



February 6, 2017

## Facility Update

Greetings! Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's crew leader during Student-Led Conferences! Your involvement in their goal setting is a critical role that family members can play in helping students lead their own learning.

We are writing with a Lodestar facility update for 2017-18. Here are some important bullets:

### **PLAN A - WE OCCUPY 701 105TH AVENUE IN THE FALL OF 2017.**

- As a reminder, we are unable to stay at Patten University after this first year.
- We are currently in contract to purchase a property at 701 105th Avenue.
  - This property is beautiful and if we close the deal, can be our permanent facility!
- We are in the process of securing the loan we need to buy the property and have had GREAT support from two local foundations - the Rogers Family Foundation and the Rainin Family Foundation - who have stepped up to guarantee our loan! This is GREAT progress!
- We are in the process of conducting due diligence on the site - meaning we are conducting environmental studies, surveys, traffic studies, and security assessments to ensure the site is safe and can accommodate Lodestar.
- There are some large obstacles to get around - specifically changing the use of the property, called a "conditional use permit." This is a multi-step, multi-month process. We have met with Libby Schaaf, our mayor, and she is in support of project.
- A worst case scenario is that we cannot get our conditional use permit in time for the opening of school and we are thinking of contingency plans such as occupying district facilities in the fall and/or having a later start date (opening in mid-September, for example)

### **PLAN B - WE NEED TO OCCUPY DISTRICT FACILITIES FOR ONE or MORE YEARS.**

- If the 105th property does not work out for any reason, we are also making a "Plan B."
- Plan B is to have Lodestar occupy district facilities for one or more years.

We are working around the clock to ensure we have a safe home for our students for fall of 2017 and will keep you updated. It may be a few more months until we know for certain where we will be located. We realize that there may be some uncertainty for you and your family. We ask that you stick with us! Being founding families of an innovative school requires hope, faith, and a lot of persistence! We are in this together!

As a family of schools, with a 15-year track record, we've been in this tough place before. We have a strong plan and contingency plans. We will keep you posted as we learn more.

Feel free to reach out with questions and ideas. Finally, we invite you to join Coffee Tuesday on February 14th for a face to face revisit.

With Lodestar Love,

Jenna Stauffer, CEO  
Lighthouse Community Public Schools

Yanira Canizales  
Lodestar Head of School

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## Enrollment

Do you have an incoming Lodestar sibling that you want to enroll for the 2017-2018 academic year? Your time is now and the deadline is fast approaching. Follow these important steps listed [here](#). The deadline to submit your application on Enroll Oak is February 17, 2017. If you have questions and/or need support, please stop by our main office.

**Please Note:** Lodestar Siblings have preference because we believe in keeping our families together. However, if you **DO NOT** submit an application on [enrolloak.org](http://enrolloak.org) by February 17, 2017, we **CANNOT** guarantee a Lodestar seat. Please reach out to our enrollment team (Dean Shep, Mr. Madrid or Ms. Ashley) before February 17th. We look forward to seeing your application.

## Family Survey

Lodestar Families, we need your help! It is SUPER IMPORTANT that ALL Lodestar families complete the mid year SURVEY. If you complete by tonight (2/6) you will be entered into a raffle for 2 free tickets to a concert at New Parish on Thursday, February 9th.

### Did you take our Family Survey?

If yes, great! Your name has been entered into a raffle for 2 concert tickets. If no, you still have time before we close of the raffle and close the survey portal. Please follow this survey link [here](#).

### When will Lodestar announce the winners?

Winners will be announced on Tuesday, February 7, 2017. We will call and email winners by 3pm on Tuesday. Winners have until 12pm on Wednesday to redeem their tickets.

### Details about the concert:

Where: The New Parish- 1743 San Pablo Ave, Oakland, CA 94612

When: Thursday, February 9, 2017 @ 9pm

Artist: Sevyn Streeter & Jose Toscano

## Student Led Conference Snapshot Data

- 92% of our Lodestar families attended their students Student Led Conference on January 26th-February 2nd.
- It's never too late to schedule your SLC. Please schedule with your crew leader if you haven't already had your SLC.
- Student Led Conferences are a great way for students to lead their own learning and show their families their growth from quarter to quarter. We look forward to seeing 100% attendance by February 17th.

## Black History Month

This month we are excited to celebrate and elevate the accomplishments of many African American leaders, inventors and life changing individuals from the African Diaspora. Below you will find events and opportunities to engage in our Black History month events.

