



# Illuminations ACADEMY

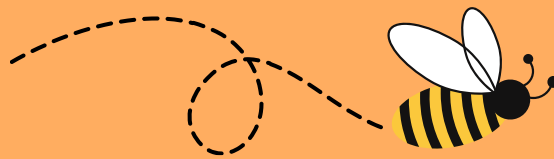
## HELLO FROM THE HIVE



October Newsletter 2023

Illuminations Academy Families,

We are so thankful for all of the support and trust that you have given us as we embark on this exciting year! It is such a privilege to shepherd your children toward success- both academically and socially!



### Student Planner Update

We have revised the student planner to be more durable and easy to use. Please look for each box of the daily planner page to be completed, and please initial the parent boxes. This will increase communication about your child's school day.

**Thank  
you!**

## Partners in Education

We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for generously supporting our school and mission.

Cosgrove Family    Carson Family    Malpica Family  
Carter Family    Brewer Family    Aniyah & Leo's Family  
Goodwin Family    Carlos Travieso & Thrivent

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**On Friday's we wear RED!**

**For a donation of any size, students may wear a RED shirt (t-shirt or polo) or a college team top with jeans or a uniform bottom. These funds go directly to local DAV Post 16 to support local disabled veterans.**

**We have raised over \$100 so far!**



# LIGHTBULB MOMENT



## Micromoments of Happiness

It is human nature to look forward to the next vacation, birthday, celebration, or long weekend. Many people find joy in the planning of and countdown to something special. Although big celebrations and milestones are exciting, they only happen every so often.

We can create positive changes in our brain by taking time to experience happiness in small ways more frequently. When we look for little things throughout the day that make us smile, and we slow down just long enough to appreciate them, we are experiencing micro moments of happiness. These moments can be the first sip of coffee, your favorite song on the radio, petting your dog, an easy commute to work, or the sun on your face.

When we take 60 seconds to recognize and savor small moments throughout the day, they add up to greater contentment and satisfaction in your life. This cumulative effect helps us to deal with stress and anxiety.

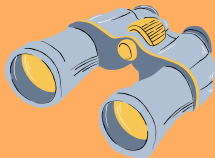
For some people, finding small moments of happiness comes easily. For others, they have to try a little harder. Whichever group you fall into... there is certainty that you will **find** what you **look** for.



# UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

- Spirit Week - Whole School:  
**October 23rd-25th**
- Fall Family Fun Day/ Early Release (1pm):  
**Thursday, October 26th**
- No School: **Friday, October 27th**

## LOOKING AHEAD



- Veterans Day Recognition -  
**Friday, November 10th**
- Thanksgiving Break -  
**November 20th-24th**
- Deck the Halls Event -  
**Friday, November 27th**



## SENDING BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

### OCTOBER:

Hannah Grace - 4th

Lachlan - 16th

Kai - 18th

Coach Connor - 20th

Charlotte - 25th



# Spirit Week Results

MONDAY (10/23) - CHARACTER DAY



TUESDAY (10/24) - DECADE DAY

70's

80's

90's

WEDNESDAY (10/25) - CAREER DAY



THURSDAY (10/26) - SPORT TEAM DAY

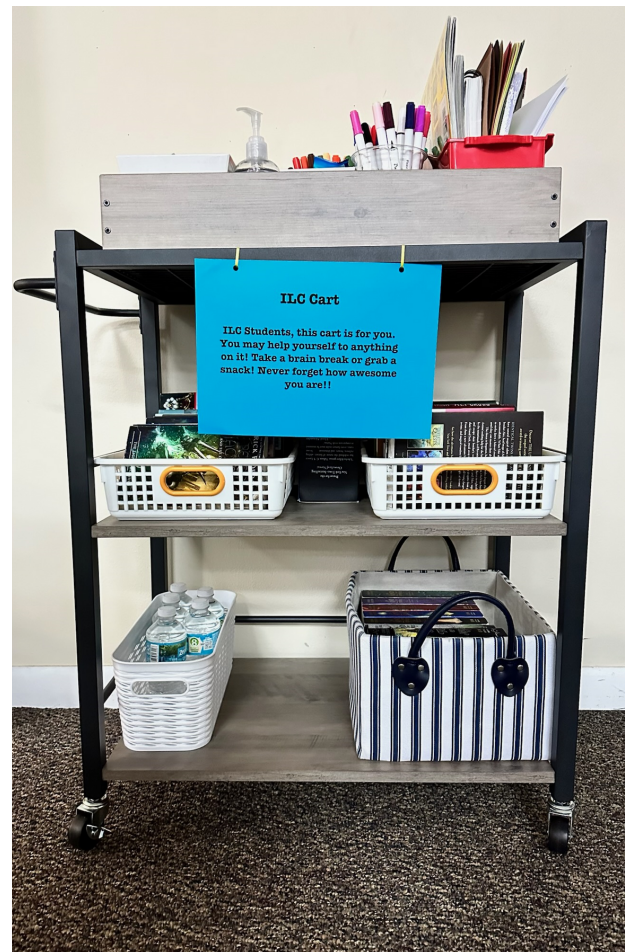
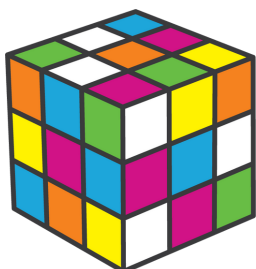


# INTRODUCING THE HIGH SCHOOL/ ILC BRAIN-BREAK CART

In an effort to support our ILC students and encourage brain breaks we have introduced the Brain Break Cart. This cart will be available to ILC students every day to access as needed. It contains items such as mints, blank paper, markers, healthy snacks, bottled water, and interesting books.

