

Hoërskool **Bekker** High School



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TOP PLATTELANDSE SKOOL!!

Na die afgelope 2010 Matriekeksamens, het die Departement van Onderwys verskeie toekennings aan Hoërskool Bekker en sy leerders gemaak. Die hoof, Mnr T. Scholtz en die leerders het die funksie bygewoon en die onderskeie toekennings in ontvangs geneem.

Hoërskool Bekker is aangewys as die beste plattelandse skool aan die Wes-Rand, en ook as die beste skool in die Quintile 2-groep.

Die vyf beste leerders in die streek is ook almal leerlinge van Hoërskool Bekker! Hierdie leerlinge het trofee, sertifikate, rekenaarstoerusting en selfs kontant as teken van waardering vir hul harde werk die afgelope 12 jaar ontvang!



Marlou Smith is aangewys as die beste matriekleerder in die Gauteng-Wes plattelandse streek asook die Quintile 2 skole. Marlou het R10 000 kontant, 'n skootrekenaar, 'n medalje asook 'n sertifikaat ter erkenning ontvang.



David Roberts *achieved the overall second place in the District. He is now the proud owner of R5000 cash, a medal and a certificate in honour of his achievements.*



Nico Ras behaal die algehele derde plek in die plattelandse Distrik. Daarvoor het hy ook R5000 kontant, 'n medalje en 'n sertifikaat van die Departement van Onderwys ontvang.



Die leerlinge wat die algeheel vierde- en vyfde plekke op die akademiese leer van die plattelandse distrik en Quintile 2-skole behaal het, is Arie Hendriks (4de) en JM Ras (5de).

Albei het met trots 'n medalje en 'n sertifikaat van die Departement van Onderwys ontvang. Bekker is inderdaad baie trots op hierdie leerders!

Ons beste wense vergesel hierdie seuns met hul studies en verdere loopbane!

BEKKER LEARNER INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT

Thursday, 10 February almost turned into a very tragic day for Bekker High School, when Tumi Mangwaela (a grade 8-learner) was involved in a traffic accident in front of the school. Tumi wanted to take a “little free ride” on a big truck that was carrying sand, but his hands slipped and he fell onto the road and the back wheels of the truck ran over his lower body and legs.

Fortunately, several teachers and other staff members were on the scene immediately and could assist him, as it was quite clear that Tumi was badly hurt. Several vehicles from NetCare911 arrived within minutes and took over Tumi’s care. Tumi was then airlifted to the Milpark Hospital where he received treatment from the team of trauma-surgeons immediately.

Tumi is currently still in the Intensive Care Unit at Milpark Hospital, where he is being looked after by a whole team of specialists. Tumi suffered from severe blood loss as well as numerous fractures of his legs and lower body. His mother, Maria, is in constant contact with the school, and she has reported that Tumi is well on the road to recovery, although he will have to undergo more surgery and other treatments.

On behalf of Tumi’s family, a big, big thank you goes out to each and every person who joined in prayer immediately after Tumi’s accident. It is only through the grace of God and the miraculous power of prayer that Tumi survived the horrific accident.

The school will keep all Tumi’s friends updated on his condition. Anyone who would like to send him a card or a little gift is welcome to drop it off at the school and we will see that it gets to Tumi. As he is still in ICU, he will not be allowed visitors for quite some time. We ask you to keep on praying, so that Tumi will be able to recover completely and come back to Bekker!



GET WELL SOON, TUMI!

SAFETY FIRST FOR BEKKER LEARNERS!

The horrible accident in which a Bekker learner was involved recently, (see above) reminded all of us to be extra careful whenever our children are transported by car or bus. Traffic safety is of the utmost importance to everyone, and for that reason the fleet of buses used by Bekker High School, is inspected and serviced on a regular and ongoing basis.

Die gebruik van minibus-taxi's deur leerders word ten strengste afgekeur omdat geweldig baie van hierdie voertuie NIE padwaardig is nie. Dikwels is die bestuurders van die taxi's ook nie in besit van 'n wettige bestuurspermit nie. Dit is algemeen in die media bekend dat hierdie voertuie gereeld in ernstige padongelukke betrokke is. Hiermee saam word ons leerders ook blootgestel aan ander gevare en probleme. Sigarette, drank en ander verbode middels is vrylik beskikbaar op die taxi's en leerders word dan dikwels ook onder die invloed hiervan betrap.

