

The Fruits of Eden NEWSLETTER

By Citizens of the Nation of Gods and Earths of Savior Cee



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Show and Prove

A dream begins with just one choice,
To use your hands, your heart, your voice.
Not waiting for another's call,
But standing up to help us all.

Initiative lights the way,
Turning hope to deeds each day.
Knowledge grows when lessons live,
Wisdom shines in what we give.

Read a book, extend a hand,
Help your neighbor, make a stand.
Build your home and build your street,
For change begins where people meet.

The future isn't built by chance,
It grows each time we take a stance.
Through every lesson, every deed,
We plant tomorrow's living seed.

So show and prove in all you do,
Let honesty and purpose guide you.
For every action, great or small,
Can help uplift the lives of all.

Take initiative. Build with purpose.
Lead by example. Show and prove.

Peace! June is a month of reflection, celebration, and responsibility. As we recognize Juneteenth, we commemorate June 19, 1865, the day when the last enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, learned of their freedom, more than two years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth serves as a reminder of perseverance, resilience, and the continued pursuit of justice, equality, and opportunity. Teaching our children and communities about Juneteenth is important because history provides perspective. Understanding where we have come from helps us appreciate the sacrifices made by those who came before us and reminds us that every generation has a responsibility to continue building upon that foundation. Learning our history is not simply about remembering the past, it is about using that knowledge to create a stronger future.

This month's theme, "Show and Prove," challenges each of us to move beyond words. It is easy to talk about change, education, and community, but meaningful progress comes through consistent action. Every positive decision we make strengthens our families, neighborhoods, and future generations.

One of the greatest ways to show and prove is by becoming actively involved in your community. Throughout Savior Cee (South Carolina), there are opportunities for everyone to contribute. Whether you volunteer with a youth program, participate in a community event, support our prison initiative, help organize educational activities, donate books, mentor a young person, or simply encourage someone striving to improve, your efforts matter.

At The Fruits of Eden, we know that education, service, leadership, and community engagement go hand in hand. Our initiatives, including Star's Corner 100 Books of Summer Challenge, the Prison Initiative, community outreach events like Just Move Universal Outreach, CPR, Educate 2 Elevate, Street Justice, P.E.A.C.E., and our upcoming Family Day & Back-to-School Drive, exist because lasting change happens when people are willing to participate rather than observe.

We encourage every reader to learn something new about Juneteenth or Black History, share that knowledge with someone else, and become involved in at least one initiative that helps strengthen our community. Every act of service, every lesson taught, every book read, and every helping hand extended represents another step toward building a brighter future.

Freedom carries responsibility. Knowledge calls for application. Progress requires participation. Let us continue to show and prove by living the principles we value and leaving our communities better than we found them.

Within the Nation of Gods and Earths, "Show and Prove" has long represented the responsibility to live one's knowledge. Learning is only the beginning. True understanding is reflected in how we treat others, how we solve problems, how we build our families and communities, and how we conduct ourselves each day. Knowledge that remains unused benefits no one. Knowledge put into action becomes a force for growth and positive change.

This principle extends far beyond any one community. Parents show and prove by investing time in their children. Teachers show and prove by preparing the next generation. Volunteers show and prove by serving their neighborhoods. Business owners show and prove by operating with integrity. Community members show and prove by helping create safe, healthy, and productive environments for everyone.

Showing and proving does not require wealth, fame, or a position of authority. It requires consistency. Every encouraging word, every book shared with a child, every hour volunteered, every act of kindness, and every lesson taught contributes to something greater than ourselves.

At The Fruits of Eden, this principle is reflected in everything we strive to accomplish. Our educational resources, youth initiatives, community outreach, reading programs, prison initiative, and family events are designed to move beyond conversation and into action. We believe that real change begins when individuals choose to become active participants in strengthening their communities.

Today, "Show and Prove" continues to challenge each of us with a simple question: How are your actions reflecting what you know?

"Freedom gives us opportunity. Initiative gives us purpose. Our actions determine our legacy."
 — Understanding Self Allah and Queen I-Wisdom Understanding Earth



Get involved today!

Donations such as gently used clothes, care packs, school supplies, and more are welcomed.



Star's Corner

"Let's grow, learn, and shine together!"



We are so excited to have you with us! Star's Corner is a safe and joyful space where our children shine through learning, creativity, and culture. Here, we build together just like we are at Parliament or a social equality reading, solving puzzles, exploring history, and celebrating who we are. Parents, thank you for sharing your stars with us. Babies, remember: you are bright, powerful, and loved.