Please feel free to send in any of the following items to replenish the cart, simply mark the item for ILC Cart.

- Healthy/low sugar snacks \*individually packaged
- Mints/hard candy
- Bottled water
- Fun pens, markers or pencils
- Word Searches/puzzle books
- Color by number books
- Rubik's Cube or other items for busy hands
- Anything you think ILC students would enjoy!!



Lumen Event: October 12th Please look for photos in the November Newsletter and on our Socials

1st-8th

Glow Party

Highschool

Treats and Arcade

\*only students with 10 lumens or higher were able to participate

## Contact Us



### Remind App

Download the Remind App, in app go to the 3 lines at top left, select Add class, Join existing class.... We will continue to use this until all families are fluent with Praxi Portal and Messaging App.

## Class codes:

Whole School: illuminat

Early Learning: f9eed84

1st - 3rd: edakc3

4th - 5th: 7c238fe

6th-7th: 2adb69h

8th: e994cc

ILC: 6dbab4

## Online Resources:



### School Website

[www.healteachschoools.org/illuminations-academy](http://www.healteachschoools.org/illuminations-academy)



### Amazon Wish List

[www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/JI0G8I0TWUSI/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists](http://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/JI0G8I0TWUSI/ref=nav_wishlist_lists)



### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/illuminationsacademyschool>



### Update Student Contact Info

Please visit: [bit.ly/IA\\_Contact23](http://bit.ly/IA_Contact23)



## Dress Code



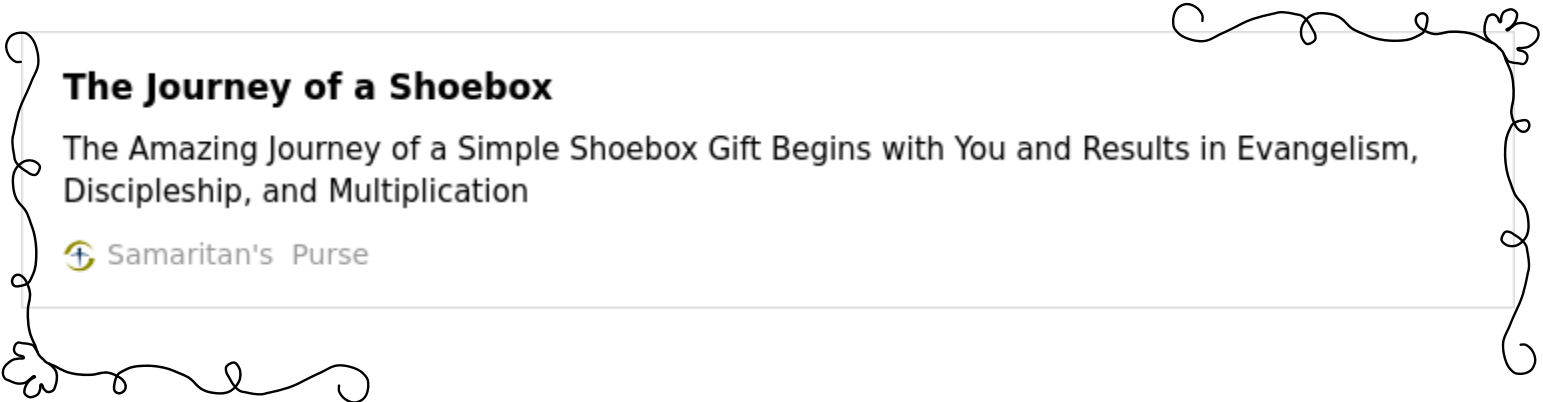
- Polo Shirts - black, white, yellow, navy and gray
- Bottoms - kaki, navy, grey and black (no jeans)
- NO - graphics on shirts or jackets
- NO - torn clothing, yoga pants, jeans, or tight fitting clothes
- Long sleeved shirts can be worn under school shirt
- Hoodies can be worn if they are a solid color, no graphics and hoods are off during school.



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Operation Christmas Child is a fantastic way for us to partner with Family Church. The Oakland Campus of Family Church will be sponsoring 100 boxes this year and we are eager to see how many we can contribute! Please follow the link below if you would like more information as to what Samaritan's Purse does through this incredible program.



