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MLCS Blogspot: Who is your greatest inspiration and why?

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Upcoming Events:

Oct. 7: End of 1st
Quarter

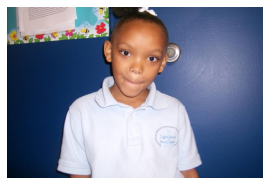
Oct. 10-21: Fall Break

Oct. 21: Parent/
Teacher Conf. Day

MLCS requires 100%
parent participation on
Parent/Teacher Confer-
ence Day!



By Nachele Jackson and
Jayla Wilson



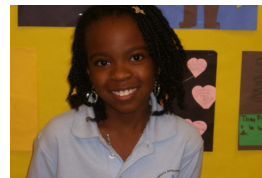
Jakyra Garner from Ms. Kirkland's
Kindergarten class says, "My mom
because she helps me with my
homework so I can make good
grades."



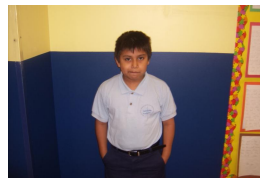
Alire Canardal from Miss
Miranda's 1st grade class explains,
"My aunt, my mom, and my daddy
are my inspirations. They want me
to become a good person in the
world."



Kaitlann Whitney from Mrs. Ben-
nett's 2nd grade class says, "My
mom because she wants me to
learn and have a better future."



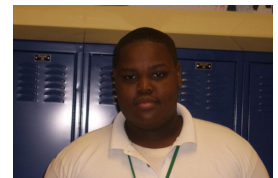
Zaanya Young from Mrs. Rogers'
3rd grade class says, "My mom is
my inspiration because she encour-
ages me to achieve high standards."



Cristian Juarez from Mrs. Baxter's
4th grade class says, "My cousin
Larry is a great inspiration. He
supports me with my homework
which helps me get good grades."



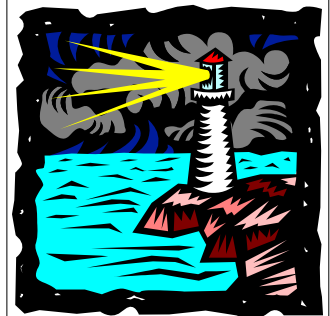
Danikqua Lasley from Mrs.
Black's 5th grade class states, "My
mom is an incredible inspiration
because she is there for me when I
get in trouble and redirects my
behavior. This helps me focus in
school so I get my education."



Aldrich Powe from Ms. Woods's
6th grade class explains, "My mom
is my biggest inspiration. She
helps me and wants me to have a
better life."



Valencia Fields from Mrs.
Maldonado's 7th grade class says,
"My big sister inspires me because
she is always challenging me to do
greater things."



**PARENTS AND FAMILY
MEMBERS SHINE THE WAY
FOR OUR SCHOLARS!**

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.



Baseball Bash!

By Kyren Gaddie

On Friday October 7, 2011, at 5 p.m. the Arizona Diamondbacks are playing Game 5 against the Milwaukee Brewers. The game will take place at Miller Park in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. While the Diamondbacks lead the National League Division Series (NLDS) in comeback wins this past season, the Brewers and DBacks are tied in the series 2-2! Other teams in

the NLDS playoffs are the Philadelphia Phillies and the St. Louis Cardinals. In the American League Division Series (ALDS), other teams playing for a spot in the World Series are the New York Yankees, Detroit Tigers, Texas Rangers, and Tampa Bay Rays. All playoff games are aired on TBS and TNT. Our scholars and their families can watch post game coverage on <http://mlb.mlb.com/index.jsp>.



Fall Festivals

By Stephanie Diaz-Muñoz

All kinds of Fall Festivals are celebrated here in Indiana. One of the festivals that is popular is the Riley Festival in Greenfield. The Riley Festival takes place at 312 E. Maine Street, Greenfield, IN. This festival runs from Thursday 10/06 to Sunday 10/11. It features fine arts, crafts, a flea market, and parades.

Another fall festival in Indiana is the Waterman's Farm Market Festival. It has two locations; one is at 7010 E. Raymond Street on the south side of Indianapolis. The other site is in Greenwood, IN at 1100 N. New State Rd. 37. Some of the events at this festival include pedal cars, corn maze, pumpkin spinner, touch-a-tractor, and a bounce house.

For more information visit <http://www.indiana105.com/promotions/76->

[promotions/14264-2011-fall-festivals-in-indiana.html](http://www.indiana105.com/promotions/76-promotions/14264-2011-fall-festivals-in-indiana.html) and <http://watermansfarmmarket.com/events/fall-harvest-festival/>



About 2nd Grade Teacher, Mrs. Heaton

By Aaron Jackson

Mrs. Heaton is a 2nd grade teacher at MLCS. She came to Lighthouse because she was a member of the Teach for America program. She wanted to teach in an urban area.

Mrs. Heaton was inspired to be a teacher because she had excellent teachers when she was in school. I asked Mrs. Heaton how she engages scholars and she said, "We talk about colleges and why it's important to be in school. Scholars do fun activities to make learning enjoyable."

Mrs. Heaton attended Anderson University. She chose AU because it was a Christian college and it was in the Midwest. She actually majored in non-profit organizations.

Mrs. Heaton graduated Cum Laude and made the Dean's List every semester. One of her major achievements was speaking to college students about visiting the country of Uganda, Africa. But, her greatest achievement was becoming a teacher and making a difference in the lives of scholars. We are thankful for

having Mrs. Heaton to inspire the young scholars at MLCS!



Cooper "Rocks" the House!

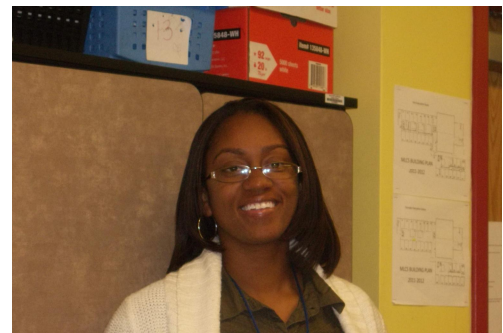
By Airron Green and Andrea Martin

Mrs. Cooper helps organize the afternoon R.O.C.K.S. program. This program is for grades 4-8 and ages 10-14 and its focus is to provide drug awareness and prevention. Mrs. Cooper has scheduled study time, Drug Jr. All-Stars, Want to Bet, and other fun informative activities. In order to participate scholars must show good self-discipline because there will also be field trips offered.

Mrs. Cooper states that the R.O.C.K.S. program helps scholars by educating them on what choices they should make as they grow older. R.O.C.K.S. offers impeccable training in life skills and is relevant to young scholars.

R.O.C.K.S. stands for Recreational, Objective lessons, Cultural, and Knowledge. This program also offers tutoring and meets at Monument from October 25-December 14, 2011 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6:30 pm. For more

information, contact Mrs. Cooper at 317-897-2472.



Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up.
Jesse Jackson





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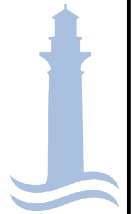
History and Vision

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

