



PROF. SPERLING TURNS 90

By Daryl Langat,3&

David Sperling holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale, a Master of Arts degree from Harvard and a PhD from the University of London. However, once again, what lies between the rather numerous lines of this very impressive resume? Beyond these eye-catching accomplishments, where is his character? Where does his heart lie? What does he truly value?

Strathmore School. That may be part of the answer. Prof. Sperling served as the foundation over which Strathmore was built. He poured out years of effort and dedication to ensure its success. The proof is all around us. A community of God-fearing, hard working students and alumni exists, with Strathmore as its pillar. Prof. Sperling is the rock that supports that pillar.

Prof. Sperling is oft described as being humble and generous. He is known for having great personal discipline, and commands a great deal of respect.

Under his leadership, Strathmore flourished into the all-rounded institution it is known for being today. It started out as an advanced sixth form college, yet is now one of Kenya's Educational giants, almost synonymous with quality.

Echoes of Prof. Sperling's influence lies within Strathmore's walls; in the tiny yet significant crevices where one might consider Strathmore's ideologies. Quite literally, in the talks students receive every day, in the tutorial system and, most significantly, in the motto.

His work ethos lives and breathes in these walls. *We should all, in our own little ways, take time to celebrate David Sperling as he turns 90! May he continue to see the fruits of his labour!*

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TALENT SHOW

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Every year Strathmore's diverse talent pool is funneled into one display; one afternoon. All the skills and abilities that had previously been worked on behind closed doors are showcased, thrust into the world with charming enthusiasm. From music and dance to art and poetry, our students never cease to amaze us with the endless talent. Standards are constantly raised as the limits of the talent show as an expressive medium are incessantly pushed. Here are a few notable performances:

'All of Me'

The form three students had clearly been cooking in the proverbial kitchen when they went on stage to deliver a heartwarming rendition of John Legend's 'All of Me'. The crowd sang along and waved their hands. Harmonious voices echoed in the hall's walls the polyphony enchanted the heart.

'Sicko Mode'

The two form four students displayed incredible skill by rapping a hit song by Travis Scott while moving around and dancing. The mood in the hall was electric, with most of the students saying the lyrics with the performers and vibing to the music.

'Man's not Hot'

Immediately after the incredible 'Sicko Mode' performance came the other equally enjoyed hit song, delivered by another duo of form four students. This time UK rap, the duo transformed the hall into a concert, taking everyone back to 2018 at the song's peak popularity. You could feel that hall vibrating as everyone collectively said 'Two plus two I four, minus one that's three quick maths' or 'The ting goes skrrrahh (ah) Pap, pap, ka-ka-ka (ka)'.

'Copacabana' by form 4 group

Yet another talented group of form four singers delivered 'Copacabana'. They brought the performance by 'The Harvard Din and Tonics' to Strathmore's very own stage. A jazzy A capella performance gave the students a break from the hype.

'Riptide'

During the elegant, nostalgia-inducing cover by [PJ] the hall was transformed into a campfire, the students campers singing along to the beautiful chorus. A magical aura stayed in the air even as he walked off stage.

What an exciting yet wholesome time for Strathmore's talent! The cultural pillar it already is clearly growing! See you again next year!



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ONE! TWO! THREE!

By Micheal Kariuki 3A

Bandits had a very eventful rugby season filled with twists and turns, highs and lows and everything in between. The season was filled with huge mountains that they were required to conquer and nothing less. It was a clear cut case of do or die.

The Bandits' season started off with the Rosslyn 10's rugby tournament. Without showing any mercy whatsoever, the bandits destroyed most of the teams in the group stage and took the same momentum into the quarterfinals and even the semi-finals of the tournament. The final, however, was slightly different. Being at the par as their opponents (BGR) meant that they would have to put their all into the game leaving everything on the pitch. And sure, enough that is what they did. The game was truly one for the history books. Even so, BGR won the game by 3 points after a dodgy call made by the referee.

Rosslyn 10's was shortly followed by Hillcrests 7's. The Bandits performance in this tournament was mediocre compared to their performance in the previous tournament. They squeezed their way through the group stage and barley made it to the quarterfinals. Nevertheless, the Bandits saw this game as a chance at redemption for the way they had performed in the group stage. The Bandits fought tooth and nail to win. However, they ended up losing to Alliance in the quarterfinals by 3 points.

