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MLCS Blogspot: What is the True Meaning of the Holidays to You?

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Upcoming Events:

December 20: Winter Music
Program 2:30 pm

December 23-January 9:
Winter Break

January 9: PD Day for Teach-
ers Only, No School

January 10: All staff and
scholars Back to School!

January 16: No School, MLK,
Jr. Birthday

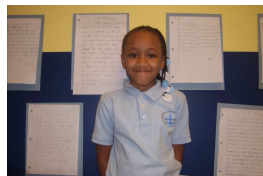
January 20: End of 2nd quar-
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January 27: 1/2 Day for Stu-
dents, P/T Conference Day

By Jayla Wilson



Nate Price from Miss Hacker's Kindergarten class states, "It means to have fun and be happy spending time with my family."



Anyah Williams from Miss Miranda's 1st grade class proclaims, "If people are Christian this will be a holiday for celebrating the birth of Jesus."



Tionne Spates from Miss Robertson's 2nd^d grade class posits, "I am thankful for what I receive during the holidays. There are always people with less and I must always remember that."



Breyson Hobbs in Miss Kline's 3rd grade class affirms, "I am thankful for my gifts because I know I could be without. I want to show my family how much I appreciate them."



Ayrees Washington in Mrs. Baxter's 4th grade class says, "The holidays are a time to give to the needy and remember all the blessings you're granted."



Cassiah Turner in Miss Cook's 5th grade class states, "Relaxing with my family is a great way to unwind during the holidays. It is my favorite thing to do during the break."



Ellis Kendrick in Ms. Woods 6th grade class says, "I like getting a lot of clothes and gifts, but I like to give gifts, too."



Jacob Robinson-Bruce in Mrs. Bush's 7th grade homeroom states, "The holidays are about loving your family and showing them how much you appreciate them."

MLCS recognizes that our scholars are diverse and may observe a number of different holidays. We wish all our families Happy and Safe Holidays!





School Information Station

By Teriyana Shelton

INFORMATION ON UNIFORMS

Uniforms will now be sold at the following times each day:

7:50-9 A.M. and again from 3-4 P.M.

A WORD ABOUT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Since the school's #1 priority is child safety, MLCS staff is reminding parents about drop-off and dismissal safety procedures.

Scholars are not to be dropped off at the building until 7:40 am. Dismissal is at 3:50 pm and scholars are to be picked up no later than 4:00 pm.

Parents who drive their scholars to school must pull all the way up to the curb in front of the school.

At no time is any child allowed to cross the parking lot unattended during drop-off or dismissal as this poses a risk for a potentially fatal accident due to the traffic. It is important that all children are supervised and safe.

If your child is picked up by a daycare, it is still the parent's responsibility to see that the child is picked up safely and on time. Additionally, teachers need to know of any changes in transportation immediately from the parent. To avoid any conflict or confusion, please notify your child's teacher of transportation changes at least one hour before dismissal as the phone lines get busy during the last hour of school.

From this point on, children that are not picked up by 4:00 pm will be sent to after school care and parents will have to pay the fee incurred.

MONUMENT TIDBITS

Starting January 10th Monument Lighthouse Charter School is going to start collecting Box-Tops to raise money towards after school programs!

Every student will have a published book in Monument Lighthouse Charter School. See your scholar's Reading teacher for more details.

Keep in mind that after Winter break scholars will begin a rigorous testing schedule. Some things that parents can do to help scholars prepare is contact the homeroom teacher and inquire about test-taking skills, make sure your scholar gets a good night's sleep, and scholars must eat a proper breakfast!

Giants Stun Cowboys

By Kyren Gaddie

On Sunday, the Giants demolished the Cowboys. The Dallas Cowboys led by 12 points in the last six minutes of the 4th quarter. The score was 34-32 with only five minutes and 50 seconds remaining in the game and the Cowboys in the lead. Eli Manning, quarterback of the New York Giants, drove his team 80

yards and pulled them within five yards of the goal line. Then, he threw an exciting touchdown pass to his tight end, Jacob Ballard. The Giants added a stunning two-point conversion shortly after the touchdown to move ahead of the Cowboys leaving less than a minute to go in the game. Giants wide receiver, Hakeem Nicks was also a deep threat to the Cowyboys with

seven catches and 154 yards receiving! With this division win, the Giants could potentially clinch a playoff berth.



“Cope” With It!

By Andrea Martin and Aaron Jackson

Miss Cope is a 3rd grade teacher here at Monument. She became an educator because she loves to see students learn and it is her passion to see children grow and develop into mature, positive adults. Miss Cope enjoys seeing her scholars achieve their goals and move on to the next grade level with a greater feeling of self-confidence. Some of Miss Cope's hobbies are reading, spending

time with family and friends, and lastly, she loves golfing!

We asked Miss Cope what advice she has for teachers regarding classroom management. Miss Cope's advice for having a positive classroom culture is to hold scholars accountable for their actions because it builds a sense of responsibility and trust. Secondly, she thinks teachers should be consistent and teach scholars self-respect. Scholars should feel as if they are important to the entire

school community. Thanks to Miss Cope for all she does to support our scholars!





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School's Out Winter Break Programs

The Project School and Monument Lighthouse Academy :

Dec. 22—Jan. 6th at the Ransburg YMCA (501 N. Shortridge Rd, Indpls)

Fall Creek Academy:

Dec. 26th—Jan. 6th at the Ransburg YMCA (501 N. Shortridge Rd, Indpls)

Challenge Foundation Academy:

Dec. 23rd—Jan. 3rd at Challenge School (3980 Meadow Dr, Indpls)

Paramount School of Excellence:

Dec. 21st and 22nd at Paramount (3020 Nowland Ave, Indpls)

Sliding Scale Fees apply/ CCDF at most locations

Daily rate \$34 FM/ \$39 PM

Weekly rate \$129/ \$164

Contact Ruthie Walls at 317-484-9622

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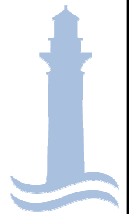
History and Vision

History

Lighthouse Academies was founded in November 2003 by our current President and CEO, Michael Ronan. Our first school, Bronx Lighthouse Charter School, opened its doors in September 2004 to 128 students. In the first five years, LHA has developed, opened and is operating public charter schools in four states and the District of Columbia. Since our inception, Lighthouse Academies has been supported by generous grants from the Doris and Donald Fisher Fund, New Schools Venture Fund (NSVF) and the Walton Family Foundation. Lighthouse Academies is a member of the NSVF Community of Practice, sharing our experiences with other education entrepreneurs who share our passion and mission.

Why "Lighthouse"?

The Lighthouse is a symbol of hope and security. Our mission gives hope to parents for a brighter future for their children. Our vision extends the hope and security into the future.



Your MLCS Journalists

From left:

Kyren Gaddie, Teriyana Shelton, Andrea Martin, Aaron Jackson, Jayla Wilson, (not pictured) Nachele Jackson

