



Lighthouse Highlights

April 13th, 2012

Important Dates

**April 16th ACTAAP
blowout**

**April 19th Honor Roll
Assembly**

April 20th JLCS Voice

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provement Plan can be
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website*

Message from Mr. Whitfield, Lead Principal

**Its all about the 4th quar-
ter!**

For those of us who watch sports, we know that the 4th quarter is the most important time of the game. We are now entering our 4th academic quarter, and this is the most important part of our academic year.

We will have our annual carnival, field day, talent shows, science fair, and spring sports, but we will also have our last round of NWEA testing which will yield our growth scores for the year. As a school we have a mission of growing all scholars 1.5 years every year. The fourth quarter is when we measure this progress. Given this, we need

to make sure that scholars are still attending school everyday, we need to be sure we don't plan vacations prior to the end of the school year. The 4th quarter is not a throw away academic time. At JLCS learning and academics take place till the very last day of school.

We appreciate your support in making our 4th academic quarter a positive, fun, and educational time.

Mark the dates!

As we approach the end of the year, we will have several important activities. There will be field trips, field days, celebrations, TLI exams, and the NWEA test. Please pay close attention to your scholars class newsletters to stay aware of important upcoming dates.

**Honor roll and ACTAAP
blowout**

We will have our 3rd quarter Honor Roll assembly on Thursday, April 19th. The Lower Academy (1-4) will have their assembly at 1:00 pm and the Upper Academy (5-8) will conduct their assembly at 2:30 pm.

To reward our scholars and teachers for their hard work in completing the end of the year benchmark exams, we will have an ACTAAP blowout on Monday April 16th at 1:30 pm. We need volunteers to help run the various booths and activities we have planned for the scholars. If your interested in volunteering please contact your scholars homeroom teacher.

Message from CPA Principal Chris Carter

As we look past benchmark exams we see the opportunity for our scholars to continue developing their mastery of vital academic knowledge and skills. We know that benchmarks only mark a moment in time where students must show mastery. If our scholars are to excel in school and life they must embrace all moments of learning, whether it is reading a book during transitions between classes or completing their homework after dinner. One area of focus I will be highlighting with scholars over the next week is turning in all homework completed and on time. What we noticed in stepping back on this past quarter is that most scholars had at least one missing or

one incomplete assignment. When students take full advantage of their homework assignments and complete them on time they are better prepared to embrace the learning that follows that homework in class. We want all scholars to realize this!

In addition to reflecting on homework completion I also started thinking about scholar GPAs in high school. In grades 9-12, scholar grade point average (GPA) follows them to the college admissions process. One of the strongest indicators of a student's ability to gain entrance into a 4 year college is their GPA.

Most colleges look for students with a 3.0 or higher, which is equivalent to a B. This means that if a scholar has missing homework or incomplete homework on more than 2 or 3 occasions they could be at risk of having a GPA at or below 3.0.

This can make their college aspirations difficult to achieve if they are inconsistent about homework completion.

We want all scholars to be able to complete homework in a timely manner. Please reach out to your scholar's teachers if you have questions about any homework assignments.

Shining Stars-We are all Shining Stars

Given that we have been testing over the last two weeks, we wanted to recognize all our scholars for their hard work. All of our scholars are SHINING STARS!!!

Special Announcement!!!!!!
Our Scholars recently collected money for the Change Angel Program which support Arkansas Children's Hospital. As a school we collected over \$1290.00 and our winning classes are listed below. We would like to thank our parents and families for supporting our efforts to be Change

Angels.

Overall winner

Mrs. Gill \$416.46

Lower Academy

Mrs. Brooks \$121.21

Upper Academy

Mrs. Sawyer \$143.67

Message from the Director of Instruction. Tom Kloske

Parents/Guardians and Scholars ACTAAP is over, but school is not

You can be proud, your scholars behaved very well the entire week during the statewide, benchmark (ACTAAP) test; at least I speak for those 8th-graders I tested. Now we have to wait for the results, but we're confident that they will SHINE! We realize that it's Spring

and many get "Spring Fever" (including teachers), and we understand that it's baseball, softball, and soon to be swimming season, but school is still in session for about 2 more months, so please remind your scholar(s) to be on their "best behavior" the rest of the year. This is a critical time of the year, so please make learning paramount!

We have numerous activities planned, including some fun activities as well, such as a ACTAAP blow-out celebration.....thanks to Mrs. Brooks! She is worked hard to reward our scholars this coming Monday afternoon

Message from the Director of Instruction. Greg Jones

Greetings, as we head into the final sprint to summer many of us associated with schools, from scholars' to teachers' and principals, begin to struggle as "spring fever" kicks in. Please help us make sure that all scholars are finishing the school year strong and following the dress code especially when the weather gets warmer. We also could use your help to remind scholars of shirts being tucked in at all times. More importantly, please continue to monitor your scholars' academic progress throughout the end of the school year. You can use the Power

School, and emails to communicate with teachers regarding academic and behavior issues.

Here at Lighthouse Academies, our doors are always open, and we encourage you to come in and take a look around. We believe it truly does take an entire team of adults to make our scholars' successful. Here at JLCS, our teachers, staff, and volunteers work incredibly hard to make a difference in the lives of your scholars'. At home, our parents, family, and community members support that work and

reinforce the learning and expectations we have set for this great school. In closing....***Let's Not Stop Until the Finish Line is Reached***