

Student Profile

Name: **Edna Lungu**

Gender: Female
Date of birth: 23rd February, 1994
Place of birth: Lusaka, Zambia

Mother's name: Charity M. Lungu
Profession: Housewife

Father's name: Salim Lungu
Profession: Painter

Primary School: Simon Mwansa Kapwepwe Basic School

Secondary School: **Leopards Hill Secondary School**

2010 Level: **Grade 10**



Family Background:

Edna comes from a household with both parents. She is the oldest of the four children. Her younger siblings are Salim who is 13, Trever, 9, and Christien, 4. The father, a spray painter at Southern Cross Motors, is the sole provider and his salary, in view of other expenses, could not sustain her education needs at secondary school level. With the scholarship, the parents are now able to afford to send the other children to school. Through Edna's example, her brothers and sisters are working hard to succeed. The household properties portray a family that is struggling financially. Despite of this difficult background, Edna's passion for school has never been shaken.

Edna's mother remarked that Edna's manners and confidence have markedly improved during her two years at Leopards Hill. During the holidays, she helps out around the house, cooking n'shima and relishes for her entire family

Edna's Education:

Primary - Simon Mwansa Kapwepwe Basic School

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Edna was such a dedicated and disciplined student in primary school compared to most of her fellow students. She travelled 45 minutes each day to attend school, and, even so, would usually remain behind after classes to study. It is not surprising therefore that Edna has an unbeatable academic track record at her primary school, and is the only female student from the school that earned the KF scholarship. Her favourite subjects at primary school were English, Mathematics and Science.

At Leopards Hill Secondary School

Grade 8

In Grade 8 Edna still finds Mathematics and Science to be her favorite subjects. Though she didn't mention English as a continued favorite, she did mention that French was a difficult subject. Her parents have commented on how her spoken English has greatly improved, evidenced by the fact she speaks it more often than she has before.

Edna earned 7 distinctions in her 3rd Term examinations and also placed first in the overall academic class standing. Her success can most likely be attributed to her love for school. When she is home she says she misses the school environment. She loves the teaching at her new school and is serious about her opportunity of earning a quality education.

At the 2008 awards ceremony held at Leopards Hill Secondary School, Edna Lungu received awards for the 1st position in Geography, Religious Education, Information Technology, Office Practice and Civics. She received awards for 2nd position in Mathematics and Science.

Grade 9

In Grade 9, Religious Education and History have overtaken Math and Science as her favorite subjects. She works extra hard in Civics, which she finds is her most challenge course. Edna is in second position overall in her class — in tight competition with Bwalya (another KF student)! She says that the standards at Leopards Hill are much higher than her former school and drive her to work harder. “I used to think as though some subjects were hard but I realized that nothing is hard if you work hard and set a goal for it.” She also commented that she has met a variety of friends, from different backgrounds and areas of the city. While it has been hard at times to see people from more privileged backgrounds, Edna says that it has only driven her to work harder in her classes.

Grade 9 Academic Achievements:

- First position in French, History, Religious Education, Science, Office Practice in Term 3
- Second Position in English, Geography, Mathematics in Term 3

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Edna's Interests:

Extracurricular Activities

Edna is a very active girl, taking the opportunity to be involved in as many programs as possible to gain exposure and experience. She is currently involved in an Anti-Aids club, the JETS club, and drama. She especially enjoys drama because the sketches impart a message. The most recent skit she performs emphasized the importance of working hard in school. In Jets, she competed in junior quiz at ISAZ, the Indian school where she took part in a project of soap production, finishing second in the junior quiz and receiving a certificate in the project!

She also features on the school's football, netball and basketball teams, and came fifth in an inter-house cross-country race. Netball is her favorite sport. "I am planning to practice netball more often so that I can become a very good player and one day play for my country, Zambia, because I am already on the school team and I am the goal scorer." Edna also competes in track, placing second in the 100m, first in the relay, and first in the shotput.

Community Service

Off the field, Edna also participates in community service, tutoring neighboring children during her school breaks. Finally, when she is at home during the holidays, she enjoys writing fantasy stories and reading novels.

Career Interests:

Edna would like to be an accountant because of her love of Mathematics: "I would love to continue with it and also have a job that has to do with Maths."

Edna's Role Model:

Edna's role model is her grandfather because she admires his accomplishments and perseverance. When both his parents passed away when he was in secondary school, he was forced to stop school and begin working in construction, making cement blocks. He worked for six months and then was able to raise enough funds to return a finish school. He then found sponsorship to attend college, attaining a degree in accounts. Her grandfather faced even more tragedy in his adult life — losing four of his children to illness. Nevertheless, he persevered and provided for his wife and five other children. Edna related how he would come home from work, always with books in hand. He would sit for hours helping Edna to read—because of her grandfather's help, Edna was able to read even before she entered school in Grade 1. Edna admires the challenges he overcame and the difference he made in her own life.

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Edna's Thoughts:

“First and foremost, I would like to thank KF for the help my parents and I are getting. Thank you for everything you have done and are still doing for me. As a member of KF I have learnt a lot of things. It's not only in my academic learning but also in life.

I have learnt how to reason instead of following blindly. I know how to handle myself. I am enjoying the environment in my new school and the way the KF students treat and help one another. We are like a family.

I am enjoying the subjects at this school especially science and mathematics. I wouldn't even want to miss them. Ever since I started school here I have never missed a single subject or period.

I am also enjoying the activities that we do and the different trips that we go on. I hope I can do well to please you.

I have learnt to have a giving hand even to those I don't know and just to everyone. I have learnt to have hope in whatever I do and to appreciate what I have and what others do for me and my relatives. I have learnt to have a broad mind and to have the sense and virtue of help in me. I have come to realize that you can get help and courage from anyone even if people don't know you. And KF has really helped me a lot in the sense that it has taken a burden from my parents. Instead of struggling with four children, they now only struggle with three and that is a very big difference that KF has brought to my family and me. I now feel the impact of the help I get from KF because I see how my parents struggle to get money and feed us or send my siblings to school.

The trips we take as KF students have change me in different ways. I have come to appreciate what I have on my plate and not what I cannot get. My favourite events are when we went to Fountain of Hope and Pestalozzi. This is because I not only had fun but I also learnt from the people I met.

My KF fellows are very kind and at the same time geniuses. We help each other in different areas and many of us are good in different subjects and other areas of life. Because of this we help control each when one is wrong.”

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