



# Lighthouse Spotlight

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## Welcome to the New Year!

Greetings ECLCS families!

Welcome to 2012! The start of a new year always brings on new decisions, whether it be to eat healthier, work out more, or add a new hobby. The new year causes people to stop and reflect on their life and how to improve it.

Here at ECLCS, we use this time of reflection to get rejuvenated for the tough work ahead of the second semester. Our staff, students, and families are always committed to the task we have of preparing students for college graduation. The second semester helps us see where students are improving and places where we need to continue teaching.

Our third through sixth graders are busy preparing for ISTEP+.

There are two rounds of this test, the first is less than two months away with a start date of March 5th. The ISTEP is Indiana's way of measuring the success of our school and where are students are in relationship to grade level standards. Our scholars have been preparing for these assessments all year, but now is time to get extra focused to ensure they're ready to rock the test.

Each day at ECLCS is another day to help scholars work hard in order to help them get smarter. We believe in the potential of each of our scholars to graduate from college. We look forward to continuing this work in 2012!

SHINE ON!

Mrs. Ivy Wendell



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

### Important Dates

**Friday, January 13th:** No school, Parent Teacher Conferences

**Friday, January 20th:** Upper Academy Dance

**Tuesday, January 31st:** 3:15– Town Hall Meeting

**Tuesday, January 31st:** 5:00: Parent Advisory Board Meeting

## Heard Around Campus

- January is a very busy month for testing at ECLCS. Scholars will be taking Acuity, NWEA, and mClass assessments. Please ensure your child is on time to school and gets plenty of rest. This will ensure they are ready to tackle each day with their best effort.
- The raffle is almost here! Each year we hold a large fundraising raffle to help send our fourth graders to Camp Tecumseh and our sixth graders to Indianapolis. These overnight field trips are critical to the instructional program here at ECLCS. Look for more information at Parent Teacher Conferences next Friday.
- Reminder regarding drop off times: The school does not open for stu-

dents until 7:30. We do not have staff members who are able to monitor students before this time, therefore they are not able to enter the building. Students who arrive before 7:30 will be asked to wait outside the main gate until the school day begins at 7:30. If you have any questions, please contact the main office.

- Please ensure your child has a plain navy or white sweater to wear in the building if they are feeling cold in the building. Scholars may not wear coats or other colored sweaters in the school building.
- The third annual ECLCS Talent Show is coming in February! We'll be holding auditions soon...look for information in upcoming Friday packets.

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