

"Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults." Psalm 19:12

In the above Psalm, not only did David express an appreciation of the exceeding value of God's Word, but in comparison to it, he seems to sense his own unworthiness before the Lord. Our finite, sin-marred minds give us a very shallow, distorted view of God and how far short of His Glory we truly fall. However, as we read and meditate on Scripture, the Holy Spirit helps us to increasingly understand how much we truly need the Lord Jesus as our Savior and the eternal praise that is due Him for the sacrifice He made on our behalf. This in turn makes us realize the magnitude of His love for us!!!

Recently, at one of our staff meetings, everyone was asked to share life-lessons they've learned this school year thus far. Summing up the responses, I would say that God is teaching each of us to depend more on Him as He gently reveals the shortcomings within our own hearts. This in turn is enabling us to love each of the students more, despite the challenges they present to us at times!

LOOKING BACK

- * The Lord blessed the staff and students by providing wonderful Chapel speakers. These services provide the opportunities for our students to see how the Lord is working in other people's lives. A HUGE thank you to Millie Eckert who schedules all the speakers. Millie is living proof that there is no such word as "retirement" in the Christian's vocabulary!!!

January Chapel Speakers

Mr. Taylor
Mr. Napoleon
Mr. Shaver
Pastor Volcy
Miss Heidi

- * The lunches provided by our faithful volunteers are truly a savory feast for the eyes and palate. Many of these folk are also in the "active retirement" category, serving the Lord faithfully!

- * The January Family Fun Day was exactly that - FUN!!! After lunch, the staff, students and family members all enjoyed a Talent Show. When urged to participate, Sadoree's mom, Takiki, came forward and told a story about her best vacation! By the time she was done, we all signed up to be a part of her family for their next outing!!!



Students and guests at Mrs. Scripa's Shower

Students
at
Mo'Doughs



- * Our older students had a DELICIOUS trip to Mo'Doughs (a bakery owned and operated by Jim & Karen Lloyd on Lodi St.). The Lloyds allowed the students to knead and make their own pizza shells which they brought back to school to take home. They also graciously sent along enough shells for every student to go home with a bag! The best part of the trip for me personally was when they returned with a HUGE chocolate chip cookie with my name on it!

- * We learned that our students can keep secrets! We were able to pull off a total surprise Baby Shower for Mrs. Scripa one Tuesday afternoon. The boys were sent out of the building while the "ladies -staff, students, board members and volunteers" enjoyed a buffet lunch and watching all the gifts being opened. We all pray for a safe delivery of "baby girl Scripa" very soon!

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* Ron Southwick and Darlene Kiser were privileged to do an EWA presentation to the H.O.M.E. Inc. staff at the invitation of Executive Director, Mrs. Shirley Goddard. We will be partnering with this organization which serves developmentally disabled individuals in our community. Their staff and volunteers will come to EWA to help out with office duties, cleaning jobs and serving as listening partners as our students read to them..

* Our second round of testing showed that our students are definitely progressing in their Reading/Comprehension and Math skills. We were thrilled to see several students make a dramatic improvement in one or both of these subject areas. This affirms that what the staff and volunteers are doing is working and as the students are encouraged at home to do their best - progress is ensured.



* A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our January "It Pays To Study" awardees: Tawanda and Sadoree; they not only met, but exceeded the point goal for the month.

* Congratulations to Vanessa and Tawanda for being "hired" as the Kindergarten Lunch Assistants, providing a break for Mrs. Pilalas.

* Field trips provided the students the chance to see the artwork at Onondaga Community College and handmade quilting projects at the local library.



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* Our Penny Wars Fundraiser saw our student challenge groups compete at collecting the most "positive points" (pennies) while avoiding "negative points" (all other forms of money), placed by their opponents'. Sam's Club on Erie Blvd., Broadway Cafe' and Camillus Walmart allowed some teams to solicit the public's help and distribute fliers. It was amazing to see what was donated at these outings. The Super Dupers (Kindergartners) won the contest and earned a trip to the Bounce House. The event raised just over \$500 for the school.



THE GIFFORD FOUNDATION GRANT

We thank the Lord for allowing us to be approved for a grant from the Gifford Foundation. The grant will provide \$7,623 to hire an Academic Coordinator.

The Academic Coordinator will be completing curriculum work that has already begun, developing a benchmark report card system and providing teacher development.

LET'S GIVE PRAISE FUNDRAISER EVENT

Music Competition * Silent Auction * Vendors * Door Prizes

Featuring:	Five to Life – 2011's #1 group opens in 2012
Competitors:	Central Baptist Worship Team Faith Heritage School Elementary Choir Reformed Presbyterian Church Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church Choir Val & Mark (of WMHR)
Tickets:	\$10 advance; \$15 at door add \$5.00 for Baked Ziti Meal (must order by March 9) to order – call 315-396-0024
Details:	Friday, March 23, 2012 at Eastern Hills Bible Church 8277 Route 92, (Cazenovia Road) Manlius Doors open at 5:30 (eating & shopping) Competition begins at 7:00

Donations

We are very grateful to our local Wegmans for donating a \$750 gift card to purchase the prepared food items for the Let's Give Praise Event! We also thank Mullen Industrial Handling for donating their used but well-maintained copier (which printed this newsletter). This community support is so encouraging and enables us to "think bigger and better".

As I write each newsletter I try to think of how best to convey to you how much *YOUR SUPPORT* is doing. To say it is paying salaries and purchasing supplies is true, but incomplete. You are investing in the lives of both the student and his/her family by enabling us to identify and address challenges (financial, social, emotional/behavioral, and/or academic) that would hinder them from receiving the quality education they are receiving at EWA. The following letter is addressed to YOU.

Blessings, Anna Shipe

Dear Donation Angels:

Thank you for all your generosity towards EWA. It provides my child with an education that our family would never be able to afford financially, but can't afford to do without spiritually. EWA provides my child with a daily infusion of Jesus Christ and Biblical principles which are shaping the way he believes and thinks of the world around him. Please be aware your donations have ensured my child to be performing at levels I never dreamed of in just four short months. The staff are beyond amazing, beyond words. My child can now begin to read, understands complex schoolwork I never envisioned him doing for years due to his third world educational level.



Upperclassman reads a book she wrote to Kindergartner



Karate demonstration during talent show

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Staff, family and students quizzed together