



# The Beacon

ORANGE PARK - NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

### *Moving Ahead!*

We have almost completed our first nine weeks of school! What a wonderful beginning to the year. Our students have worked hard, learned new things, and grown in so many ways.

As we begin the next nine weeks, let's continue to work hard, encourage one another, and never give up when things get challenging.

Every day is another opportunity to grow and succeed!

***"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."***

— Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

Here's to a great next nine weeks at Lighthouse!

Ms. Woods, Director



## SENIORS BLAST



Seniors don't forget **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> Senior Career Day and Luncheon.**

*This event is not optional.*

**The Career Fair will be held at the Orange Park Campus.** If you wish to leave after the luncheon please make arrangements in advance for parent pick up or ride share. A permission slip will be provided.



## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENT

### **Farm to Table Field Trip!**

We are excited to announce our upcoming **Farm to Table field trip to Eden Gardens** on **Friday, November 6!**

Students will have the opportunity to **explore sustainable agriculture, aquaponics, and regenerative farming** while learning how the food we eat can be grown in healthy and responsible ways.

This **hands-on experience** will encourage our students to think about where their food comes from and how healthy choices can benefit both people and our environment. We are excited for a fun day of learning and discovering!

Permission slips will be sent home mid October.

### **Eden Gardens**

9179 Garden Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32219

**Cost: \$20 per person**

**Money is due by October 28th**



We can't wait to see our students experience our "Farm to Table" theme come to life!

## FROM THE DESK OF *Pastor Larry*

Did you know that early child education is attributed to Martin Luther and the early Lutheran movement during the Reformation? Martin Luther believed that children should be educated, especially in reading, so that they could read the Bible, but the beginning of what we know as "schools" originated from Lutherans who continued this ministry after his death. So, Lutherans and education are linked together.

Here at Advent Lutheran Church, we are blessed to have two education centers in our facility. First, our mission of Preschool prepares our young ones with skills necessary for their continuing educational process. Secondly, but equally important is our partnership with you, Lighthouse Christian Schools. We are happy to have you here, and we hope that this partnership will continue into the distant future.

Our commitments to you are many, but none may be more important than the safety of your children. Advent is committed to maintaining a safe environment in which your children may thrive. We have worked to create a "Safety Policy" outlining procedures and protocols that will better protect all the children here. We explored new ideas, and should there be needed changes, we will implement and enforce them. This is our commitment to you. All that we ask is that you help make this campus a safe place for the children.

When our children receive a quality education, not only does their future become brighter, but our families and communities, our society and our world become a better place. Thank you for your part in making that happen.

In Christian love,  
Pastor Larry Grunden



## IMPORTANT DATES!



**Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> - Student Holiday**  
**- No School**

**Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - Teacher**  
**Planning - Half Day**

**Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> - Senior Career**  
**Day and Luncheon - Boss's Day**

**Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Picture Day**

**Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - Progress**  
**Reports**

## **Tuition** NEWS

Please see Ms. Woods for all tuition payments - check, money order or cash only. Payments are due at the beginning of the month by the 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions regarding your amount due, please call Ms. Woods in the office at 904-272-2524.

## HELP US BUILD OUR BEAD BAR



**Dear Parents & Guardians**

I hope you and your family are doing well! In our classroom, we are thrilled to introduce our **Bead Bar**, a fun and motivating incentive designed to recognize and reward students for making good choices, demonstrating leadership, showing kindness, displaying positive behavior, and putting forth their best effort.

If you are willing **we would greatly appreciate donations of any type of beads**, including:

***Craft beads***

***Pony beads***

***Letter beads***

***Shape beads***

***Colorful or decorative beads***

***Any other fun and creative beads***

Participation is strictly voluntary.

Mrs. Thompson