July 2017



Lighthouse News



Falling for Summer

We would like to congratulate Ms. Janice, in Room 4, for being awarded Teacher of the Year and Miss Amanda J., in Room 8, as the Assistant Teacher of the Year for 2017. Congratulations, ladies! We are extremely proud of all of our staff!

Our eX-tream summer is coming

along wonderfully! Each week, the children are learning about different themes through art, music, books and of course, play. Our Vacation Bible School week was awesome! The classes who participated had a blast learning that we were built by God for an amazing purpose. Thank you to Ms. Mimi, Ms. Carmen, Ms. Amanda E. and to all of our teachers for making it such an awesome week!

At the end of June, our fall folders were given out. This folder contains very important information, such as which classroom your child will be in for this upcoming school year, updated information on the center, an "important dates" notice, and much more. The folder will have a keep and return side, which will be labeled. Please make sure the return side is completely filled out and returned to the front office no later than August 1st. All of the forms from the return side are required to be in your child's file, so please be sure to bring them all back. When your papers are returned, we will check to make sure all the forms are complete and present. Please make sure we have all of your correct and updated contact information, including names and numbers of those who are allowed to pick up your children. If you have any questions or comments regarding the fall folders, please see the front office. Thank you!

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Special Dates of Interest

• July 4th — Center Closed





Save the Dates...

June has already come and gone and we have enjoyed so many awesome activities already. July is another exciting month with lots of visitors joining us each week. Our younger classes will enjoy a bounce house, Dolly's World, the fire station and Zoo Mom Science.

Our school age children will have fun at Plaster Cottage, Medieval Times, Wonderworks, the movies and more! Please check the "Field Trip" board near the coffee area for departure times and important information for each field trip. We appreciate all of our families arriving on time for the field trips, so far. We hope all of our Lighthouse families are having a fun summer!

Please remember we are CLOSED on Tuesday, July 4th! Have a safe and Happy Fourth of July!

The Hokey Pokey

Everybody form a circle
Put your left foot in
Your left foot out
Your left foot in
And shake it all about
You do the hokey pokey
And turn yourself around

Now put your right foot in Your right foot out Right foot in Then you shake it all about And then you do the hokey pokey

That's what it's all about

Infants - Rooms 1, 2 & 3

Theme: Inside & Outside Color: Red, White & Blue

Shape: Octagon Baby Sign: Hurt

Nursery Rhyme: This is my Turtle

Song: Hokey Pokey

For the month of July, we will be focusing on the

concept of "Inside and Outside". We will do some fun activities and crafts, plus learn the baby signs for "inside" and "outside". This is also something our babies can learn at home with their parents and siblings too. It is a great way to reinforce what they are taught at school. Have fun!

Remember to check the calendar for any special and important events. We will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

Also, please remember to label each of your child's items, that way they will not get misplaced. This includes pacifiers and all pieces of your child's bottles; since many are the same brand.

Ms. Danielle's class (room 3) has water day on Tuesdays, unless otherwise specified in the summer calendar. Please refer to your summer calendar for other special dates. Please bring your child in their swimsuit, along with a towel, water shoes and sunscreen. Please make sure they have an extra set of clothes to change into. Thank you!

Have an excellent month!

Sincerely,

Ms. Bibi, Ms. Carmen P., Ms. Jennay & Miss Bri





Independence Day, commonly known as the 4th of July. Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776

Toddlers - Rooms 11 & 12

Theme: Water

Color: Red, White & Blue

Shape: Octagon Baby Sign: Hurt

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Nursery Rhyme: Frog in the Pond

Song: Row, Row, Row Your Boat

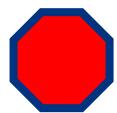
The summer heat is already here . If you would like to bring a hat for your child to wear during our outside time, please feel free!

This month is full of activities, such as Mad Science, a bounce house and the fire department.

A couple reminders:

- * Please bring your child in already dressed in their swimsuit with water shoes on water day, which is Tuesday, unless otherwise specified in the summer calendar.
- * Please bring a towel, sunscreen, a change of clothes and a change of shoes on water day. OH, and don't forget to label everything!
- * Please check your child's folder on a daily basis. Also, please make sure to take all sheets and blankets home to wash every Friday and return them on Monday.
- * We will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

Ms. Kelly, Miss Kaydee, Ms. Jasmin & Miss Selina



Independence Day

Background

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five. with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Historians have long disputed whether Congress actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

In a remarkable coincidence, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, but another Founding Father who became a President, James Monroe, died on July 4, 1831, thus becoming the third President in a row who died on this memorable day. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872, and, so far, is the only President to have been born on Independence Day.

