



# Gary Lighthouse Charter School

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Taffy Apple Sale	NOW
TOWN HALL MEETING	10/7
COLUMBUS DAY (NO SCHOOL)	10/10
TUTORING FAIR	10/11-10-12
END OF 1ST QUARTER	10/14
Parent-Teacher Conferences (no school)	10/21
Harvest Dance	10/29

## THANK YOU PARENTS!

Thank you to the parents who came to the meeting on Monday night. We enjoyed answering all your questions and hope that the suggestions were useful.

According to the Parent Teacher Association, research shows that when parents are involved students have

- Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates ;
  - Better attendance;
  - Increased motivation, better self-esteem;
  - Lower rates of suspension;
  - Fewer instances of violent behavior.
- Parent involvement doesn't just mean

showing up at school...parents can be involved from home! Checking progress reports, motivating students to do homework, encouraging reading, and staying connected to school are some of the ways to stay involved with your child's education. Family participation in education was twice as predictive of students' academic success as socio-economic status. Please stay involved!!

Our next parent meeting will be October 11 at 4:30. We will be discussing our Response to Intervention program. There will also be a tutoring fair from 4:30-6:30. See below for more information.

### Don't Forget:

1. **Wednesdays we dismiss at 2:00—car riders must be picked up by 2:15.**
2. Update your emergency contact information when it changes!
3. Don't forget Parent Portal is available to all parents to see your scholar's grades.
4. Uniforms shirts are sold Fridays from 8-12.
5. To contact a teacher, enter first initial, last name

## TAFFY APPLE FUNDRAISER IN PROGRESS

### September 19-October 14

The cheerleader/pompon teams are hosting an Affy Tapple fundraiser. Fresh, crisp apples, buttery handmade caramel offset with delicious toppings will be available. Proceeds will go towards their activities and end-of-the-year program. The athletic department will be selling taffy apples later in October as well.

## FREE TUTORING!

Once again, Gary Lighthouse will offer free tutoring to students who meet the following requirements:

- are free/reduced Lunch;
- are non-proficient academically.

Federal law states that we must follow these guidelines when choosing students to enroll in tutoring services.

This year, 15 providers

are available to offer services to students. Many of the providers will offer services in the building, and transportation will be provided.

A letter will be sent home next week to students who qualify for tutoring. The mailing will include information on how to pick a provider.

To help with the selection process, we will have a

provider fair on October 11 and 12. Several of the tutoring organizations will be available to answer questions. **All tutoring forms must be returned by October 21.**

To find out if your child qualifies, call the school after Wednesday.

Kristina Shultz...Interim Principal  
 (tshultz@lighthouse-academies.org)  
 Andrea Granzow...Director of Instruction (K-4)  
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 Melissa Lafever...Director of Instruction (5-8)  
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 Erika Blackmon...Director of School Culture  
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 Terrell Lockett...Special Education  
 Erica Williams...Family Coordinator  
 Robin Danzy...Business Manager  
 Ralynn Crockett...Office Assistant



### Help our school!

- Are you saving your box tops and soup labels? Remember, the class that collects the most box tops/soup labels will get a pizza party (two classes might win!)
- If you have a Target card, you can contribute to our school. Go to [www.target.com](http://www.target.com), and enter *Take Charge of Education* for more information.
- Starbucks announced this week that for every bag of *Gold Coast* coffee you purchase beginning Monday, you will receive \$5.00 to donate to [donorschoose.org](http://donorschoose.org). Through this site, you can help a teacher (even some from our school) get items for their classrooms. For more information, visit [www.donorschoose.org/starbucks](http://www.donorschoose.org/starbucks).

### Fire Prevention Contest

Mr. Ferrell had our students recently complete fire prevention posters for the Gary Community Fire Prevention Contest. Congratulations to the following students who will compete on behalf of Gary Lighthouse:

- Allen A., 2nd grade
- Zarita J., 2nd grade
- John O., 2nd grade
- Briana T., 4th grade
- Maya G., 6th grade
- Destinee N., 6th grade



Congratulations students, and we're proud that you are representing us!

#### What is *Arts Infusion*?

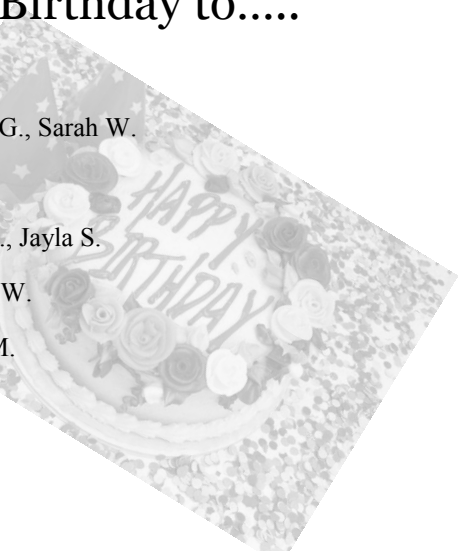
*"We prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused program."*

Arts infusion is the infusion of art (drama, visual art, movement, music, poetry, speech) into the everyday teaching and learning of the students. WHY? Research shows that providing creative ways of learning to students increases motivation and retention of information. At GLCS, we try to infuse arts into all subjects taught in the building, and the artwork our students produce is proudly displayed throughout the school. Next time you visit, come enjoy our "art galleries" that exist throughout the school!

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." ~John Dewey

### Happy Birthday to.....

- 10/1...Zaliyah G., Sarah W.
- 10/2...Sean H.
- 10/4...Nadia B., Jayla S.
- 10/5...Kashira W.
- 10/6...Ashya M.



### D.I.V.A.S.

D.I.V.A.S. will not meet on Monday, 10/3. We will meet on Friday 10/7 from 4-5. Thank you!  
~Ms. Calhoun

### GLCS Spartan Scrimmage Cut

Student lists were posted for scrimmage cuts for grades 4-6 boys basketball. The list is posted throughout the building. Scrimmage/practice will begin October 3rd, 5th, & 7th, 2011 from 4:00-5:30