After a period of intense and rigorous training, the Bandits felt ready to tackle the competition known as BlackRock 10's rugby tournament that was to be held in St Mary's school (our next door neighbours). Just like the Rosslyn tournament, the Bandits had a clean sweep through the group stage games all the way through the quarterfinals only to meet RVA in the tournament. Unlike the previous teams that the Bandits had played, RVA posed a much bigger threat. In the end only one team emerged victorious, RVA.

The last and final competition, the final hope for the Bandits, was the Prescott Cup. The Bandits were unfortunate to have begun with the defending champions, Upperhill Highschool. Having played them already in a friendly the previous week, the Bandits knew what they were walking into. Unwilling to lose their status as champions, the defending Champions battered the Bandits 60-0. Filled with regret, embarrassment, rage, you name it, the Bandits met their next opponents, Mang'u , with Zeal and fire. And for sure, the Bandits won the game 27-6. Their last and most recent game was against Lenana. This game was an exact replica of the Rosslyn final, two bulls willing to grab the win by the horns. Regardless of this, in life there has to be a winner and a loser. Unfortunately, The Bandits ended up being the latter rather than the former. The game ended 45-15 after our fly half and full back gave us a glimmer of hope. Nonetheless, it is never over until the fat lady sings. The Bandits are yet to know whether they are through or not. The big question that I am sure is on everyone's mind is "If the Bandits

make it through, will they be able to pull a *REMONTADA*?"





DEBATE TOURNAMENTS

By Keith Gichoya 3A

Having conquered it all on the local stage, our Strathmore debaters were ready and eager to take on another new leap, facing a wider platform with nothing but dignity and honour at stake. But how would they perform? Would they be able to live up to expectations? Well, spoiler alert, they exceeded expectations.

We first of all begin with the East African Worlds Schools Debate Championship 2025. Quite frankly, our school won so much from this tournament to the point that the organizers were even astounded. In a nutshell, in the junior cup, the team comprising of Austin Muniu, Amari Simba, Julian Mayieko, Jayden Kyalo ended up emerging the best junior team as they won the Main Cup, flawless on the way. In addition, two other Strathmore teams were able to break into the Main Cup with the team of Dylan Mung'atta, Jason Gitanda, Murehia King'ori, Ray Muthomi, Kyle Kwena reaching the semi-finals. In the senior category, three teams were able to break into the Main Cup of the same competition with the three of them falling short in the Quarter-finals. Special recognition also goes to all the other teams who managed to break into the different rounds.

As for the individual awards, Nathan Njenga (20th), Braham Oyugi (14th), Michire Ngaii (11th) and Jaden Kiragu (3rd) all emerged among the top 20 in the senior division. As among the juniors, Richard Mugwimi (20th), Harry Okungu (16th), Amari Simba (10th), Kyle Kwena (7th) and Jayden Kyalo (3rd) were among the top 20 best speakers in the junior division. However, to crown it all, our very own Austin Muniu emerged the best speaker in the junior category! Clearly we established that our school is a force to be reckoned with.

Following suit in the debating style are the primary students who participated in the Junior Speakers Festival 2025 3rd Edition. The team comprising of David Kamenju, Quentin Odhiambo and Jeffrey Shikhule fought it all the way to the Grand Final of the competition, barely losing to worthy opponents. As for the individual awards, Emmanuel Odhiambo (10th), Christian Owino (9th), Jeffrey Shikhule (7th), Quentin Odhiambo (5th) and David Kamenju (2nd) were all among the top 10 speakers in the competition. Clearly, they are following the footsteps of their senior counterparts.