### Fab Friday Black History Month Events:

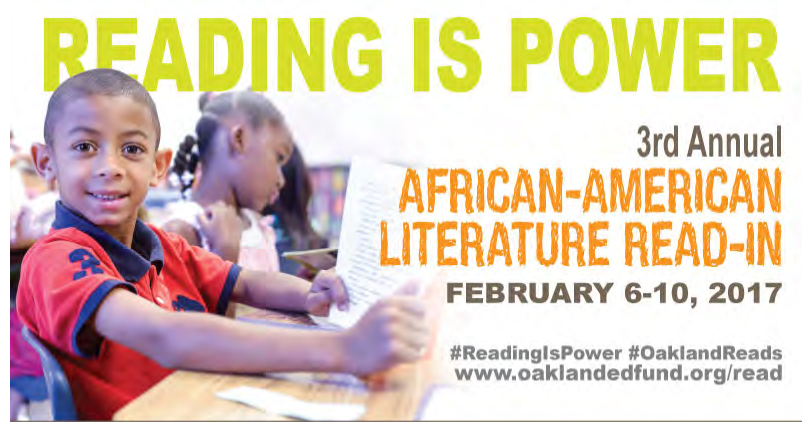
Please join us on Friday mornings during Fab Friday to see student performances that highlight prominent figures from the African Diaspora. Fab Friday begins at 8:30-9am.

### African-American Literature Read-In Week:

Are you interested in sharing your favorite African-American author with one of our Lodestar classes? We need families to join us on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 to read some of their favorite pieces of literature to our Lodestar students K-2 & 6th grade.

Please complete this survey if you are interested in reading to a Lodestar class on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. [Survey Link Here.](#)

Also, please join Lighthouse & Lodestar during our Family Literacy Night on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 from 5-6pm at our Lighthouse campus. See [flyer](#) for more details.



### African-American Celebration:

Join us on Friday, February 24th from 8:30-9:10 to close out our last February Fab Friday with a performance, great music and lots of community love. Look out for our African-American Celebration Evite coming soon!

## Mark your Calendar

### Coffee Tuesday

Upcoming: February 14, 2017

8:30-9:30

Join us and receive a facility update as well as, an update about changes in our school model for 2017-2018. We highly encourage families to join us and learn more about the changes we are making for our next academic year.

### Save the date:

March Coffee Tuesday

March 14th

8:30-9:30

Presenter: Karen Fee (Development Team)

### Events in EDP

#### Spread the LOVE celebration

Join us this Friday, February 10th (1:30-3:30pm) for the Lodestar EDP Valentine's Day Bash. We will have snacks, music, dancing, card making, games and more. All Lodestar students and their families are welcome to attend (students not in EDP must be accompanied by a parent/guardian). Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact Ms. Yessy if interested in volunteering or bringing a donation of snacks.

### Upcoming No School Dates:

February 20, 2017- Presidents Day

April 3-April 14th - Spring Break

(April 13th-14th Student Led Conferences)

## Important Documents/Updates

What's for breakfast & Lunch this month? Check out our school lunch menu here:

[February Lunch Menu](#)

### Join our Facebook Page

Lodestar is on Facebook!

