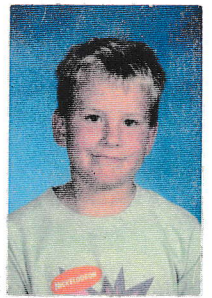
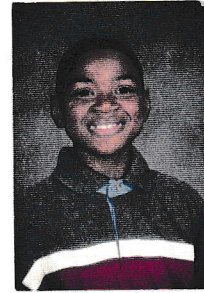
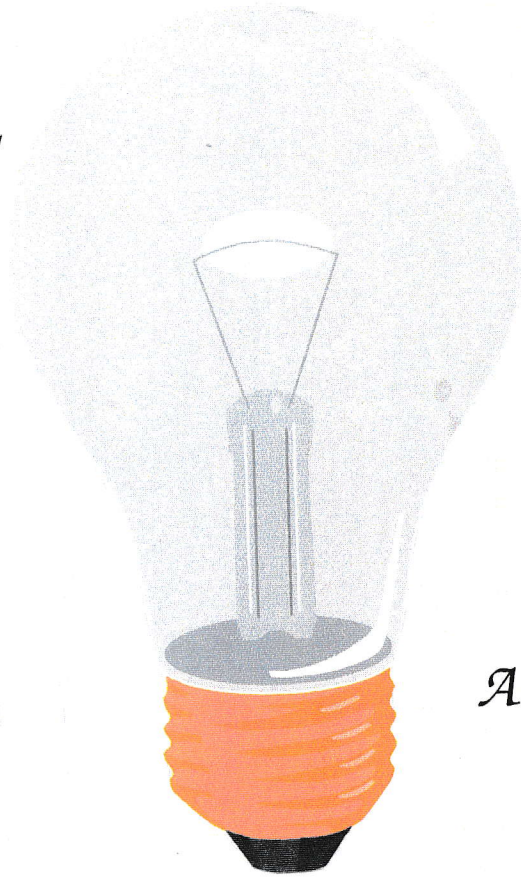
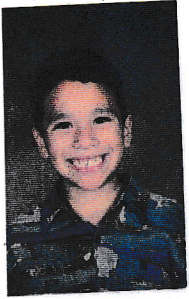


*Woodland Edison
Classical Academy*



*An Edison Partnership
School*

Bright Lights

Bright Minds

*Woodland Edison Classical Academy
cordially invites you to attend its
Grand Opening Ceremony*

*at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
on Friday, March 31, 2000*

*in the Woodland Edison Classical Academy Auditorium
with ribbon cutting ceremony*

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100 BALLOON RELEASE TO KICK OFF GRAND OPENING

On Friday, March 31, at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., the Woodland Edison Classical Academy, located at 711 Woodland in Kansas City, Missouri, will be holding its Grand Opening Ceremony. Members of the press are invited to cover this occasion as we celebrate the opening of this Edison Partnership School, which serves students from Kindergarten through 5th grade. A ribbon cutting ceremony and a 100 balloon release by our Kindergarten class will kick off the festivities beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Located at 711 Woodland, the school serves approximately 500 children and offers a unique and dynamic curriculum. As an Edison Partnership School, Woodland Edison Classical Academy includes such special features as:

- *longer school day and year
- **Success for All*, a K-5 reading program, which reinforces literacy skills on a daily basis
- *World Language, with Spanish beginning in Kindergarten
- *Classes such as Speech and Drama, Gymnastics, and Music, from Kindergarten and up
- *A Junior Olympic sized indoor swimming pool.

Woodland Edison Classical Academy also features Caring Communities, a program that provides comprehensive neighborhood services to students and parents, including:

- *School Nurse
- *Social Worker
- *Before and after school program
- *Adult recreation and employment classes.

Woodland Edison Classical Academy is partnership between the Edison Project and the Kansas City, Missouri School District. Its mission is to provide a quality education for all students, irrespective of race, national origin, handicap or social status.

This morning is very special for all of us because we are celebrating our 1st year as an Edison Partnership School. We are grateful to the Edison Schools – for seeking our school and we are eternally grateful to the Kansas City Missouri School District and the Board of Directors for taking the risk allowing us to embark on a new reform effort. We are working very hard to provide our the students at Woodland Edison a World Class Education.

The program was beautiful. The students did an excellent job and for their efforts, we applaud you. You are truly the Crown Jewels of the Mid West. Parents we thank you for supporting us this year. We realize the year has been a change for you as well. With your support we are confident that success will be apparent this school year.

A special thanks to the teachers who are working very hard to make a difference in the lives of children.

And last, our hats are off to the wonderful committee, who spent many Saturdays and evening planning the beautiful, successful event.

I would like for those persons to come forward at this time.

RIBBON CUTTING – Mr. Jones area Vice President, Board Members, Brenda Powell, Tom Klinginsmith and Clarence Cole. Please go to the Back of the room and on the count of three official make us apart of the Edison Schools Project.

Balloon Release

This special ceremony this morning hopefully, will be memorable for the students we have invited to Participate in the balloon release. Those students are the kindergarteners. We choose the kindergarteners because they will be our first graduating class from an Edison School. You are making history, and for that, we will

take the time to celebrate. So, on the count of three you will share with the world the beginning of a your world class education at an Edison Partnership School.

So listen carefully, 1, 2, 3 RELEASE

Once the balloons are released, your teachers will take you to your classroom from the South side of the building.
