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Student Spotlight

The heart of Lighthouse Academy at Newburg will always be our students. It was my great pleasure to sit down and chat with our first student spotlight, Lily. Lily is an eighth grader who is in her first and last year at Lighthouse Academy. Lily was able to sit with me after dinner at Lighthouse to share more about herself, her goals in life, and how Lighthouse has impacted her.

Lily, 15, loves science, writing, and art. She loves those areas so much she has decided to become an animator when she grows up. "I know it's going to take a little bit to learn how animation works but I'm willing to learn that and take courses because I want to become an animator." While attending Lighthouse Academy at Newburg, she talks about how much she'll miss Lighthouse and the people that work here after she leaves this year. When asked how Lighthouse has impacted her, she talks specifically about the impact that the tutors have had on her morally. "Ms. Barbara, she teaches us a lot of things. We usually laugh and chuckle, but in all seriousness, she teaches us some things that she's been through and things we can take away. She'll tell me something that I'll take home with me and I'll think about it." Lily said.

As we talked, Lily told me a favorite memory from her time at Lighthouse. She loved the Valentine's party and seeing how everything was so decorated. When asked what she would miss the most, she replied, "I'm going to miss everything. Because everything (here) is really important to me."



Upcoming Dates

Fall Programming Last Day
5/12/22

Summer Camp
6/06/22 - 6/30/22

Back to School & Health Fair
8/06/22

Middletown Masters Golf
Scramble (Lighthouse is the
Benefiting Charity)
8/15/22

Give for Good Louisville
9/15/22





A Guide to Giving

A FOUR PART SERIES SHOWCASING WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

Lighthouse Academy at Newburg opened its doors in 1999. Sprouting from a small idea and growing into an independent nonprofit organization, our mission has always been to serve youth in our community through academic assistance, homework help and spiritual/emotional development. This four part series will introduce you to the benefits of giving and the ways you can help Lighthouse Academy at Newburg grow.

Giving often sounds like an intimidating task. Many feel like giving is only done through large sums of money or through a complicated process. However, this is a common misconception. Any donation, big or small, plays a vital impact to our mission. Giving can be easy and has many positive benefits to the donor and community. Becoming a Lighthouse Academy donor helps us to provide our students high quality homework assistance, wellbeing care and access to other enrichment programs like music and the arts. Other benefits of becoming a donor are that you:

- Gain personal fulfillment and enrichment.
- May be able to use your donations for tax deductible purposes. Please speak with an accountant for more information or by going to <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/charitable-contribution-deductions>
- Help us keep our after school program free to all students, kindergarten to middle school.
- Contribute funds to maintain all of our buildings and classrooms.
- Purchase classroom items for our children's education.
- Help us offer enrichment programs like music, karate, healthy eating classes and more.

In the next part of this series, we will talk about different ways to give and how to become a Lighthouse Academy at Newburg donor. For more information, please contact our Development Director, Lorin McVey, at lmcvey@thelighthousecenter.org.

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

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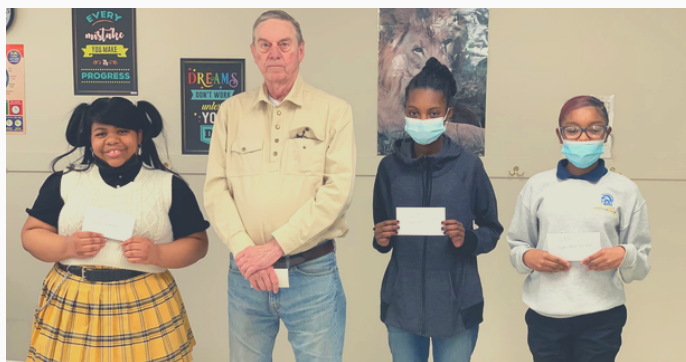
Lighthouse Academy's Student Writing Contest

Bill Cooper is a familiar face to the students at Lighthouse Academy at Newburg. Not only does Bill sit on the Lighthouse Promise Inc. Board of Directors as Legal Counsel, but he is a passionate advocate for children reading.

Inspired after the tragedy of Louisville's own, Breonna Taylor, Bill decided he wanted to invite Lighthouse Academy students to write about a person, event, or even company who was important to Black history. "I wanted to show the kids two things. One, every person has courage and two, every person has a choice," Bill said. Bill has donated a bookshelf of books about Black History to Lighthouse Academy. Bill and Cynthia Overall, Director of Operations and Student Services, hold a writing contest for all students to participate in at least once a semester. Bill reads every essay and grades them according to a five-point system. First to third place winnings earn cash prizes as incentives.

This February, fifteen students participated in the contest. Lighthouse and friends want to congratulate all students who participated. Special congratulations to our winners:

- First Place Winner: Lily
 - Lily wrote about Claudette Colvin, 15, who refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus pre Rosa Parks.
- Second Place Winner: Kandace
 - Kandace's article focused on the great civil rights activist, Dr. Martin Luther King.
- Third Place Winner: Jaslene
 - Jaslene wrote about George Washington Carver. Carver is a world-famous black scientist whose work impacted agricultural techniques and crops.



Bill has been keeping all essays from Lighthouse students and hopes to one day make a book for them to all sit at Lighthouse Academy. We are proud of our Lighthouse Academy at Newburg students!

