



## APRIL 2014 NEWSLETTER

John 21:19 "..... Follow Me!"

John 21:22 ".....You follow Me!"

The last week's Bible Class lessons (before Easter Sunday and our Spring Break) were focused on the sufferings of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, His crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection and His ascension. When classes resume, we will begin focusing on "what came next" for His disciples as their Lord and Savior was not visibly present now. We will begin with the account of Peter, having just been questioned by Jesus about his love for Him and being told pretty straightforwardly that he was going to glorify God by suffering for Him. Peter quickly turns the attention off of himself and asks the Lord what was going to happen to John - maybe to compare if they would have similar fates! Two times in a short series of verses, Jesus tells Peter to "Follow Me!" As our Creator, Lord and Savior, He has the supreme authority to command our obedience to go where He directs us to go and do what He requires of us, albeit at times, with suffering being the venue through which our lives will best bring glory to Him!

We will be having an **INFORMATIONAL/LET'S GIVE PRAISE DINNER** on Thursday, *May 8th from 5:00-7:00*, once again graciously hosted by Mrs. Juli Boeheim and dinner compliments of Wegman's Catering services. The purpose of this dinner is to give us an opportunity to present to guests what makes EWA a Distinctive School that glorifies the Lord Jesus by giving urban children a choice, with no financial barriers, to receive a Biblically-based education. Invitations have gone out to those in our community who we would like to encourage to consider supporting EWA! If you know of someone who should receive an invitation, please call the school office soon with contact information!

What we will stress at this informal dinner (with folks feeling free to come and go at their leisure), and what we stress to ALL our supporters is this: **SUPPORT EWA BECAUSE THE LORD JESUS IS TELLING YOU TO DO SO. HEAR HIM SAY, "FOLLOW ME"!** There are many foundations, humanitarian organizations and individuals who donate financially based on measureable outcomes - positive results that can be quantified by various methods, assuring that the monetary gift is worthwhile. BUT - when support to EWA is given based on following Jesus's directions - then the cause for praising Him is not based on results, but rather on obeying Him, be it through the times of want and the times of plenty. Some of EWA's results will NOT be known until Heaven. Right now, all the staff/volunteers are sowing and watering God's Word in lives that are often not openly receptive! But - we do it in obedience to His leading and keep our eyes focused on Him, not on the battle that surrounds us!



Shaun presents a puppet play he wrote.

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## GRACIOUS GIVERS PROJECT UPDATE

The four Gracious Givers Teams are nearing the completion of their fundraising efforts, with some very exciting results! Due to inclement weather, two teams have one more day to sell their wares in front of 'Broadway Cafe', which has nicely allowed us to set up a table to advertise their respective Non-profit Organizations and sell their items. All of the teams are working on their "Final Presentations" which will be presented at our May "Family Fun Day" - detailing what their group focused on and how it was able to help a local organization.

It has been exciting to watch the various teams and see how "team work" was developing, with the members learning to use the giftings of their teammates to get the job done. We are seeing some leadership qualities develop, with students taking the initiative to go the extra step and we are hearing students' communications skills being honed as they use the school phone to implement their team plans with businesses in the community.

A winning team will be chosen based on how well they worked together, how many of the team members participated, the effort put into the leveraging of the \$50 given and how much they were able to truly be a blessing to their organization. Mr. and Mrs. Bill/Sabra will be treating the winners to a sweet surprise!



Ice Cream Social fundraiser to benefit Habitat For Humanity

## PRAISE REPORT

Because children can be very easily influenced by a likeable or persuasive teacher, or by what their peers are doing, we hesitate to state when a student says that they have received Jesus into their lives. We would rather report changed behaviors as evidence of a new, living relationship with the Lord Jesus. In the spirit of this thinking, I do want to report that we have all observed changes in several of our students - several who are going through severe storms in their lives!

One young boy must have been listening to his teacher share about Jesus' reason for coming, because from the backseat of a car, he questioned the adult driving, "What is salvation?" with no evidence of it coming from anything happening at that moment. Shortly after the answer was given, he asked Jesus into his life, and he made others aware of what happened. There have been comments that there are noticeable differences in his young life! While we know that only the Lord knows for sure what spiritually occurs in our students' lives, it does encourage us to continue to be faithful to His Word!!!



Chianna, Zionna and Tawanda try out some furniture under consideration to benefit Ronald McDonald House

## RESURRECTION CONCERT

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 4TH at 6:00 at Grace Baptist Church!!! Our students will be presenting a musical under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Robertson. Please come and support the students with your attendance!

## MATCHING CHALLENGE GRANT

The Barney II Foundation has once again offered an opportunity for us to raise needed funds by presenting a \$5,000 Matching Challenge Grant, in new or increased donations! Please help us meet this wonderful challenge from folks who truly understand what EWA is all about! You can mark your donations in the memo line of your check or on the donor slip with "Challenge \$! Thank you!