Show Us Your Shine! Did you earn a school award, certificate, or special recognition? Bring those grades home with pride, whether it's A's, B's, or simply showing growth, we want to celebrate YOU!

We also love seeing your creativity in action. Share photos of what you baked, built, or wrote. And don't forget our favorite, grab a book, hold it up high, and snap a picture of yourself reading.

Let's showcase the many ways our babies shine bright by emailing: thefruitsofeden@gmail.com

KEEP SHINING!

At Star's Corner, we believe every child is a star waiting to shine brighter through the power of reading. Our Read & Shine Program encourages children to explore stories that expand their minds, strengthen their character, and connect them to culture and truth. Families are invited to submit reading logs and photos of their reading adventures because every page turned is a step toward brilliance!

Star Highlight: DJ



Once again, 16 year old **Dominique "DJ" Sanders Jr.**, also known as "Loose," who continues to demonstrate what it means to set the example through education, creativity, and perseverance.

DJ has officially completed his first middle grade chapter book, *Jamaal vs. The Living Chessboard*, an exciting adventure that blends chess, fantasy, and life lessons. The book is scheduled to be available around July 15, 2026, marking an incredible milestone in his journey as a young author. Beyond writing, DJ has also made recent advancements in his high school's marching band, where his dedication and hard work continue to earn recognition. His passion for learning extends into technology as well, where he is developing his skills in 3D printing, exploring innovative ways to create and solve problems. Congrats to DJ on these outstanding accomplishments. Excellent job!

Book Recommendations

Ages 4-7: Early Readers

- My Rows and Piles of Coins - Tololwa M. Mollel
- Max and the Tag-Along Moon - Floyd Cooper

Ages 8-12: Growing Minds

- The Parker Inheritance - Varian Johnson
- Operation Sisterhood - Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich

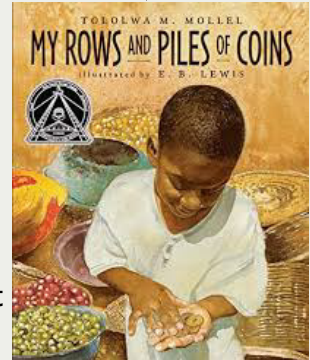
Ages 13-17: Young Leaders

- Black Brother, Black Brother - Jewell Parker Rhodes
- Solo - Kwame Alexander and Mary Rand Hess

Author Highlights

Suggested by our Savior Cee
Guardian of the Stars, Kimora:

- Black Brother, Black Brother - Jewell Parker Rhodes: A compelling novel about perseverance, discipline, and using fencing to overcome adversity.
- My Rows and Piles of Coins - Tololwa M. Mollel: A story about hard work, patience, saving money, and pursuing a goal.



WORD OF THE MONTH: INITIATIVE

INITIATIVE (ih- NISH -uh-tiv) is the willingness to recognize what needs to be done and take positive action without waiting to be asked. It is the first step toward leadership, growth, and meaningful change.

Example: "She took the initiative to help her community."

MONTHLY CHALLENGE: Take the initiative to read a book, volunteer, help a neighbor, or learn a new skill this month.

SUPREME MATHEMATICS teaches us that every action begins with a thought and develops through understanding and application. Initiative can be seen throughout the Supreme Mathematics because it requires us to move from learning to doing. Which Supreme Mathematics number reminds you the most of initiative, and why? Give one example of how you can show it this week.

Can You Take Initiative?

This week, see if you can complete at least FIVE of these without being asked!

- Read for 20 minutes.
- Help clean up at home.
- Encourage a friend.
- Learn a new word.
- Ask a thoughtful question.
- Put away your toys or belongings.
- Hold the door for someone.
- Thank a teacher or family member.
- Finish your homework/chores early.
- Teach someone something you learned.

"Every great leader was once a child who decided to take the first step."

Queen I-Wisdom Understanding Earth

How many words can you find?

I	N	I	T	I	A	T	I	V	E
Q	S	C	N	M	A	G	S	K	Y
Z	Z	L	O	G	N	M	Y	A	A
F	B	E	R	Z	A	K	K	M	B
J	F	A	N	M	C	L	O	O	R
T	L	D	K	U	T	C	D	D	R
I	I	A	T	L	I	N	I	S	Y
Q	D	I	M	Y	O	N	I	I	F
X	P	M	Z	B	N	J	H	W	A
P	E	G	D	E	L	W	O	N	K

Reflection Questions:

- Think about a time when you showed initiative by helping someone, solving a problem, or trying something new. What did you learn from that experience?
- How can taking initiative help build a stronger home, school, or community? Give one example of something you can do to make a positive difference.



