

Monument
Lighthouse
Charter School

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Charter School**
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Upcoming Events:

October 28:

**9:30 a.m. Grades K-4
Town Hall**

**2:30 p.m. Grades 5-7
Town Hall**

**6-8 p.m. MLCS Annual
Fall Festival**

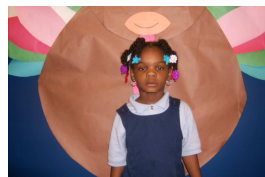
**October 31:
Halloween Parade**

Pumpkin Carving Contest



MLCS Blogspot: What does the LHA Core Value, “Today is the day we make it happen,” mean to you?

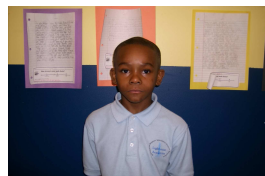
By Nachele Jackson and
Jayla Wilson



Jirah Wimbley from Miss Kirkland’s Kindergarten class says, “It means to do all my work and continue to make great things happen.”



Walter Harris from Miss. Coyle’s 1st grade class says, “It means to have better behavior and make exceptional grades.”



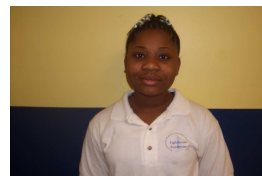
Aron Cummings from Mrs. Bennett’s 2nd grade class explains, “Excel in school and learn by executing science projects to the best of my ability.”



Antonio Hamilton from Miss Kline’s 3rd grade class says, “Work harder even when you think you cannot go any-more...never give up.”



Makaela Martin from Mrs. Baxter’s 4th grade class declares, “It means when the teacher says we are going to do work you better do it with no hesitation!”



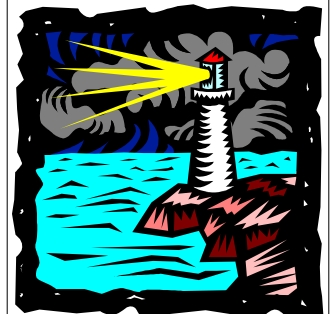
Keyesha Harris from Mrs. Cook’s 5th grade class states, “Be relentless about achieving your dreams.”



Malika Young from Ms. Woods’s 6th grade class explains, “Work competitively and know that we strive to be a community.”



Jonathan Washington from Mrs. Maldonado’s 7th grade class says, “It means don’t let anyone or anything stop you from doing your best to make your dreams happen today.”



School Information Station

By Teriyana Shelton

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The MLCS Harvest Festival will be Friday, October 28th from 6 to 8 pm. The events that will be showcased are: nail painting, football toss, free throw, cookie decorating, jump rope contest, hula hoop contest, obstacle course, bounce house, 1 on 1 basketball tournament, "guess how much the pumpkin weighs" contest, and pony rides! MLCS College Prep Academy (CPA) will be helping at each station. Parents are encouraged to help as well. **MLCS is in need of candy donations.** For more information on donating, or to

volunteer, call Mrs. Evans at (317) 897-2472

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.

ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mr. Campbell would like MLCS families to know that he has an "open door" policy regarding sharing information about IEP's with them. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact him at (317) 897-2472.



World Series Stats!

By Kyren Gaddie

On Monday October 24, 2011, the St. Louis Cardinals faced off with the Texas Rangers. With a historical ending to the game, the Cardinals went home with a head-scratching loss.

Apparently, the Cards' pitching staff became confused about which relief pitcher was supposed to come out of the bull pen. This cost them the game as the Rangers went up 3-2 in the series.

While the St. Louis Cardinals and the Texas Rangers are going head to head this week for a World Series title, Monday night's amazing mess up on the Cardinals's pitching staff may have cost them a moment in baseball history, as the Rangers are now only one win away from a championship.

