

August 2014

## Lighthouse News

Fall is almost here...again!



It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over and a new school year will soon begin. We are so excited to have you with us for this 2014/2015 school year. By now, you should have gotten your fall folder with all of the information for the new school year. *Open House is Thursday, August 7th, from 5-7 p.m.* With the new school year beginning, there are a few reminders we would like to share with you.

- \* Tuition is due by the close of Tuesday evenings. By Wednesday morning, it is considered late and there is a \$25. late fee.
- \* Children may not be dropped off between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- Only store bought items are allowed for classroom parties and birthdays.
- \* Our center is closed as of 6:30 p.m.-please be sure to pick up your children on time to avoid a late pick-up fee.
- \* There is a monthly \$20. charge for Watch Me Grow.
- \* Immunizations must be turned in by their expiration date or your child may not return to school. A reminder notice of when they are due will be sent home at least 30 days in advance.

Thank you!

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### Special Dates of Interest

- August 7th—Open House from 5-7 p.m.
- August 18th

  First Day of School



### **Fall Festival News**

August may just be starting, but our October Heroes Unmasked Fall Festival is already in the works. Our one and only fundraiser is the fall festival silent auction. Each classroom has a themed basket you can donate items to. The baskets will then be auctioned off during our festival. Some families have already made a

donation for our silent auctionthank you so much! The big event is Saturday, October 18th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Come and be a hero and join us for the games, bounce houses, delicious food, silent auction, music and more! Costumes are welcome!

### Join us on Thursday, August 7th, from 5-7 p.m. for our Open House!!

# Pat-A-Cake Pat A Cake, Pat A Cake. Bakers Man, Bake Me A Cake as fast as you can... 2

### Infants I, II & III - Rooms 1, 2, 3

Theme: Open and Close

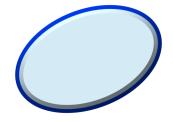
Baby sign: Diaper

Shape: Oval

Song: Good Morning To You

Color: Blue

Nursery Rhyme: Pat-A-Cake



As we begin the 2013-2014 school year, we would like to send a warm welcome out to everyone! We are excited to have your baby here and we are looking forward to becoming a part of your family. We know that leaving your baby for the first time can be scary. We strive to help ease this tension with constant communication. Be sure to check your child's daily report as this is one way that we can communicate to you about your child's day and / or needs. As always, feel free to call us throughout the day if you have any questions or concerns. .We are planning a great new school year!

This month, our infants will be learning about the concepts of open and close. Included in this concept we will be touching on the object performance. Simple games such as peek-a-boo or hiding a toy rattle under a blanket will help your baby understand that even though you may not be able to see something, it is still there. Check out the parent postcard located outside the classroom doors to find other activities that will reinforce what your baby is learning.

A couple friendly reminders:

Please remember to update your child's monthly feeding chart by the first day of each month, this will keep us updated.

Please remember to label all of your child's belongings (especially bottles).

Thank you all very much and we hope you have a blessed month!

Ms. Tasha, Ms. Joy, Miss Christina T., Ms. Bibi, Ms. Kelly



August 18th - First Day of School

### Toddlers - Rooms 4, 11 & 12

Theme: Big Animals
Baby sign: Diaper

Shape: Oval

Song: Good Morning To You

Color: Blue

Nursery Rhyme: Pat-A-Cake



Summer is almost over and the new school year is about to begin! It has been a pleasure teaching your children this summer. We wish your family the best of luck as you start your child's next milestone.

A couple general and water day reminders:

- Please make sure to take all sheets and blankets home to wash every Friday, and return them on Monday.
- Please bring your child in already dressed in a swimsuit with water shoes on water day.
- Make sure sun block is applied before coming to the center, if possible.
- Also, please make sure EVERYTHING is labeled.

Open House is on Thursday, August 7th from 5-7 p.m. The first day of school is on August 18th. Sincerely.

Ms. Danielle, Miss Becky, Ms. Lourdes, Ms. Janice and Miss Melanie

### 2's - Rooms 5 & 13

Weekly Summer Themes: California and Texas

The kids had a blast in July learning about Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon and New York. They had fun eating snow cones, playing in our splash pad, talking about skyscrapers, and creating potato art. Our special visitors made sure the kids had so much fun, especially Playball, the bounce house and Pro Kid Magic.

In August, as the summer comes to an end, we thank you for joining us this summer and we hope you had a great time! In August, we have a bounce house and Play Ball coming to visit.

Please refer to your summer calendar for your water play days.

Our open house for the new year is on Thursday, August 7h from 5-7 p.m. The first day of school is on August 18th. Make sure you pick up your fall folder from the front office. This has lots of important information for the new school year.

Thank you for all of your help, and if you ever have any questions, please feel free to ask us!

Ms. Tracy, Miss Amanda J., Miss Dianemarie & Miss Tiffany



### 3's - Rooms 14, 15 & 16

Weekly Summer Themes: California and Texas

The kids had a blast in July learning about Florida, Kansas, Arizona and New York. They had fun eating snow cones, making pizza, talking about the beach, making pizza and much more. Our special visitors made sure the kids had so much fun, especially the Fun Bus, Mr. Richard's and Scott the magician.

In August, as the summer comes to an end, we thank you for joining us this summer and we hope you had a great time! In August, we have a bounce house and Play Ball coming to visit. Please refer to your summer calendar for your water play days. It sure has been hot out, so please remember to bring your sunscreen.