Parents (and learners) are begged NOT to make use of any taxi services to travel to and from school. The buses cover all the major routes. Please consult Mrs Opperman in the Tuck shop if you need any information.

STAY INFORMED!

For at least 8 hours of every day, the school is responsible for all the children that attend Bekker High School. In order to keep learners as safe and happy as possible, the school has a number of procedures in place, should an extra-ordinary incident occur:

- Bekker believes, in order to prevent any false rumours spreading unnecessarily; that teachers, parents and learners should be informed about any incidents that happen in and around the school and hostels. Mr Scholtz will usually talk to the school during an assembly and give everyone the correct information regarding any incidents. He is also willing to talk to parents and/or learners individually should the need arise.
- The school is in the fortunate position to have two qualified teachers to do the necessary counseling should learners in any way be traumatized after such incidents. On top of that, we often employ informed people from outside to talk to learners and to provide guidance.
- Each grade has a teacher who acts as the grade head, and learners should feel free to consult with these teachers if they have any problems (academically, socially, or personally).

It is therefore of the utmost importance that parents also keep the school informed should any problems arise at home. Please make very sure that the school has all necessary contact details and contact the school immediately if any of the information (like cell numbers or addresses) changes.

At the beginning of the year, all learners received a consent form wherein parents gave permission for learners to participate in activities (both during school hours and extra-mural time). Please ask your child to make sure that their register teachers have the necessary documentation to help your child as quickly as possible if an emergency occurs.

FIRST AID

NOODHULP

Most of the teachers at Bekker High School have undergone training in basic First Aid and are able to assist a learner that is ill or injured. The office has a **First Aid Kit** at hand and learners are allowed to report to the Admin Office for treatment of minor ailments, like cuts and bruises or headaches and tummy upsets.

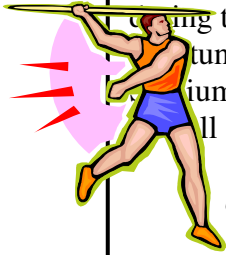
Ouers word egter gevra om NIE leerders wat ernstig siek is skool toe te stuur nie. Dit plaas geweldig druk op die leerder asook onderwysers wat dan na die siek kind se belange moet omsien. Siek kinders steek ook hul klasmaats aan en op die manier verloor leerlinge baie akademiese tyd.

Learners should please bring a note from their parents to explain the situation if they were absent from school. If learners missed a test, a medical certificate must be provided.

INTER HIGH ATHLETICS

INTERHOËR ATLETIEK

Friday, 18 February 2011 was D-day for Bekker High School's athletes. Because no Inter High meeting was held last year, Bekker's athletics team was entered in a different regional competition this year. The competition was extremely tough because the athletes had to compete against athletes from schools with many more learners than what we have. With the continuous rainfall during the past few weeks, some athletes were also not that well prepared as in previous years.



Fortunately, the rains gave us a chance and the Inter High meeting could take place at Fochville stadium. Bekker's athletes fought hard and we are very proud to say that the team achieved an overall second place!

Verskeie atlete het ook individuele toekennings (trofeë) vir prestasies in hul onderskeie ouderdomsgroepe ontvang:

Lorraine Ndamane (girls U/19)

Katlego Kuane (boys U/16)

Amber Hall (girls U 15)

Chris Wepener (boys u/14)

Die gedrag van al die Bekker leerders (atlete en toeskouers) was weereens puik en dit was lekker om die massa "geel ondersteuners" op die paviljoene te sien. Dit was voorwaar wonderlik om die atletiekseisoen op so 'n hoë noot af te sluit. Baie dankie aan elke atleet wat onder (soms) moeilike omstandighede steeds hul beste gelewer het. 'n Speciale dankie aan al die toeskouers en ondersteuners wat deurgaans die deelnemers aangemoedig het – dankie veral ook aan die dirigente wat gesorg het dat die "gees" die hele tyd so positief gebly het!