2's - Rooms 4, 5 & 13

Our two year old classes are having a ball learning all about the different themes! Last month, the children learned about zoology, botany & what it takes to be a detective. They enjoyed Kona Ice, Mad Science and Mr. Richard! They will continue to use arts and crafts, numbers and letters and music and movement to explore these themes.

We are closed on Tuesday, July 4th. Our water days are listed on the summer calendar, so please bring all the necessary items for those fun days. We have the fire department coming to visit in July, a bounce house, Dolly's World and Zoo Mom Science all in July.

Ms. Janice, Ms. Jessica, Ms. Charkell, Ms. Alicia & Miss Dianemarie



3's - Rooms 14, 15 & 16

The kids had so much fun during Vacation Bible School last month! They learned all about Jesus and how He made each us and that we were built for a purpose. They enjoyed going from class to class doing different projects, learning new songs and stories from the bible. Way to go, everyone for a fantastic week!

Our three year old classes are having a ball learning all about different themes! Last month, the children learned about zoology, botany & what it takes to be a detective. In July, we will be talking about anatomy, geology, chemistry & paleontology. They will continue to use arts and crafts, numbers and letters and science exploration to learn about these great themes.

We are closed on Tuesday, July 4th. Our water days are listed on the summer calendar, so please bring all the necessary items for those fun days. We have the Fire Department, bounce houses, Zoo Mom Science & Pet Alliance coming to visit us this month. If you have any questions, please let us know! If you need a sunscreen permission form, please see the front office. Have a wonderful fourth of July weekend!

Sincerely,

Ms. Rosie, Ms. Heather, Miss Eneyda & Miss Tiffany

4's - Rooms 6, 7 & 10

The kids had so much fun during Vacation Bible School last month! They learned all about Jesus and how He made each one of us and we were built for a purpose! They enjoyed going from class to class doing different projects, learning new songs and stories from the bible. Way to go, everyone for a fantastic week!

Last month, the children learned about zoology, botany & what it takes to be a detective. In July, they will be learning about geology, anatomy, chemistry & paleontology. They will continue to use arts and crafts, numbers and letters, science explorations and group activities to learn about these great themes.

Please check our summer calendar for your scheduled water days.

Our center is closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

Miss Jenna, Miss Tiffani, Ms. Jocelyn, Ms. Sheryl, Ms. Kris & Miss Nikki



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

Summer Calendar for July



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Kona Ice Water Day Rm: 15, 16, 6 & 7	4 CLOSED	5 Water Day Rm: 3, 4, 11 & 12	6 Water Day Rm: 10, 5, 13 & 14	Pet Alliance
10 Kona Ice Bounce House	11 Water Day Rm: 15, 16, 6 & 7	12 Fire Engine 2's & 3's Water Day Rm: 3, 4, 11 & 12	13	14 Fire Engine Todd's& 4/5 Water Day Rm: 10, 5, 13 & 14
Kona Ice	18 Water Day Rm: 15, 16, 6 & 7	19 Water Day Rm: 3, 4, 11 & 12	Zoo Mom Science	21 Water Day Rm: 10, 5, 13 & 14
24 Kona Ice Bounce House	25 Water Day Rm: 15, 16, 6 & 7	26 Water Day Rm: 3, 4, 11 & 12	27 Dolly's World	28 Water Day Rm: 10, 5, 13 & 14
31 Kona Ice				

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Kona Ice Water Day	4 CLOSED	5 Butterfly En- counter	6	7 Movie: Despicable Me 3
Kona Ice Water Day	11	12 Medieval Times Dinner Show	13	Mc Donald's
Kona Ice Water Day	18 Wonder Works	19 West Orange Cinema	20	21 Plaster Cottage
Let's Skate	25	26	27	28 Chocolate Kingdom
31 Kona Ice				
Water				

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Kona Ice Water Day	4 CLOSED	5	6 Butterfly En- counter	Movie: Despicabl Me 3
Kona Ice Water Day	Build A Bear	12	13 Medieval Times Dinner Show	14
Wonder Works	18	19	20 Plaster Cottage	21
Kona Ice Water Day	25 Chocolate Kingdom	26 West Orange Cinema	27 Pirates Dinner Show	28
31 Crayola Experi- ence				

School Age - Rooms 8, 9 & 17

The kids had so much fun during Vacation Bible School last month! They learned all about Jesus, how he made each one of us and that we were built for a purpose. They enjoyed going from class to class doing different projects, learning new songs and stories from the bible. Way to go, everyone for a fantastic week!