Our open house for the new year is on Thursday, August 7th from 5-7 p.m. The first day of school is on August 18th. This is when the children will move to their new room. Make sure you pick up your fall folder from the front office. This has lots of important information for the new school year.

Thank you for all of your help, and if you ever have any questions, please feel free to ask us!

Ms. Amanda T., Ms. Heather, Miss Lunisha & Ms. Kim

### 4's - Rooms 10, 6, 7

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In August, as the summer comes to an end, we thank you for joining us this summer and we hope you had a great time! In August, we have a bounce house and Autumn Oaks Farm coming to visit. Please refer to your summer calendar for your water play days.

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"Please bring your child in already dressed in their swimsuit with water shoes on water day, which is specified in the summer calendar."



### **Summer Calendar for July**







	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
					1 W.O. Five Planes Fire & Rescue
California	4 Twin Tiger Ice Cream Water Day	5 Library & Park The Sound of FIG Newton	6 W.O. Five OPEN HOUSE 5-7	7	8 Legolano
Wacky Week	11 Twin Tiger Ice Cream Water Day	Let's Skate	13	14 Mc Donald's	15
	18 1st Day of School	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29

### Schoolers - Rooms 8 & 17

July was a very exciting month! Our field trips to Chocolate Kingdom, the Mascot games and Let's Skate were lots of fun. You may not know, but we write in our summer journals every day. We write about what we liked best for that week and share with one another what we have learned about each theme. As the summer comes to an end, and as we get ready to go back to school, we would like to thank all of you for sharing your summer days with us. We have had a blast with your children each day and look forward to it again next year. Our last month of the summer will be an awesome one, with going to the movies, McDonald's and Legoland, just to name a few. Our open house is

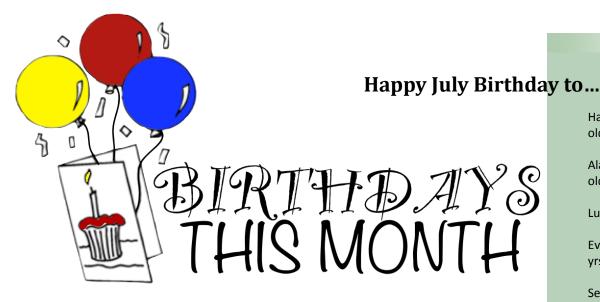
on Thursday, August 7th from 5-7 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to visit the front desk and we will be glad to help you! Sincerely,

Miss Jennifer, Miss Katherine N. & Miss



"Our summer journey is coming to a close!"





Looks who's celebrating!!

### **Teacher's Anniversaries**

### Happy Staff Anniversary to...

Ms. Shanna 9 years, Ms. Ratisha 6 years, Ms. Heather 5 years & Ms. Amanda T. 1 yr.

**Character Development: Honesty** 

Halynn P. 8/6 3 yrs. old

Alayna R. 8/6 6 yrs old

Luke G. 8/7 1 yr. old

Everleigh R. 8/8 3 yrs. old

Sebastian C. 8/10 4 yrs. old

Kevin S. 8/10 2 yrs. old

Liilian D. 8/12 9 yrs. old

Princess R. 8/13 5 yrs. old

Steve B. 8/16 7 yrs. old

Klayton M. 8/19 3 yrs. old

Harrison G. 8/20 4 yrs. old

Lucas H. 8/21 5 yrs. old

Leila F. 8/25 3 yrs. old

Luke B. 8/27 4 yrs. old

Chloe O. 8/29 2 yrs.

### Childrens Lighthouse

Our mission at Childrens Lighthouse is to provide safe, quality, loving care and educational services. We aspire to promote the positive development of young children in all areas of growth including social, emotional, intellectual, physical, and creative. We commit to the most comprehensive educational materials available. Childrens Lighthouse offers a nurturing environment designed to foster security and happiness. Our staff is dedicated to giving parents "peace of mind."

### **People of Faith News**

Families of the Lighthouse,

Welcome! My name is Rick Kristoff and I am pastor at People of Faith Lutheran Church (who owns the lighthouse). I also want you to know that my daughter attends Lighthouse as well as your child/children, and we (my wife Tracy and myself) are blessed because of it. We have been part of this faith community since January 1, 2014. We were living in California before coming to Florida, and we are so blessed to be here.

We are glad you are here! When I first toured the Lighthouse and heard how it began through prayer and journaling, I was amazed not only with the building, but with the dedication of the staff, and all that happens here on a daily basis. It is so easy to tell others about the Lighthouse because great things are easy to share.

Just a couple of items I would like to share with you.

We are here to serve you. How can I, as pastor, or we as People of Faith assist you? Give me a call sometime if you want to talk. I am @ #559-300-2179. I do weddings, pre-marriage counseling (using the Prepare and Enrich program), funerals, general counseling, and just enjoy listening. We will keep you updated on different events the church has during the year and you are ALWAYS INVITED to COME AND SEE for yourselves.

I also want to invite you to COME AND SEE us on Sunday mornings. Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 (traditional) and 10:45 (which is more contemporary). We have a qualified Lighthouse staff person who tends the nursery for young children <u>and</u> we have just added a "creation station" to our services as well. The station takes place during the message in the services, and kids are welcome to come to an area in the worship center and create an "offering" (craft, coloring sheet, etc.) for Jesus to be put in the offering plate. This is a way for kids to be part of and even make an offering for the worship experience (they can get their "creation" back after worship to take home).

If there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to call me.

God bless you and your family and have an awesome school year!

Pastor Rick

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