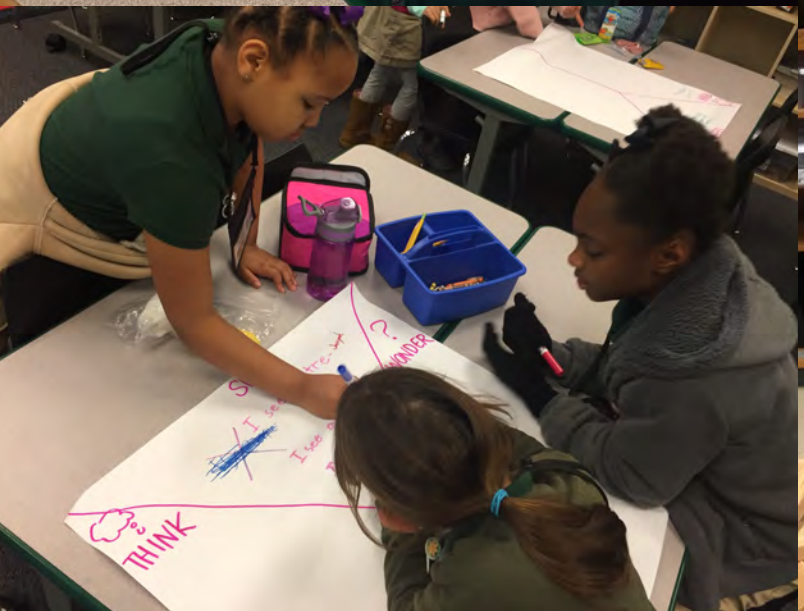
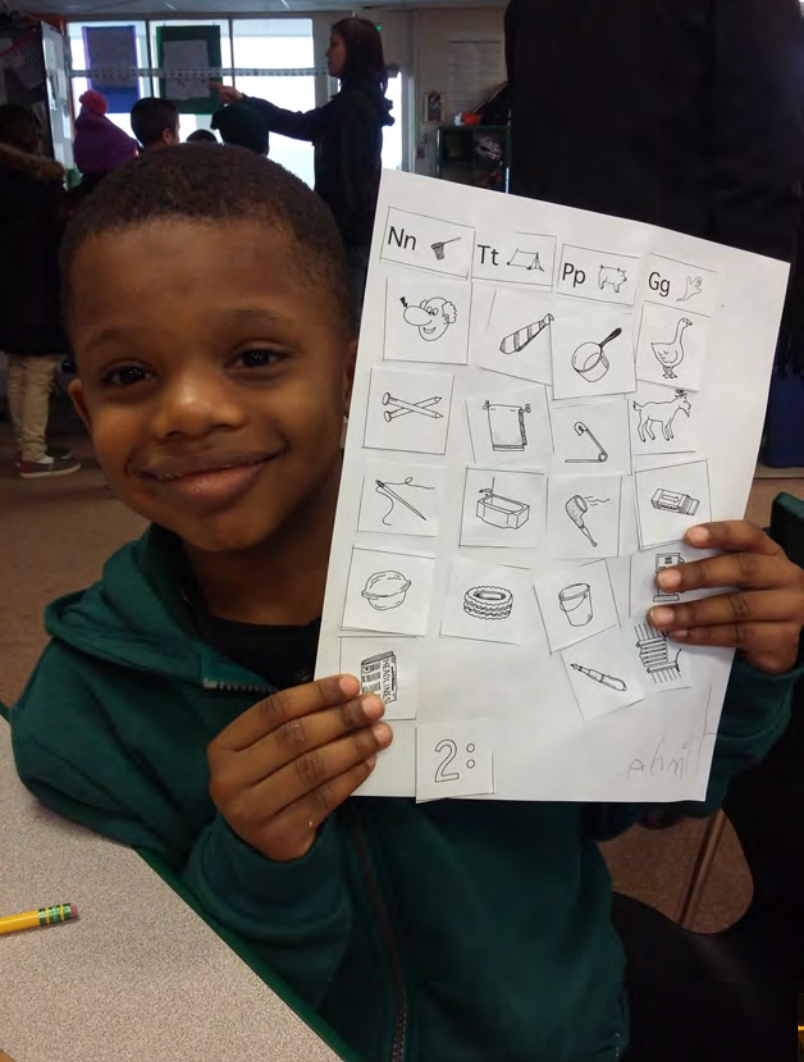
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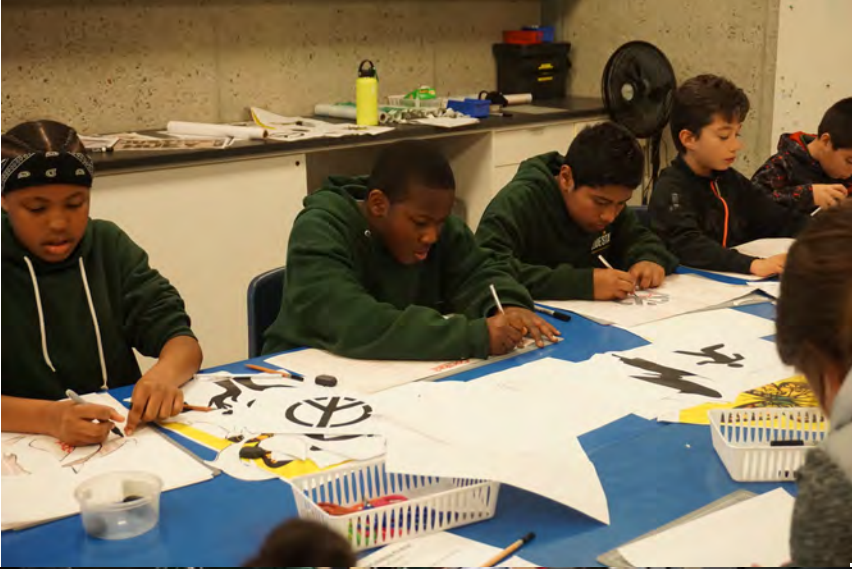
- Our FB page is family run.
- Claudia Aguilar keeps it up to date with the latest information.
- The newest update is focused on our current expedition process. Find more details [here](#).

[Join here!](#)

## January snapshots







Lodestar Community Agreements Song