Last month, the kids went on some pretty cool field trips. They had lots of fun talking about what it takes to be a detective, all about zoology & all about botany. In July, they will be learning about the chemistry, geology, paleontology & anatomy. Some of the field trips this month

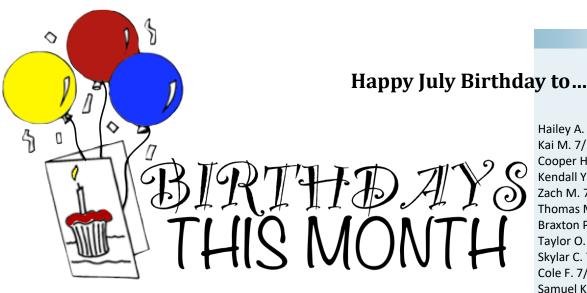
are to the movies, Wonderworks, Medieval Times, Plaster Cottage & more.

Make sure to check with your child's class to be prepared for all upcoming field trips and water day. On field trip days, make sure you wear your field trip shirt, bring sunscreen and a water bottle, if needed. We are closed on Tuesday, July 4th. Thank you!

Miss Sophia, Ms. Amanda T. & Miss Erica



"Our summer journey has begun!"



Looks who's celebrating!!

Teacher's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy June Teacher Birthdays to...

Miss Jenna, 7/15, Ms. Bibi, 7/16 & Ms. Janice, 7/30 Happy Staff Anniversary to...

Ms. Amanda E., 9 yrs., Ms. Carmen G., 9 yrs. & Miss Kaydee 3 yrs.

Character Development: Independence

"For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers & sisters. But, don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love." Galatians 5:13

Hailey A. 7/1 5 yrs. old Kai M. 7/1 8 yrs. old Cooper H. 7/2 3 yrs. old Kendall Y. 7/2 7 yrs. old Zach M. 7/3 11 yrs. old Thomas M. 7/3 4 yrs. old Braxton P. 7/3 8 yrs. old Taylor O. 7/4 4 yrs. old Skylar C. 7/5 4 yrs. old Cole F. 7/6 1 yr. old Samuel K. 7/8 2 yrs. old Isaac A. 7/9 4 yrs. old Daniel B. 7/10 3 yrs. old Raymond G. 7/13 3 yrs. old Charlotte C. 7/14 3 yrs. old Kensley G. 7/15 5 yrs. old Sofia S. 7/15 9 yrs. old Archer & Rhett C. 7/16 3 yrs. old Katarina A. 7/19 2 yrs. old Rafael R. 7/19 7 yrs. old Gabriel M. 7/20 10 yrs. old Giselle M. 7/23 4 yrs. old Ava M. 7/24 12 yrs. old Kaiden H. 7/25 9 yrs. old Nicole L. 7/25 3 yrs. old Ava M. 7/26 4 yrs. old Ruth J. 7/28 8 yrs. old Lucas T. 7/28 5 yrs. Old Gabriella A. 7/28 9 yrs. old Annie S. 7/29 1 yr. old Abigail O. 7/31 6 yrs. old Jackson C. 7/31 2 yrs. old



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! Summer is here!

As we are about to celebrate one of our country's major holidays, and the FREEDOMS we have and enjoy because of those early Americans, we also celebrate each Sunday the FREEDOMS we have because of <u>JESUS</u>. By his life, death and resurrection, <u>we are set free</u> from the bondage of sin, the devil and even death itself. This is good news. This is great news. And we want to celebrate it and share it. With you!

As always, you are welcome to worship with us — especially if you do not have a church home. We worship at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays and we have a "liturgical" style worship (very participatory) as well as a few hymns and more contemporary songs. We have Bible readings, prayers (including the Lord's Prayer) and we celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday (for all!) and baptisms when we have people (infants as well as adults) who want to be baptized.

We also have a Children's Message (besides Creation Station). So...as we enjoy the next this season of Summer, come on out and join us in worship and as a community of faith. We would love to have you!

Have a happy and safe celebration of the 4th of July!

God bless,

Pastor Rick Kristoff

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