The following athletes have qualified for the D2 championships which will take place on Friday, 25 February 2011:

Chris Combrink (boys U/19)

Powell Banda (boys U/19)

Lucky Mogashane (boys U/19)

Amber Hall (girls U/15)

Travis Sloan (boys u/15)

We wish these athletes all the best for their ongoing training, preparation and participation!

NETBAL / NETBALL / NETBAL / NETBALL

Soos u seker weet het ons al begin met netbaloefening vir die komende seisoen. Baie dankie dat u as ouer u dogter toegelaat het om tydens die atletiekseisoen later die dag nog aan netbal ook te kon deelneem.

Hiermee dan die D2 liga-bepalings soos belowe in die vorige Dit-en-Dat.

Dinsdag, 3 Mei : Bekker vs Bastion (Weg)

Donderdag, 5 Mei : Bekker vs Riebeeckrand (Tuis)

Dinsdag, 12 Mei : Bekker vs Phahama (Tuis)

Donderdag, 19 Mei : Bekker vs Monument (Tuis)

We are playing against bigger schools in our league this year. We ask all parents for their support and invite you to attend all the matches. The league matches are played on Tuesdays or Thursdays and no matches will be played on Saturdays after the completion of the Super-16 series.

Ons versoek weereens ouers wat graag 'n span wil ondersteun deur bv. opwarmingshempies (in die skool se kleure), waterbottels, hoedjies, ens. te borg, om so spoedig moontlik met u kind se afrigter te praat.

Onthou ons eerste Super-16 wedstryd wat op 5 Maart 2011 teen Zeerust, op Bekker se velde gespeel word! Hoop om u almal daar te sien!

Netbalgroete, NERINA CALLAGHAN

Hokkie nuus!

Die atletiekseisoen is sommer vinnig verby en dit is nou tyd om aandag te skenk aan een van die opwindende sportsoorte en wat elke jaar meer en meer spelers bykry - hokkie!

Amptelike hokkie-oefensessies is vervat vanaf Maandag 21 Februarie 2011, alhoewel proewe reeds aan die begin van die maand gehou is. Weens die opgradering van ons eie velde vind alle oefeninge by Laerskool Bekker plaas. As organiseerder wil ek ook van die geleentheid gebruik maak om Laerskool Bekker te bedank vir hul bereidwilligheid om hul velde tydelik vir ons te leen.

I would like to introduce the coaches for each age group:

- 0/14 - Mrs. T. Viljoen & Mrs. A. Blomkamp
- 0/15 - Mrs. H. Ras
- 0/16 - Ms. A. van Rooyen
- 0/18 B - Ms. L. Scholtz
- 0/18 A - Mr. A. van Schalkwyk & Mrs. K. Viljoen



Good luck to all the coaches with the workload ahead this season - We know that through hard work and courage you and your team will succeed in everything you do. May good sportsmanship be the goal for each player.

Ons wil 'n versoek rig aan ouers of belangstellendes wat deur middel van borgskappe by die hokkie betrokke wil raak om asseblief die hokkie-organiseerder te skakel. Ons verseker u dat u en u betrokke maatskappy die nodige erkenning en blootstelling sal kry deur middel van bemariking. Soos in die verlede, het ons regtig u hulp nodig en wil u ook bedank vir getroue ondersteuning en bydraes deur die jare.

*Hockey skirts and socks will be available from Mrs Linda Opperman (at the Tuck Shop) for players who don't have the necessary clothing yet. Skirts will be available from 1 March 2011 at R120.00 and the socks at R50.00. You can pay for these items at the admin office and then collect the items from the Tuck Shop by showing your receipt. **If you use the internet to transfer money, please ensure that you use your child's name and the item as reference, for example: Ref: Liza van der Walt, Hockey clothes.***

Please take note of the following dates for the Super 16 Matches as well as dates for the D2 trials and league matches:

Super 16:

Bekker	vs	Zeerust	:	05/03	home
Bekker	vs	Overvaal	:	12/03	away
Bekker	vs	Schoonspruit	:	17/03	away
Semi - finals			:	16/04	home
Finals			:	07/05	away (Potchefstroom)

Liga / League:

Bekker	vs	Riebeeckrand	:	19/04	away
Bekker	vs	Carltonville	:	05/05	away
Bekker	vs	St. Ursulas	:	12/05	home

