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Dear Junior School Parents,

Leadership opportunities and an international focus are a vital part of being an IB World School. Elmwood students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 participate in—or initiate—a wide variety of activities that extend and challenge their capacity to lead. In 2008, our Junior School made a commitment to a charity called CAMFED to sponsor 10 girls from a developing country in Africa through four years of high school. This initiative combines Elmwood’s international focus with our firm commitment to the education of young women.

CAMFED, or the Campaign for Female Education, is a UK-based charity that raises money to support girls in Africa through four years of high school. It also supports young women with seed money to begin “cottage industries” or to pursue a university education. In developing countries, where it is common practice for public school systems to charge fees, many families cannot support their daughters beyond elementary school. The statistics prove, however, that a high school diploma is transformative, and a girl’s opportunities and quality of life are improved dramatically if she can graduate.

This year, once again, each class in Junior School has been given the challenge of raising \$250. With guidance from their homeroom teachers, the students themselves will be responsible for planning and carrying out their fundraising activity in order to raise this sum. We hope that this initiative will continue to broaden our students’ understanding of global issues and of their ability to make a profound difference to the lives of others.

In the next few weeks, your daughter will bring home information regarding her class’s chosen fundraising activity. If you would like more information, please visit CAMFED’s website at www.camfed.org. Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child’s homeroom teacher if you have any questions. Thank you very much in advance for your support for this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Kate Angell
Deputy Head