



## FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

"And God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM'; and He said, 'Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.' "

Exodus 3:14

In Bible class, we have been studying the names which the Lord uses to refer to Himself. The "I AM" names: the Bread of Life; the Door; the Good Shepherd; the Resurrection and the Life; the Alpha and the Omega; the Beginning and the End, from the New Testament, are all bound up in the Name that God told Moses to use when questioned by the Israelites as to Who sent him to them. "I AM" is indicative of God's ever-present, eternal and never-changing Being. When Jesus referred to Himself as the various "I AM"'s, He was indicating His divinity as well as His being our all-sufficiency. Whatever circumstance we find ourselves in life, Jesus IS present to be ALL that we need as we learn to find all of our fullness in Him. As we get to know Him more and more through the Names He has chosen, it is like looking through a kaleidoscope where the light reveals the multi-faceted reflections of the mirror. Each Name can be mined over and over and still have depths left for us to discover for many years to come!



The I Group students learned how to leverage an initial gift. See the Gracious Givers page for more!

Dameco attempts to kick a home run during gym class.



### IN MEMORY OF

A very generous donation was made to EWA by Janice and Hudson Bedell in memory of Pastor Gary Welling's faithful service and to the witness of his love for God to all he met! Keep the Welling Family in prayer as they adjust to being without their husband/father/grandfather! Praise the Lord that he is now in Heaven, totally cancer-free!!!



Pastor Welling was an ardent supporter of Eagle Wings Academy and spoke at our chapel services regularly.

You can help cover our \$6,000 per student expense without writing a check! Simply donate to the school via PayPal at [eaglewingsacademy.org/donate](http://eaglewingsacademy.org/donate) or give through the United Way (ID # 1305648). Checks can be mailed to us at Eagle Wings Academy ~ 423 Valley Dr. ~ Syracuse, NY 13207.

## IT PAYS TO STUDY AT EWA!

Congratulations to the following students who earned this award for receiving the highest points during the month of January, proving that they are learning how to S.O.A.R. -(Showing self-control; Offering peer support; Actively listening/learning; Respecting people and property)!



Hannah, Chianna, Gabe, Selena; Maya in front

## ACCELERATING IN MATH

Mr. Leighton excitedly awarded an "Advancement Certificate" to Serenity for moving on to the next Math Level. Because of our small classroom sizes, students receive the help they need to close their learning gaps or exceed their grade level. Here is an example of a 4th grader moving on to 5th grade Math midway through our school year!



CONGRATULATIONS on your hard work!



Isaiah gets his eyes examined by the Lions Club

## "WE CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW....."

Thanks to Mr. Doug Russell, our students had the opportunity to receive a free, high-tech eye exam with a very unique optical instrument. As a result of the examinations, several students were referred to an eye care specialist.

We continue to thank EVERYONE who so willingly gives of his/her time to be a: Chapel Speaker, Lunch Provider, Volunteer, Prayer Partner, and/or Financial Supporter! It is our prayer that you have an intimate sense that YOU are a vital part of God's Kingdom work at EWA. We could NOT do what we are doing without YOU!!! Thank you! We praise the Lord for you!!!



Amya received a special SOARING Award



## GRACIOUS GIVERS PROJECT

Our I-group students have been busy working on the Gracious Givers Project prompted by the Reichardts, who gave each of them \$50.00 to spend on blessing a local non-profit organization. The students had to research to see what 501c-3 organizations existed in our community and then choose one from an approved list.

Ziona is going to help New Hope Family Services, whose main mission is to help women who find themselves in difficult pregnancy situations by supporting them in various ways during the pregnancy and if desired, finding adoptive homes for the newborns.

Selena chose Helping Hounds - a dog rescue center with an incredible adoption rate for dogs they take in!

Zionna and Tawanda are working together to help our local Ronald McDonald House which offers an "oasis" for families who have a severely ill child being treated at one of our local hospitals.

Kevin & Christian are teaming up to provide support for our local Habitat For Humanity, which provides homes at an affordable price for families in our community who are facing significant challenges.

The I Group has visited each of the organizations above to get first-hand understanding of what each one's mission is. We were graciously received by workers who took the time to take us on a tour of their facility, sharing their passion for why they are connected with their particular place.

We then visited the Bucket BBQ in Auburn to meet with owner/founder, Mr. Mike Henty, who is not only a restaurant owner but a passionate servant of the Lord who started a mission in the former Case Mansion to help veterans acclimate to the local community. His zeal for serving others was the energy behind his motivational talk with the students! And, thanks to Bill & Sabra Reichardt, we all were treated to a delicious lunch!!!



At a Habitat for Humanity Home



At Helping Hounds



At the Ronald McDonald House



At New Hope Family Services

## WAYS TO SUPPORT EWA MATERIALLY

\* We have recently received notification from the United Way that two individuals have committed to supporting EWA through the United Way. We thank them for making the school a focus of their giving! IF you would like to give this way, then simply sign up at your place of work, using our identification number: 1305648..

\* Another way to support the school is by signing up at Price Chopper at their courtesy desk for their Tools For Schools Program. Simply state the name of our school and our code: 53749

\* You can go online to our website, [www.eaglewingsacademy.org](http://www.eaglewingsacademy.org), and make a donation via PayPal.

\* You can enclose a check in the addressed envelope provided in this mailing and send it to us!

\* You can call us and we will gladly come to your home/office and retrieve your donation!!! We'll even bring a plate of homemade cookies with us if this will make giving more palatable -(no pun intended)!!!

F.Y.I. - we need \$45,000 by June 13th to finish the year in the black!



## WAYS TO HELP EWA SPIRITUALLY

Specific ways to use the spiritual weapon of prayer for EWA:

\* Pray that the staff will be encouraged as we work with the students from day to day, as we strive to be "Jesus with skin on" and be His Light and Salt. Our humanness can raise its ugly head at times when we get exasperated and seem to be at the end of our patience!!!

\* Pray that the Holy Spirit will open up the students' hearts to understand Biblical Truths and that they will have a true "hunger and thirst for righteousness."

\* Mrs. Stewart will be taking her maternity leave at the end of March! Pray for her stamina in the next few weeks and for a healthy delivery. Pray also for the long-term substitute teachers who will be replacing her.

\* Pray that we will be able to be the support needed for several of our families facing some difficult challenges.

Blessings,

Anna Shipe (Administrator) Psalm 32:8



The M & S Students enjoyed a trip to the Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park earlier this month.