Unsure About College? That's Okay, Take Initiative.



Not everyone knows exactly what they want to do after high school, and that's okay. Some students know they want to attend college, while others may be interested in learning a trade, joining the military, starting a business, taking a gap year, or entering the workforce. The important thing is not having all the answers right away, it's taking the initiative to explore your options.

Initiative means taking the first step toward your future. Research careers that interest you. Visit a college campus. Attend a trade school open house. Talk with professionals in careers you're curious about. Volunteer, apply for internships, or develop a new skill through online courses or certifications. Every experience helps you learn more about yourself and what you enjoy.

Remember, your path does not have to look like everyone else's. Success is built through preparation, curiosity, and a willingness to keep learning. Every opportunity you explore today can help shape the future you want tomorrow.

Don't wait for your future to find you. Take the initiative to discover it.

Teen Challenge

This month, choose one action that will help you prepare for life after high school.

- Research three careers that interest you.
- Visit a college or trade school website.
- Create or update your résumé.
- Learn a new skill online.
- Talk with someone working in a career you admire.
- Read a book about leadership, business, or personal growth.
- Write down three goals you want to accomplish within the next year.

Your future begins with the choices you make today. Take the initiative, stay curious, and keep building toward your goals. Peace!

Education For Our Future Self and Community's Edification

By: Patricia Ferguson (Queen Pat)

**To our babies, our future generation,
Go to school and get your education.
It's a stepping stone, a kickstart for you,
To achieve all of the goals that you set for yourself to do.**



**Set high goals for yourself and your community, and for this, we
definitely must come together in unity.**

**We deserve to have our own stores, farms, and factories,
With our own ships sailing, selling our goods from sea to sea.
At one time, it was our way of life, our history.**

**How'd we lose it? Study, and you'll find out it's no mystery.
Being that it was a part of our past, to the youth I say, bring it back.
Make it part of your daily task.**

**You have the power to keep building our history,
so stop killing each other, and do it with love and unity.**

**So, to our babies, I say, please go to school and get your education,
and bring it back in unity for yourself and also your community's
edification.**

Understanding's Legal Corner

"Understanding South Carolina's Stand Your Ground Law"

ATTENTION

Safety & Legal Tips

- SC's Stand Your Ground law generally applies only when a person is lawfully present and not engaged in unlawful activity.
- The law does not protect someone who starts or provokes a confrontation and then seeks to claim self-defense.
- A claim of self-defense depends on the facts of the situation and may ultimately be evaluated by the courts.

Understanding Self Allah

Knowing your rights is an important part of being an informed citizen. However, understanding the law also means understanding your responsibilities. One law that is often misunderstood is South Carolina's Stand Your Ground law.

What Is Stand Your Ground?

South Carolina's Stand Your Ground law provides that a person who is lawfully present in a location and is not engaged in unlawful activity generally has no duty to retreat before using force in self-defense if they reasonably believe it is necessary to prevent imminent death, great bodily injury, or the commission of a violent crime.

This law does not mean that a person may use force whenever they feel angry, threatened, or involved in an argument. The law applies only under specific circumstances, and every situation depends on its individual facts.

What Does "Reasonably Believe" Mean?

A key part of the law is whether a reasonable person, under the same circumstances, would believe that the use of force was immediately necessary to protect themselves or another person from serious harm. This is one reason why every self-defense case is carefully examined. Law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, and sometimes juries evaluate the facts to determine whether the law applies.

Common Misconceptions: Many people believe that Stand Your Ground allows someone to "win" an argument or settle a dispute with force. That is incorrect. The law is designed to protect individuals facing an immediate and serious threat, not to encourage confrontation or retaliation. Avoiding conflict whenever it is safe to do so is often the best outcome for everyone involved.

Knowledge Is Protection: Understanding the law helps people make informed decisions before a difficult situation ever arises. Learning about your rights should always go hand in hand with learning about personal responsibility, conflict resolution, and respect for others. We encourage our readers to continue educating themselves about the laws that affect their lives. Knowledge, when paired with wisdom and understanding, empowers individuals to make better decisions for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Remember: This article is provided for educational purposes only and should not be considered legal advice. If you have questions about a specific legal situation, consult a qualified attorney licensed in South Carolina.

