



## LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY AT NEWBURG

### **Launch Celebration for Lighthouse Academy at Newburg**

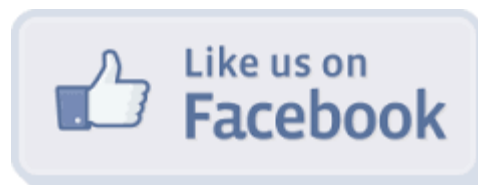


On Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, a Launch Celebration for the Academy at Newburg was held from 4:30-5:30pm. An outdoor unveiling of the new name and signage was attended by Governor Matt Bevin and Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton along with Jefferson County School Superintendent Donna Hargens and other local dignitaries. At the indoor presentation, the Lighthouse Academy scholars entertained the attendees and listened as Governor Bevin and Lt. Governor Hampton spoke of leadership and following your dreams wherever they may take you.

Governor Bevin complimented the Lighthouse scholars on their demeanor as leaders noting that many of the youth maintained excellent eye contact, firm handshakes, and attentive manners. Lt. Governor Hampton shared details of her childhood and her love of books which ultimately led to her college and career choices. Both Governor Bevin and Lt. Governor Hampton complimented the scholars on their desire to learn and the Lighthouse staff for their dedication to providing a safe environment for the youth to grow and pursue their goals.



Per Al Kirkpatrick, Board Chair at Lighthouse Academy, the new name more accurately reflects the focused attention on learning and education while respecting the efforts of all the children attending classes and activities. The Lighthouse Academy at Newburg fully recognizes each student as they work hard at increasing their learning skills, social skills and becoming leaders in their community.



## **GYM ACTIVITIES UPDATE**



The Lighthouse Athletic Center would like to welcome our new gym coordinator, Eugene Davis. Eugene comes to us with experience in managing after- school gym activities as a volunteer with Metro Parks basketball and football leagues. He was also a basketball player with Shawnee High School from 2001 to 2005.

Eugene grew up in the west end of Louisville and participated in many activities at the Portland Community Center as a youth. He remembers those days and the positive impact the Community Center made on his life and is eager to start “giving back” as our Gym Coordinator.

Basketball league play began January 30, 2016. Currently, there are a total of four teams per age group with 48 Lighthouse Scholars participating on teams. Basketball players learn basic game skills in addition to being coached by role models who exemplify positive life choices. Many of the participants go on to play on their school teams after gaining confidence in their on-court skills. In addition to athletics, each member gains the experience of playing on a team and working for common goals.



## **DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, DEBBIE NICHOLS, JOINS LIGHTHOUSE**

The Lighthouse Academy at Newburg would like to welcome our new Development Director, Deborah Nichols. Debbie comes to us with a B. A. from Marshall University and training from the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. She has 18 years of leadership experience in nonprofit fundraising and management, most recently with Family Ark in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

## **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

This year's winter closing program was one of the best to date. Parents, friends, and Board Members were on hand to listen to the musical program and watch Santa give out gift cards donated by members of Christ Church United Methodist.

The students prepared with hours of practice to present both a choral and instrument medley of favorite carols.



## **Administrative Assistant Welcome**

The Lighthouse Academy at Newburg would like to welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Cleopatra Buckner. Cleopatra comes to us with a B.S. Degree in Workforce Leadership from the University of Louisville. She is retired from the Kentucky Air National Guard where she supported many functions such as Recruiting & Retention, Human Resources and the Chaplaincy.



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## **FUNDRAISER AND SOCIAL EVENT**

A Lighthouse Center fundraiser was held at the Middletown Marks Feed Store, 11422 Shelbyville Road on Thursday January 28, 2016. Marks Feed Store has been voted the Best of Louisville for both barbecue and ribs nine times and has a strong record of giving back to the community. The Lighthouse Center received 25% of all total sales when a Lighthouse flyer was presented. A total of \$158.49 was raised while attendees enjoyed delicious Southern comfort food.

## **OUTDOOR FUNDRAISER SUCCESS**

Steve Milam attended the January Lighthouse Board Meeting where he reported on his annual Outdoor Adventure fundraiser. Steve hikes into a secluded wooded area during the week between Christmas and New Years with only the supplies he can carry in on his back. Supporters pledge donations. Steve has collected \$5500.00 so far from donations to the Outdoor Adventure that he did this year. This is an extremely worthy project that not many of us would be willing to do. Camping out in the cold for several days with only the supplies you can carry in is not easy. As a UL fan, Steve missed both the UL Bowl game and the UL/UK basketball game to accomplish his goal! We all greatly appreciate his efforts. Hats off to you, Steve!

## **Annual Lighthouse Walk**

The Annual Lighthouse Walk fundraiser will be held on Saturday, June 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Petersburg Park, 5008 E. Indian Trail.

All proceeds benefit the Lighthouse Academy at Newburg. Anyone who collects a minimum of \$50 will receive a free tee-shirt the day of the event.

Contact any Lighthouse Board member for a Walk Brochure or go to our Website at [www.thelighthousecenter.org](http://www.thelighthousecenter.org) to download a brochure.



## **Lighthouse Scholar Shirts**

All Lighthouse Academy students received a new T-shirt prior to the launch event identifying them as Lighthouse scholars. The design and color were chosen by the students. All staff members were also presented with a polo shirt.



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## **2016 Summer Program Plans**

Lighthouse Academy's summer program begins June 13, 2016. A total of 115 students have enrolled to date. Final registration deadline is May 19<sup>th</sup>. An entertaining and educational curriculum is planned with the theme "Super Summer". Student attendees will prepare dishes grown from vegetables they planted and tended, take field trips to areas of interest, and engage in science experiments and learning opportunities.

## **GED Program Graduates Student**

Thanks to the Lighthouse Academy's GED program and generosity, we have our 4th GED graduate! This brings the total number successfully completing the program to 7 graduates for the year of 2016. The most recent graduate is connected to JCTC to begin college classes. Another student was recently linked to KY Manufacturing where he will work on a welding certification program while studying for his GED. The adult education classes would like to extend time at Lighthouse until June 10<sup>th</sup> before the Lighthouse Academy summer program begins. The extra time will assist students who are close to completion of their GED or need to earn an upgrade on the TABE test (Test of Adult Basic Education) which is used by the state to fund our program.

## **Tutoring Opportunities**

**1 On 1 Tutors** work with elementary students on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 at the Lighthouse Academy. Thanks to the number who have volunteered to work with the same student at least once a month, 11 students are able to meet each week with a caring adult who is committed to their success, especially in improved reading skills which is something JCPS is stressing in their 3rd grade reading pledge. They help them with their homework, read with them, play games with them and basically are just a friendly encouragement to them. If you would like to be a tutor, just contact Lighthouse at 964-5909 and speak with Cynthia Overall.

## **SCHEDULED EVENTS:**

**June 13- July 14: Summer Program M-Th 8:30am-3pm**

**June 25: Lighthouse Walk, Petersburg Park, 9am-11:30am**

**August 6: Annual Health and Back to School Fair, 10am-1pm**

**August 20: Annual Golf Scramble and Silent Auction**

**September 15: Give Local Louisville, 24 hour on-line event**