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- for a good turnout for our Informational Dinner
- for the staff to have discernment regarding which students to invite back for next school year and which new students to accept for enrollment
- for the Lord to provide adequate and capable staffing for next school year; we are seeking to have a teacher/s take over the older students' ELA/Social Studies/Math classes which Anna, David S. and Ron are currently teaching!
- for the Holy Spirit to take His Truth and make it living and active in the lives of our students!
- for the health of our staff and volunteers; we've been hit hard this year!

Thank you to all of you who so faithfully pray for and support EWA!!!

Blessings,

Anna Shipe (Administrator) (Psalm 32:8)



Bake Sale to benefit Ronald McDonald House



Helping Hounds Display



Chianna, Shamar, and Isaiah have advanced in math enough to use the ALEKS program.



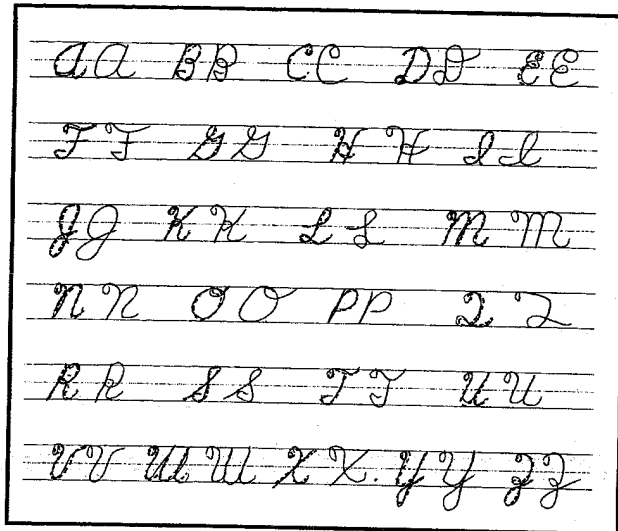
Malik advanced to a new level in the ALEKS program.

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Although there is a trend away from cursive writing, we are still having our students get a feel for this skill. Here you can see some practice sheets, with the nice signatures that the students are developing.

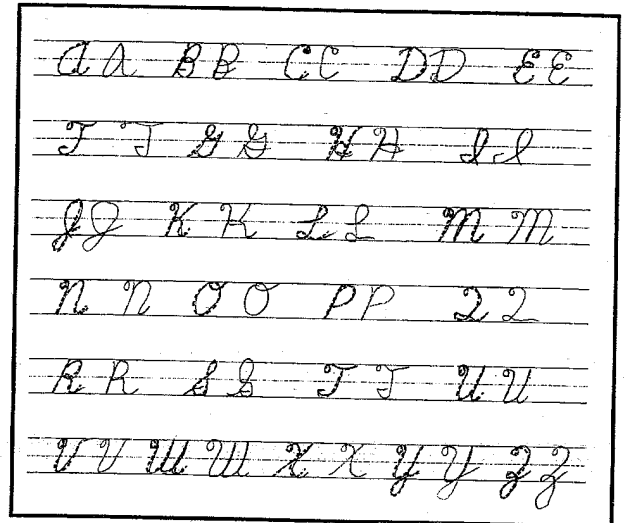
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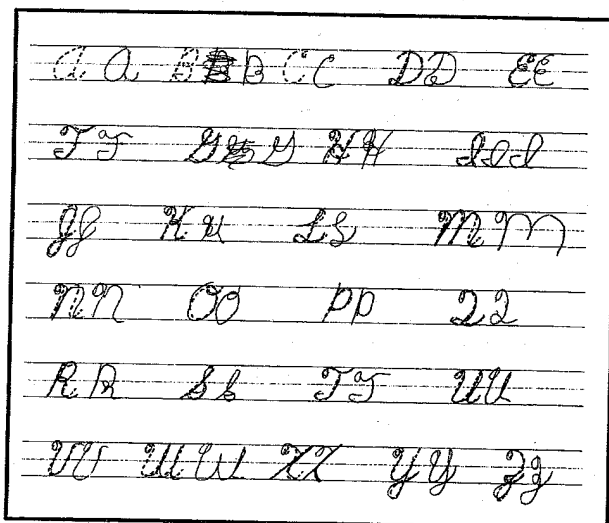
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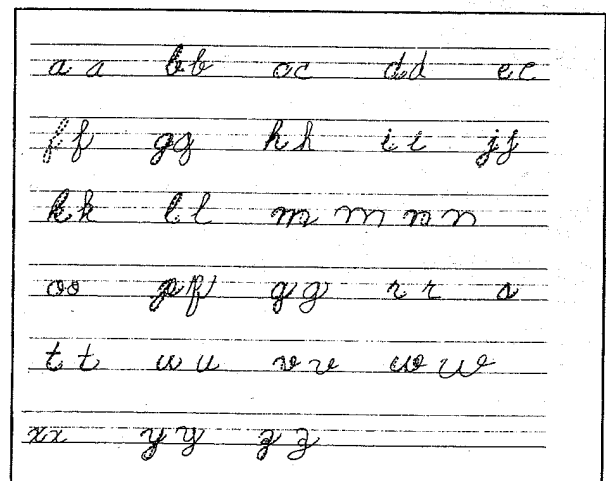
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