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Upcoming Events:

**December 2: Midterm
progress reports go home**

**December 20: Winter
Music Program**

**December 23-January 9:
Winter Break**

**January 9: PD Day for
Teachers Only**

**January 10: All staff and
scholars Back to School!**

**January 20: End of 2nd
quarter**



MLCS Blogspot: What does “High expectations equal results” mean to a Lighthouse Scholar?

By Jayla Wilson and
Stephanie Diaz-Muñoz



Dabray Thomas in Miss Kirkland's Kindergarten class says, "Doing your best work at the best of your ability will get the best in your future."



David Carter in Mrs. Drake's 1st grade class proclaims, "Try your best because you will get a lot out of it and you will have a better future for yourself."



Sharon Paschell in Mrs. Heaton's 2nd grade class posits, "It means to do your best so that you can go to the next grade level."



Jakoby Beckwith from Mrs. Rogers's 3rd grade homeroom states, "If I have high expectations of myself, I will learn more and be promoted to the next grade."



Dynasti Wyatt in Mrs. Baxter's 4th grade class affirms that, "High expectations mean to do exceptional work hard and get smart in whatever you do."



Tahnya Dixon from Mrs. Manifold's 5th grade class states, "Achieve your goals and do the best you can so when you graduate from college you can make something of yourself."



Adrian Powell in Mrs. Woods' 6th grade class said, "High expectations for a Lighthouse scholar means to do your best and excel on all standardized tests."



Dashonti Jones in Mrs. Maldonado's 7th grade class gladly told Beacon journalists, "High expectations for a Lighthouse scholar means setting your personal goals higher and achieving a higher standard than everyone else. Every Lighthouse scholar should be on the honor roll."



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 7:30 am. Dismissal is at 3:50 pm and scholars are to be picked up no later than 4:00 pm.**

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. Also, 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. Thank you for your time and consideration in these matters as it is important that all children are supervised and safe.

ALL ABOUT A GOOD BOOK

On December 16th, a program called *Snuggle up with a Book* will be held at our school @ 8:45 am. Donuts and hot cocoa will be served. Free books will be given to all scholars in every grade level that is in K-7th. Parents may only attend if their child is coming.



NBA Reaches Agreement

By Kyren Gaddie

News broke last weekend regarding the tentative labor deal between the NBA players and the owners. The owners won huge in these negotiations. These athletes will still be the highest-paid athletes in professional team sports. However, owners will now get between 49%-51% of basketball -related incomes (BRI). Before this, owners only

received 43% BRI! That equates to owners receiving close to \$270 million dollars. The labor negotiations have been at a stalemate for more than 150 days and the current agreement is still tentative. The NBA season is expected to begin around Christmas Day and is only going to be approximately 66 games. Hopefully, Pacers fans will get to enjoy

professional basketball over the holidays!



Wheeler Has a Mission

By Nachele Jackson and Airron Green

Wheeler Ministries is a trusted and genuine place for people in Indianapolis without a home and without food. They supply food to the homeless on a daily basis. If you are a male citizen of Indianapolis needing intervention, please reach out to the

Mission at (317) 687- 6795. If there are women and children in need of a home you can receive food, clothing, and other support services by calling (317) 687-3630.

Wheeler Mission also has addiction recovery programs and addresses the spiritual needs of the people of Indianapolis. The ministry began in the early 1990's by a group of busi-

nessmen. Eventually, the care center merged with other Wheeler Missionaries in the United States. For more information, visit www.wmm.org.



About 4th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Baxter

By Aaron Jackson

Mrs. Baxter is a 4th grade teacher at Monument. She teaches Science and Social Studies. When asked how many years she has been teaching at MLCS she said, "It has been an enjoyable three years and it has been awesome because our school made AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress according to the Indiana Department of Education) last year."

She explained that she engages her scholars in class by doing a lot of hands-on projects that relate to their real lives. I asked her what expectations she has for her students and

she said that being respectful and responsible in class is of utmost importance to her classroom management plan. Mrs. Baxter values the very important role she plays in helping to shape young people's lives.

When asked what she sees in her professional future, Mrs. Baxter stated proudly that she would like to continue teaching long enough to see all her students graduate from college. When her students are not prepared for class, she uses this as a teachable moment to advise them on collegiate behaviors and how

responsible college students must live. Her advice to young starting teachers is to stay patient and dedicated and good things will happen.

Thanks to Mrs. Baxter for all she does to support MLCS!



"Klassy" Kirkland

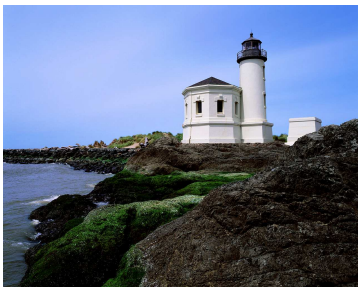
By Andrea Martin

Miss Kirkland is a Kindergarten teacher at Monument. She knew that she wanted to be an educator when she was only five years old. She also became an educator because she likes seeing children learn new things and move to the next grade. Miss Kirkland keeps her scholars engaged in the classroom by doing a lot of dancing and arts –

infusion. She also enjoys using the ActivBoard with her class, as well as PowerPoints and Flipcharts. Some advice Miss Kirkland gives to MLCS teachers is to be patient and calm with scholars.

She also says to be a risk-taker when it comes to instruction and try new things. When she came to MLCS she was very excited to meet our scholars and to see

the light bulbs come on in their heads every time they mastered a concept. Miss Kirkland has an endearing relationship with her scholars and hopes that they remember her for the rest of their lives.



"Only by giving are you able to receive more than what you already have." Jim Rohn



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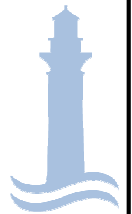
History and Vision

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

Top from left:

Kyren Gaddie, Teriyana Shelton, Stephanie Diaz-Muñoz, Jayla Williams, Nachele Jackson, Aaron Jackson, Airron Green, (not pictured) Andrea Martin