Game 6 was postponed until Thursday, October 27 due to heavy rain in the St. Louis area. When the two teams finally tipped off, St. Louis ended up winning

Game 6 by a surprising third strike effort scoring with a homerun at the bottom of the 8th inning. Game 7 will be Friday night at 8 pm on FOX! Who will win?



Death of a Champion

On October 23, 2011, Indianapolis and IndyCar Racing said an emotional "goodbye" to two-time Indy 500 racer, Dan Wheldon. During the MLCS Fall Break, Wheldon died tragically in an IndyCar race in Las Vegas, Nevada. His car got caught in a 15-car pileup on one of the most narrow racetracks in the IndyCar series. Wheldon was actually participating in the race in hopes of winning a cash charity prize for a deserving fan.

Wheldon was unable to avoid the pileup and without much room to maneuver around the track, his car clipped another racer and went hurtling into the air. It was later determined that Wheldon died of blunt force trauma to the head during the collision.

Without matters of blame being settled, IndyCar racing is currently seeking safer means of engineering vehicles and tracks. Many IndyCar racers have spoken out against driving on oval racetracks because of

the dangers to drivers. For more information, go to <http://www.usatoday.com/sports/motor/indycar/story/2011-10-16/las-vegas-300-dan-wheldon-crash/50795256/1>.



About Special Education Director, Mr. Campbell

By Andrea Martin

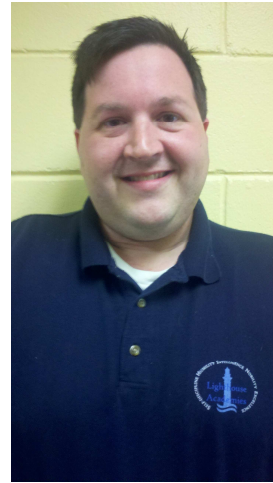
Mr. Campbell describes his responsibility at MLCS as making sure the school stays in compliance with all state and federal laws regarding exceptional students. He also ensures that all students with Individual Education Plans (IEP's) receive necessary accommodations for their learning. Mr. Campbell supports teachers to do their personal best to service all scholars. He has been with Monument for three years and

enjoys spending time at the campus.

Mr. Campbell has seen a tremendous amount of academic growth; not just with the special education scholars, but also with all scholars overall at MLCS.

Mr. Campbell is inspired to be an educator because he knows that all students can learn even though all scholars learn differently. Mr. Campbell states, "All scholars are capable of doing great things and hopefully will one day be college

graduates." He is proud of teachers at Monument that go the extra mile to provide the necessary accommodations and modifications to ensure that scholars are successful.



Music in the "Hood"

By Airron Green and Aaron Jackson

Mrs. Hood is the MLCS music teacher. When asked what inspired her to teach music she stated, "When I was a little girl I was pushed to my musical limits." This consistency from her parents prepared her to be a fantastic teacher and for her to support the scholars that inspire her daily.

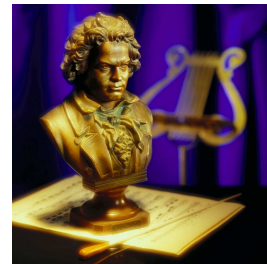
Mrs. Hood said that being at MLCS was an opportunity of a lifetime. She took that opportunity and worked relentlessly. She has been teaching MLCS scholars for two years and loves it!

Mrs. Hood attended Illinois Wesleyan University and Ball State University. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Music. When asked how she teaches all of the music standards with so little time in each class, she stated that she teaches

the most important information and puts it into chunks so MLCS scholars learn music successfully. MLCS scholars truly love music and Mrs. Hood.



"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly."
Langston Hughes





Club Director: Mrs. Maldonado
Club Journalists: Nachele Jackson, Kyren Gaddie, Stephanie Diaz-Muñoz, Aaron Jackson, Airron Green, Teriyana Shelton, Jayla Wilson, Andrea Martin

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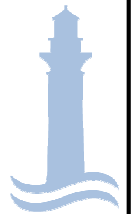
History and Vision

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

