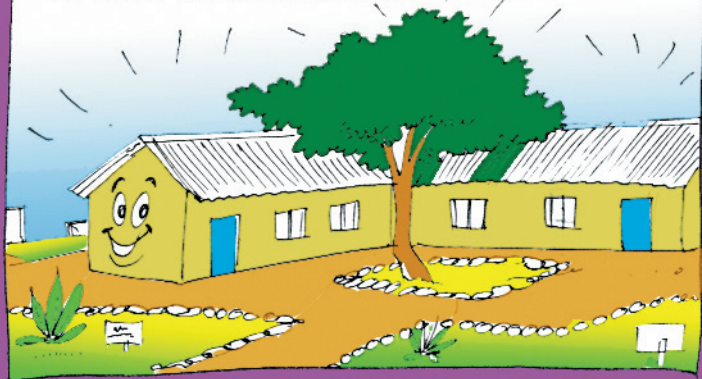


That's fantastic! Our school has a healthy and supportive environment too!

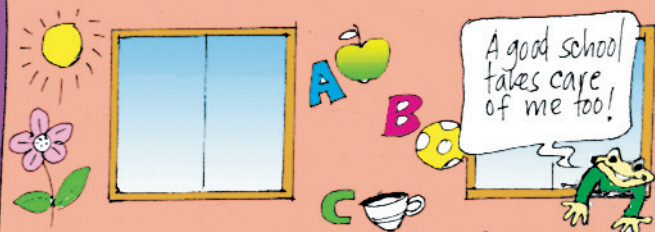


That means how we feel at school affects how we perform!

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



**where our classrooms are  
decorated!**



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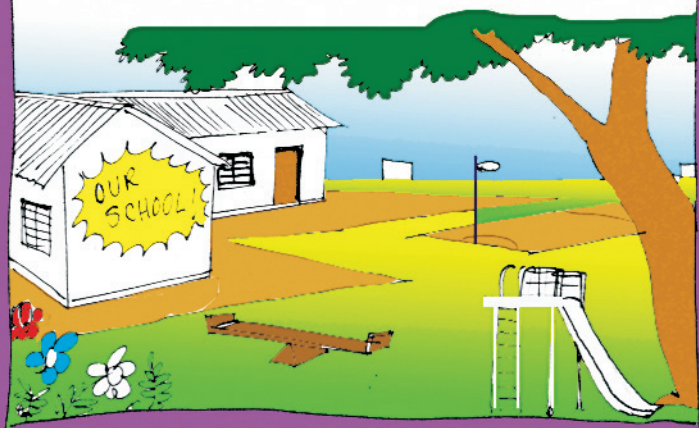
**We uphold high standards.**



**There are separate, clean toilets for boys and girls**

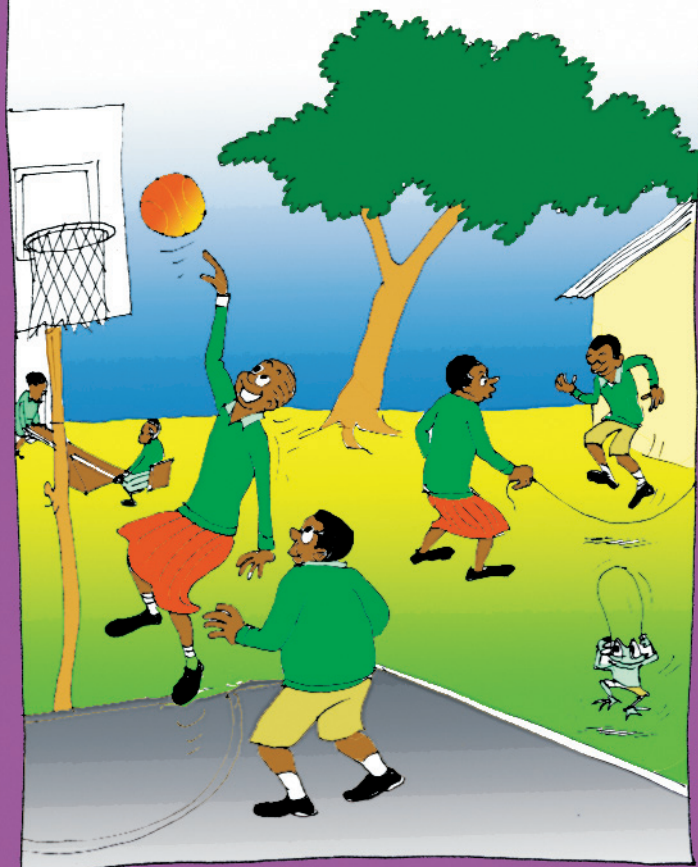


**and the compound is smart and safe!**





**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!



# ***A Good School has a healthy c***

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y and supportive environment!

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clean!

And  
safe!



onment healthy?







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*



End Violence  
Against Children

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