

**Lighthouse School
400 Cluster Newsletter
September 2009**



Notes from the Homeroom:

Welcome back to school—we hope everyone had a great summer! As the new school year, begins the students in the 400 Cluster are busy getting back to work after summer vacation. Students are getting reacquainted with their friends as well as making new ones. We started the school year off with a cluster breakfast. It gave the students an opportunity to socialize with their peers and teachers. Students have been participating on academic lessons, vocational experiences as well as “Skills for Success.”

With the beginning of a new year, vocational students are starting a new rotation of Project Act jobs. Some of these jobs include: working in the library, distributing newspapers, working in the office, as well as various maintenance jobs. In addition, students are learning to follow directions, work with their peers and learn about responsibility. This year, some students have been given the opportunity to work in the “Lighthouse Kitchen” where they are learning to prepare and serve hot lunches to the students. While doing this, they are learning budgeting skills.

In “Skills for Success,” students are learning different techniques to make them more effective learners. Skills covered are organization, reading strategies, researching, memorization and note taking.

The football and soccer seasons are off to a great start. The players are working on teamwork and good sportsmanship. We wish them a successful and fun-filled season. The season was started off with an all school Pep Rally to cheer on all the teams. Some of the 400 Cluster students participated in a competition to create their own cheers. Room 403 won the competition and was awarded a pizza party.