Bekker	vs	Fochville	:	19/05	home
Bekker	vs	Jan Viljoen	:	26/05	away
Semi - finals			:	04/06	away
Finals			:	23/07	away

D2 trials / D2 proewe:

0/14 & 0/16	:	14/04 & 15/04	:	KHS -	GRASVELDE
0/18	:	14/04 & 15/04	:	KHS -	ASTRO
FINAAL / FINALS	:	19/04	:	KHS	

Belangrik!!! Alle dogters wat wil hokkie speel moet asseblief 'n fooi van R30.00 betaal wat aangewend sal word om die noodhulp en skeidsregters se onkostas te dek.

BAIE GELUK AAN MNR. A. VAN SCHALKWYK EN MEV. H. RAS MET HUL AANSTELLING AS KEURDERS VAN DIE SUID-GAUTENG 0/14 SPAN !!

*We also need to inform all the players, guardians and parents that **NO** player will be allowed to either play hockey or travel on a bus for matches, if the necessary indemnity forms aren't completed! Thank you for those who have already completed the form last year as well as those who have completed it at the beginning of the year. All players must **PLEASE** ensure that their coaches have a copy of their indemnity form as they need the information in case of emergency medical circumstances and support.*

Baie sterkte aan al ons hokkie spelers. Sterkte vir die jaar en gee jou beste.

Meneer A. van Schalkwyk (organiseerder)

KOM KUIER SAAM!

Alle ouers van leerlinge wat aan rugby, hokkie en netbal deelneem, word hartlik uitgenooi om op **Saterdag, 5 Maart 2011**, saam met die spelers, afrigters en organiseerders, by die klubhuis 'n vleisie te kom braai. Die geselligheid sal plaasvind net na die Super-16 wedstryde teen Zeerust. Die doel hiervan is om soveel moontlik ouers by ons tuiswedstryde betrokke te kry en ook ouers die kans te gee om mekaar beter te leer ken.

Die skool sal die vure en bykosse voorsien, en u word slegs versoek om u eie **vleis en drinkgoed, eetgerei, asook kampstoele** saam te bring.

Kom geniet die dag saam met die spelers, afrigters en ouers!

PERDRY

Verskeie leerlinge van Hoërskool Bekker het gedurende die pas afgelope naweek aan die SANEF Skole Perdry-kompetisie by die Maple Ridge Equestrian Centre deelgeneem. Die ruiters het hul baie goed van hul taak gekwyd en het die volgende plekke behaal:

Samantha Sanders	-	Spring 1e plek
		Spring 2e plek (met 'n ander perd)
Candice Codd	-	"Performance Riding" 1e plek
Elria Nienaber	-	"Performance Riding" 1e plek



Baie geluk aan hierdie ruiters en baie sterkte met jul voorbereiding en die kompetisies wat nog voorlê!

GHOLF / GOLF

The planned Bekker golf day has been postponed to the second term. As soon as a new date is finalized, we will let you have all the information.

You are invited to show us your support in one/all of the following:

- Please contact us immediately to book your place for the competition.
- Please offer a Sponsorship for one of the holes.
- Supply the refreshments for players at the different holes.
- Book the opportunity to be the main sponsor for the day = R5000-00.

Please contact Mr Gawie Botha (Cell: 0836283233) for any information about the golf day!



DEELNAME

Omdat ons by Bekker poog om die kind in al sy fasette te onderrig en op te voed, het ons 'n beleid dat alle leerlinge aan ten minste een somersport, een wintersport en een kultuuraktiwiteit moet deelneem. Die leerlinge wat in aanmerking wil kom vir die Veelsydigheidstoekennings, moet aan ten minste 5 verskillende aktiwiteite deelneem. Daar is op die oomblik 'n hele klomp leerlinge in die skool wat aan geen aktiwiteite deelneem nie en dit is gewoonlik ook hierdie leerlinge wat op akademiese gebied nie juis uitblink nie en deurmekaar raak met "verkeerde" dinge soos rokery, drank en dwelms.



At the end of the year, each learner who have participated in some of the variety of school activities, will receive a certificate of participation. These certificates will be a great asset when learners apply for jobs or scholarships when they leave school.