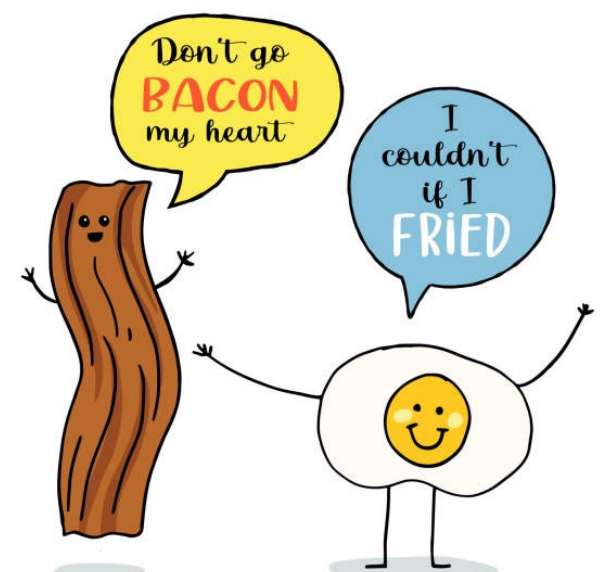
All in all, the debaters gave their all. We just wish them nothing short of the best in their future tournaments.



PUNNY JOKES

By Adrian Kioko 3A

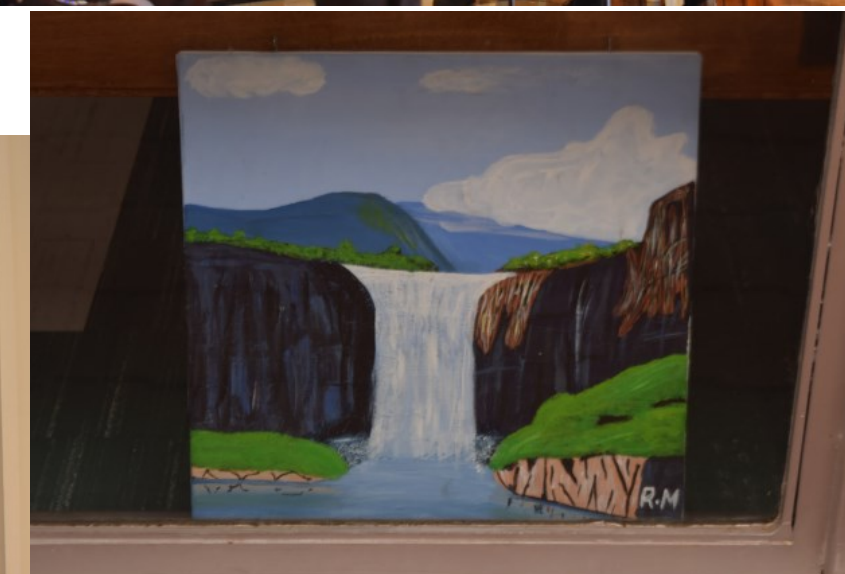
1. What do you call the story of a man *History*.
2. I got into a matatu and gave the conductor 30 shillings instead of 50 and he said," that's not *fare*!"
3. Football can be artistic because both teams may *draw* a match.
4. Schools encourage systems of government because they have *rulers* and subjects.
5. Buildings are like authors, for example, the Burj Khalifa has the most *stories*.
6. Many people seem to like watches. I believe they enjoy watching *Tik Tok*.
7. Why couldn't the fisherman catch any fish? He had poor *network*.
8. Why don't grains like weevils? Because they are *boring* insects
9. Banks have *interests* in finances.
10. Why are celebrities cool? They have many *fans*.
11. Why is the sun vital for our solar system? Just like any good movie or show it's a *star*.
12. Why did the tree start a company? It wanted to *branch* out.
13. I used to be a baker, but I couldn't make enough *dough*.
14. The pencil was broken — it had no *point*.
15. I told my suitcase we wouldn't be traveling this year. Now it's full of emotional *baggage*.
16. The calendar's days are *numbered*.
17. I once tried to write with a broken pen — it was *pointless*.
18. Why did the smartphone go to therapy? It lost its sense of *touch*.
19. When the farmer won an award, he was outstanding in his *field*.
20. I wanted to be a banker, but I lost *interest*.
21. The math teacher is always full of *problems*.
22. The librarian lost her job because she had no *shelf* control.
23. I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting bigger — then it *hit* me.
24. I opened a bakery, but business was *crummy*.
25. The computer caught a virus — now it has a *byte fever*.
26. I made a pun about the wind, but it *blows*.
27. The tailor made jokes, but they never *suited* anyone.
28. When I told the joke about electricity, it *sparked* laughter.
29. I asked the musician to help with my homework, but he just kept giving me *notes*.
30. The optician fell in love — it was love at first *sight*.
31. My phone and I broke up — we lost our *connection*.





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