

# Newton's News— April 28, 2010



Developing Christlike Character  
and Academic Excellence

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 NIV

## You Can Make A Difference

Thank you to those of you who are saving the Big G boxtops and Campbell soup labels. As a result of everyone's efforts, we received a check this week for over \$1,000 from Big G Boxtops for Education.



IMAGE  
of God

## Thoughts on Discipline - Part 2

Last time we discussed a few ideas about effective discipline. Our goal is to make good behaviors automatic or habitual. Proverbs 22:6 tells us:

*‘Train a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

Thus effective discipline is proactive. We need to decide in advance how our children will behave. We should spend much more time visualizing what good behavior looks like than worrying about how to respond to bad behavior.

Good parents and good teachers understand that discipline is primarily about how children will behave well, not about how one should react when they do not.

We need to decide in advance how our children will speak to us and to their siblings, friends, and classmates. What tone of voice will they use? What courtesy words will we hear? How will they respond to disagreement or frustration? How will they respond to correction? Will they comply when you tell them what to do? We develop a mental picture of what good behavior looks like. Effective discipline involves painting this same picture for our children. Imagine you are cleaning up a messy room in your house. Without even realizing it, you are comparing the messy state of the room to a picture you have in your mind of what the room looks like when it is clean. You then keep working until reality matches your mental picture. When you ask your children to clean up a room, they probably don't have your same mental picture of what a clean room looks like. It is impossible for them to achieve the result you want until they develop that same picture in their own minds. Some parents even take a picture of the clean room for their children to use as a standard in the future.

In the same way, our children need clear pictures of how to behave well. Achieving this clear picture requires investment of our time in training and explaining. Don't assume your children know what behaviors are acceptable and polite. If you allow them to arrive at their own conclusions, the conclusions will often be wrong. Discuss behaviors in detail. Have your children practice them. Discuss situations at the dinner table. Prepare in advance for social situations while you are on your way in your car. This type of training is effort intensive, but ultimately rewarding.

Next time we will discuss defiance and other more difficult issues..

## Calendar

### APRIL

29 3RD GR. TO PALISADES DOWS OBSERVATORY  
12:15-2:50

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM 7:00 RIVER OF LIFE

30 5TH-8TH GR. CHAPEL-PASTOR SEITZ-  
ANTIOCH

KDG.-4TH GR. CHAPEL-PASTOR FINK, RIVER OF  
LIFE

MIDDLE SCHOOL FILM FESTIVAL 10:00-12:00 &  
12:45-2:15

### MAY

6 PRESCHOOL MOTHERS' DAY TEA

GARDEN SALE PLANT PICKUP 2:00-7:00 PM

11 LCEA ANNUAL MEETING 7:00 PM

12 GRANT WOOD AEA HEARING SCREENING  
KDG., 1ST, 2ND, & 5TH GRADERS

## HELP US PRAISE THE LORD

Join us Thursday evening, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. at River of Life Ministries for our Middle School Musical. The students will be presenting the musical IMAGE. Hilltop Shock, the 8th Grade Show Choir and the Praise Band will also be performing. It will be an enjoyable evening you won't want to miss!

## STO Applications Now Available Online!

Your STO application is just a click away. Go to our homepage, and click on the “STO application” on the right side. We now have the applications for you, along with the step-by-step process you need to complete. Below is a summary of that process, as well as the income guidelines. If your combined family income is within the guidelines, you may apply for a scholarship. The **deadline for completing the process is June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

The STO application process:

1. Make sure your child is enrolled for the 2010-2011 school year.
  2. Fill out the online FFNA financial assessment, at [www.ffna1.com](http://www.ffna1.com).
  3. Either download the STO scholarship application or pick up one in the office.
  4. Make a copy of your 2009 1040, pages 1 and 2 only. The form **MUST BE SIGNED** and returned with your STO application or your application cannot be processed.
  5. Mail or bring your STO application and a copy of your 1040 to Tracy King in the office at Isaac Newton. Please note that Tracy King is taking over the STO application coordinating process from Barb McDaniel. Tracy can be reached at 362-9512, or at [tking@incaonline.org](mailto:tking@incaonline.org).
- Please keep the STO process in your prayers, and pray for the fundraising process as we trust God for the full amount of \$71,294.

<b>Persons in Family Unit</b>	<b>Household Income</b>
2	\$43,710
3	\$54,930
4	\$66,150
5	\$77,370
6	\$88,590
7	\$99,810
8	\$111,030
For each additional, add	\$11,220