Learners should please take note of the following important rule at Bekker: learners who re-apply for admission (especially for the hostel) at the end of an academic year, and who did not participate in any activities, may be refused entry into the school on account of their non-participation!

Leerders word dus aangemoedig om by die skool se vereistes te hou en hul positiewe gesindheid te toon deur aan verskillende aktiwiteite deel te neem!

KNOWLEDGE IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!

At Bekker, we strive continuously to attend to the welfare of our learners and to equip them with skills which they might need in order to help them cope with everyday life, as well as the so-called "difficult" situations. Teenagers are under a lot of stress these days and unfortunately, some do not get the support they need from their homes. In order to help our learners, the school regularly invites professionals to come and talk to the learners about different subjects.

Members of the SAPD (Magaliesburg Branch) visited the school recently and offered very valuable advice to the learners about sex and pornography and the legal implications thereof. The boys and girls were separated for this exercise and the learners thus felt more comfortable to talk about this very sensitive subject. Learners had the opportunity to ask questions and members of the Bekker-staff also had the opportunity to elaborate and offer advice to learners.

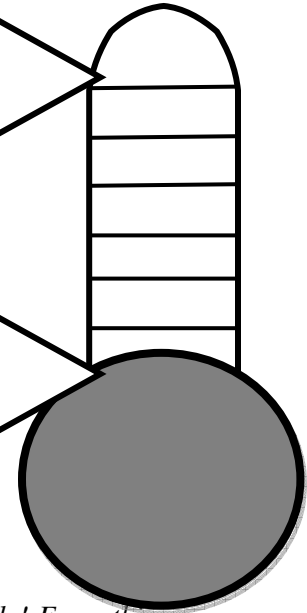
Learners are reminded that there are qualified counselors on the staff and should they need to talk to someone about a sensitive issue, to report to their grade-heads, which will then arrange for a counseling session (if needed). An informational talk about drugs and illegal substances is scheduled for 28 February 2011.

Bekker High School Media Fund



R80 000 needed!

R20 000 up to date!



It is now crucial that the Bekker Media centre be completed as soon as possible! From this year onwards, the school will have to start using an outdoor area to teach some of our children. They are in essence two classrooms short for 2011.

We donated a significant amount at the end of last year towards the completion of the building and challenge all parents to make whatever contribution they can. Let's see how quickly we can get the roof on and the windows into the Media Centre.

The required budget is approximately R 80 000 to complete the centre.

We care greatly about the future of Bekker and all the children that attend this unique school and we are sure there are many other parents that feel the same way.

Let's show what we as parents can do!!!

Contact Antoinette Pieters on (014) 577 5936 if you can assist.

HUWELIKSKLOKKE!

Baie, baie geluk aan Mnr Wynand Blomkamp en Mej Ansoné Scholtz wat onlangs in die huwelik getree het. Ons glo en bid dat jul verbintenis met Hoërskool Bekker vir julle baie seën en liefde sal meebring. Baie dankie vir die waardevolle werk wat elkeen van julle by Hoërskool Bekker doen. Mag die woorde van Psalm 34 ook in jul huwelik tot waarheid kom: "Ek sal te alle tye die Here loof, Sy lof sal altyd op my lippe wees, Ek sal net in die Here roem..."



KONTANT OP BUSSE

GEEN LEERDERS SAL MEER TOEGELAAT WORD OM OP DIE BUSSE KONTANT TE BETAAL VIR RITTE NIE. LEERDERS WAT VAN NAWEEKBUSSE GEBRUIK MAAK, SE OUIERS MOET VOOR OF OP WOENSDAE DIE GELD IN DIE BUSREKENING INBETAAL EN DIE BEWYS VAN INBETALING NA DIE FINANSIËLE KANTOOR FAKS. LEERDERS WAT VAN DAGROETES GEBRUIK MAAK, MOET ASSEBLIEF 'N WEEK-KAARTJIE KOOP, AANGESIEN GEEN DAGKAARTJIES MEER UITGEREIK SAL WORD NIE. INDIEN 'N KIND NIE 'N KAARTJIE GEBRUIK NIE, KAN DIT WEL VIR 'N VOLGENDE RIT GEBRUIK WORD. DIE BANKBESONDERHEDE EN FAKSNOMMER WORD HIERONDER AANGEDUI.