## **The Journey of a Shoebox**

The Amazing Journey of a Simple Shoebox Gift Begins with You and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication

 Samaritan's Purse

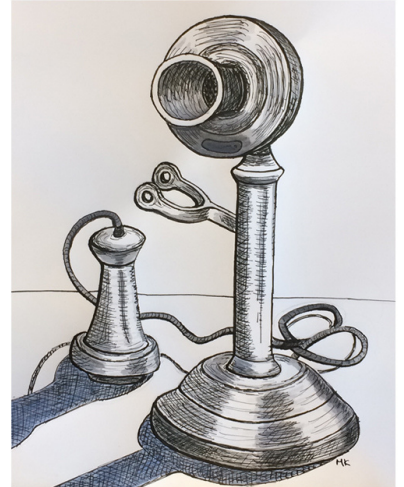
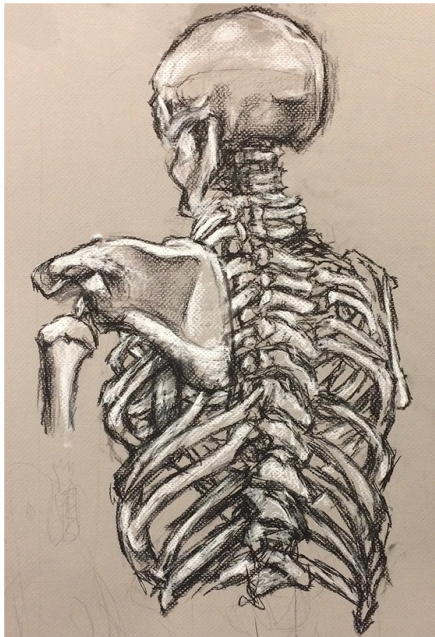
Boxes will be available for pickup on: **Oct. 12th**

Please return boxes by: **Nov. 13th**



3:15-4:15 pm

**Join Mr. Vinny for **Drawing Essentials****  
**(Wednesdays) 2nd Quarter After School Art Club**

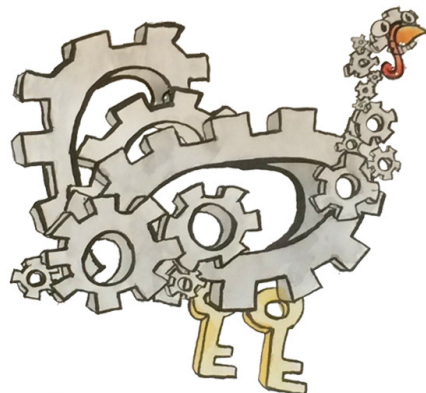


Student Artwork

To join, follow the link below.



Oct. 17-  
Dec 19



[www.KablooieStudios.com](http://www.KablooieStudios.com)



4th Grade & Up





### Program Days:

**Monday – Friday**

**Hours: 4:00pm-6:00pm**

**Annual Registration Fee: \$25**

**Program Cost: \$75.00 Weekly**

**Tuition is billed weekly.**

### Site Coordinators

#### Luz Hale

As an educator for over 24 years my passion is helping students reach their true potential. Students should be engaged in fun and creative tasks that help them learn while they strengthen their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

#### Andrea Hale

Having 25 years' experience in the educational field, I have a passion to make education creative and fun. Understanding students' interests helps to provide exciting and enriching moments where students learn.

#### Location:

**Illuminations Academy**  
200 S. Tubb St. Oakland, FL

#### Contact Number:

**Luz Hale – 347-834-2404**  
**Andrea Hale – 407-416-2495**

#### Hours of Contact:

**7:00am-8:00am**  
**4:00pm-6:00pm**

# Creative After Care

**After-school Program!**  
**Because we know it takes a village!**

## WHAT IS CREATIVE AFTER CARE?

We are an educational after-school program where students will learn to develop and strengthen their social and academic skills as they stretch their creative muscles. We will provide a nurturing and creative environment where your children will thrive. The program is run by a family who together bring over 45 years of educational experience to the program.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The after-school program will consist of educational activities that are fun along with homework assistance. The students will go through 3-4 rotational blocks where they improve skills in all areas. Rotational block activities will change each quarter.

### Rotational Block Activities Will Include:

- **Arts & Crafts** - Explores the creativity and imagination of every child and adult. It allows them to express themselves in a variety of ways. Arts & crafts also improve psychomotor skills because students increase their fluency in the use of their fingers and hands as tools, strengthening their muscles and stimulating the coordination of all their senses, especially when they carry out activities that involve coloring, cutting or making figures or objects as they work with different materials (texture, density, size, etc.).
- **Games** - Research shows that playing games improves powers of concentration, creativity, memory, languages and teamwork. Our students will be able to play Chess and board games like Monopoly. All games played will be games appropriate for all age levels.
- **Free-Play** - Free play makes learning fun, natural, and self-driven. Children will get to play and explore so that they can grow intellectually, socially and emotionally as they choose activities and games they want to play with peers.
- **Lego Story Writing** - With Lego story starters students use bricks, characters, and other accessories to build scenes on which to write their stories. Students work in groups of three to four collaboratively write a story with Legos.
- **STEM Activities** - Fun hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math activities for kids of all ages.



# THIS MONTH IN CREATIVE AFTER CARE:

Our friends in the Creative After Care program are focusing on their critical thinking skills. We are exploring and further developing these skills through games and activities such as Connect 4 and the Game of Life.