DID YOU KNOW?



Per American Battlefield Trust, "One of the first Black regiments to be mustered into the Union army during the American Civil War, the 1st South Carolina Volunteer Infantry recruited many formerly enslaved Gullah Geechee men. Through a challenging beginning and later a unit name change, 33rd United States Colored Troops, this regiment served bravely and often helped to bring freedom to plantation regions."

Most people know that Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19, commemorates the day in 1865 when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced that enslaved people were free, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. It became a federal holiday in 2021 and is recognized as a day to celebrate freedom, education, and the enduring pursuit of equality.

But did you know that South Carolina has its own unique emancipation story?

On January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation took effect, and in coastal South Carolina, members of the 1st South Carolina Volunteer Infantry Regiment (Colored as they said, but we know better!) were among the first Black Union soldiers to hear it publicly read. This moment marked an important step toward freedom for many formerly enslaved people in the state.

Charleston also developed its own tradition of celebrating Emancipation Day on January 1, 1863 honoring the beginning of the end of slavery in the region. While Texas celebrates Juneteenth on June 19, Charleston's Emancipation Day reflects the local history of freedom in South Carolina. Both observances remind us that emancipation happened at different times in different places, but they share the same purpose: remembering the struggle for freedom and celebrating the resilience of those who endured slavery.

Today, Juneteenth is more than a celebration of the past. It is an opportunity to learn our history, strengthen our communities, support Black businesses, read books by Black authors, and teach future generations the value of freedom, education, and service.

****Knowledge of our history helps us understand our present and build a stronger future.****

Queen I-Wisdom Understanding Earth

BREAKING NEWS: VICTORY B.U.T. THE STRUGGLE CONTINUE

...Through this liaison work, The Fruits of Eden continues its mission of cultivating knowledge, supporting literacy, and strengthening communication between communities, both inside and outside the institutions. For those who have not registered, please do so to ensure proper communication and support.

Steps: 1. Register with us. How? Write us or go to a Captain. (see below) 2. Go through the Chaplain to request participation. 3. Sign up through the kiosk under NGE. Be patient. 4. Attend and build consistently.

Mathematics is order, move accordingly. What we do now sets the foundation for those coming behind us. Peace!



Help Reform South Carolina's Parole System: We're advocating for vital reforms to improve the South Carolina Pardon and Parole Board. The current system lacks the necessary mental health expertise, impacting the rehabilitation of inmates and community safety. Please support our petition to:

- Include licensed mental health professionals on the board.
- Create Interim Parole Boards for better case management.

Your voice matters! Sign the petition and help us promote a just and compassionate parole process. Visit <https://chnng.it/Z9n5M5Pxby>

SIGN UP NOW



Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, July 19th:** Earth's Cipher on Zoom at 2PM (see website or email for more info.)
- **Sunday, July 26th:** Join P.E.A.C.E. Youth & Community Outreach, Inc. for a day of fellowship, family, and community at our upcoming Community Cookout to be held at 400 Timrod Park Dr, Florence, SC 29501. This event is designed to bring together youth, families, and community members in a positive environment that encourages connection, mentorship, and support.
- **Saturday, August 15th:** Save the Date for our Family Day and Back to School Drive to be held at Collins Park in North Charleston, SC from 1-5 PM. Donations are needed.

Ongoing Initiatives

- **Fresh fruit Initiative:** Donate fresh fruits for the babies to take home at each event.
- **Prison Reform:** A statewide effort focused on transforming parole practices, improving prison conditions, and expanding culturally grounded rehabilitation with a key priority includes advocating for SCDC to formally recognize the Nation of Gods and Earths (NGE).
- **Star's Corner Read & Shine Rally:** Encouraging the babies to read and write. Donate your gently used books for the babies.
- **Walk/Run Initiative:** Get up and move by yourself or with a partner.
- **Don't forget to add your name to our registry (Book of Life).** To do so, get with a captain, write or email thefruitsofeden@gmail.com. Provide your honorable and righteous name, Enlightener's info, current lesson or completion of 120, Interior or Exterior, Approximately what year did you start your NGE strive, and contact info.



Just Move Universal Outreach

Throughout the Year: Just Move Universal Outreach will be accepting school supplies, canned goods and drinks for the weekly feeding and building of SCDJJ participants and other special programs.

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Street Justice Reform Magazine

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