CASH ON BUSES

NO LEARNER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PAY CASH TO TRAVEL ON BUSES ANYMORE. PARENTS OF LEARNERS THAT MAKE USE OF WEEKEND BUSES NEED TO MAKE A PAYMENT INTO THE BUS ACCOUNT NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAYS, AND FAX PROOF OF PAYMENT TO THE FINANCIAL OFFICE. LEARNERS, THAT MAKE USE OF DAY ROUTES, NEED TO BUY A WEEK-TICKET, AS NO DAY TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED ANYMORE. IF A TICKET IS NOT USED ON A SPECIFIC DAY, IT MAY BE USED AT A LATER STAGE. OUR BANK DETAILS AND FAX NUMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BANK DETAILS:

BANK:	ABSA
ACCOUNT NAME:	HOËRSKOOL BEKKER
ACCOUNT NUMBER:	4051 376 187
BRANCH CODE:	632 005
REFERENCE NUMBER:	CHILD'S INITIAL, SURNAME AND ROUTE
FAX NUMBER:	014 577 5938



SKAAKOEFFENING

DINSDAE EN DONDERDAE

14:30 – 16:00

CHESS PRACTICE

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

14:30 – 16:00

Teacher: Who is your favourite author?

Pupil: George Washington.

Teacher: But George Washington never wrote any books.

Pupil: You got it!

Teacher: Where is South America?

Pupil: I don't know.

Teacher: Where is Bulgaria?

Pupil: I don't know.

Teacher: You were supposed to look it up in your textbook.

Pupil: I don't know where that is either.



READING ENHANCEMENT CLASSES

It is with great pleasure and huge enthusiasm that we would like to introduce to you our newest academic programme.

Reading and total comprehension of the virtual text, is one of the biggest concerns the past decade. Research has shown that the average reading ability of a Grade 10-learner, can be up to six years behind and the learner is basically reading at the level of a Grade 4-learner.

Reading and reading skills form the key to study- and academic performance.

This computer-based reading programme has the following advantages:

1. Pupils will be led to improvement in a fun-filled way such as:
 - Love for reading.
 - Speed of reading will be increased.
 - Improvement of vocabulary, comprehension and grammar.
 - Improvement of day to day school work and exams.
 - Better general knowledge.
2. This programme will be presented in both Afrikaans and English.
3. Three to five lessons can be done during one session of one hour.
4. Report-card feedback: Reading speed, comprehension, grammar, word recognition and vocabulary will be presented to the parents and the school at the end of each full term.
5. Classes of not more than 15 pupils will be accommodated per session.



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The classes will be presented at Bekker High School during the week, after school, in the Computer Centre. Cost involved: R160 (1 hour weekly for 4 weeks); R280 (2 hours weekly for 4 weeks).

For more information, contact
Mr Smith at 072 414 7461.

Mariska Friedrich in Graad 8, skryf:

My ondervinding by Bekker:

Dit is vir my so lekker by Hoërskool Bekker, ek is so bly dat ek vir Bekker gekies het. Ek was eers bang want hoe is dit by die Hoërskool? Hoe is die kinders, en veral die matrieks? Maar die eerste dag toe ek hier aankom het almal my met soveel liefde ontvang! Die onderwysers is vreeslik dierbaar, ek het dadelik tuis gevoel. Die groentjekonsert het ek ook vreeslik geniet, en ons klas was die bere! Ons het hard geoefen en toe het ons 'n fantastiese konsert gehad - danksy Biancé, Laurence, Alliney, Abrie en Clinton. Baie dankie aan almal op die VSR. Ons het binne drie dae die erekode, skoollied en Gr 8-liedjie geken. Die ontgroening was lekker. Ons was deur die Bekker-spa - dit was nou vir jou 'n ding! Baie dankie Bekker vir al julle liefde en omgee. Ek weet ek is by die beste Hoërskool ooit! Ek weet ek sal hiér 'n toekoms bou!

(effens gewysig)

Perspective

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah, " said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered:

"I saw that we have one dog and they had four."

"We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, "Thanks Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.

**Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends!
Life is too short and friends are too few.**

