LEAD TESTING UPDATE
- In partnership with East Bay Municipal Utility District to ensure the safety levels of our facility’s water, Lodestar requested a formal lead test which occurred in early March.
- Results of that test were received and shared with all families on March 29th. Hard copies of the letter are also available at the main office. See below to access the letter:
  - English
  - Spanish
- All action steps outlined in the letter have been taken and we just concluded additional testing on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. We expect to receive the results in the upcoming weeks and will share with families and staff upon receiving the information.
- Questions or concerns? Please connect with our CEO, Jenna Stauffer and/or our Director of Operations, Arlene Aldrette.
  - jenna.stauffer@lighthousecharter.org, 510-316-3122.
  - arlene.aldrette@lighthousecharter.org, 510-499-3086.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION REMINDER
- Join fellow parents, staff members, and leaders to discuss how we continue to make Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion live in our schools.
- Help us finalize organizational statement on DEI as we build community with others in the work.
- No prior experience necessary. Come ready to dialogue!
- Choose a meeting that is convenient for you. Food provided.
- All materials provided in English and Spanish.
- 4/25/18 at Lodestar from 5:30 - 7:30 / 4/26/18 at Lighthouse from 8:30 - 10:30
- Questions? Email jenna.stauffer@lighthousecharter.org

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIME
- Our school building is open to students beginning at 7:30 a.m. because this is the time when school staff is available for am supervision.
- For the safety of students, we ask that students are not left unsupervised by their families prior to 7:30 a.m.
- We appreciate your support.

WRITING ASSESSMENT UPDATE
- Lodestar students take 3 different assessments to track their progress -- the FPRA for reading, benchmarks for math, and an argumentative writing task for writing. We use this data to support students in setting goals, to monitor student progress, and to plan instruction that meets students’ needs.
- This year, we will not be assessing all students in writing at the end of Q4. We will only assess students who are scoring .5 years below grade level, according to their Q3 assessment, and students who are at risk of retention.
• We are making this shift in order to ensure students are receiving maximum instructional time and are only assessed when absolutely necessary to inform instruction or retention decisions.
• All students will take the writing assessment again when they return in the fall to inform instruction.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Lodestar Families, stay informed about District conversations that might impact our schools.
• Board of Education meeting, April 25th and April 30th - Click>> [OUSD Calendar](#)
• 6-9 p.m at MetWest High School, 314 East 10th St., Oakland - Click here>> [Directions](#)
• For additional information
  • contact Shandel Aguilar

**Talent Show Try-outs & More**

• Try-outs: 4/24 & 4/26 from 4-6pm @ Lodestar
• Talent Show: 5/4/18 @ 6:30-8:30pm
• Location: Lodestar

**Bathroom Etiquette at Lodestar**

In an effort to keep our facility running smoothly, we are asking our families to support us with sharing the following bathroom etiquette with our students:

**Please remember to:**
• Throw away the paper towel in the trash
• Wash your hands
• Flush the toilet
• Keep the restroom clean after use

**Do Not Flush the following down the toilets:**
• Brown paper towels
• Trash
• Food
• Feminine hygiene products

**Community Update**

**EXTERNAL SUMMER CAMPS**

• Summer learning loss is what often happens to children during the summer months,
• On average, students can lose 2 months of reading skills over the summer.
• Combat summer learning loss! Click here> [Bay Area Camps](#) for summer camps information.

**CAL STATE EAST BAY UNIVERSITY SUMMER READING PROGRAMS**

• Cal State East Bay Extensions Program offers summer reading programs.
• Sites: Alameda, Berkeley, El Sobrante. Enroll early as class sizes are limited.
• Alternate times and dates are available at nearby locations.
• There is a cost based on grade level. Scholarships are available but are limited.
• Click here for website> [Cal State Extensions Summer Reading Programs](#).
• Telephone: (800) 834-3693
2018 BAY AREA MAKER FAIRE

- Mark your calendars: Bay Area Maker Faire, May 18-20 in San Mateo!
- Maker Faire is an all-ages gathering of tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkerers, hobbyists, engineers, science clubs, authors, artists, students, and commercial exhibitors, coming together to show what they have made and share what they have learned.
- Lodestar and the Lighthouse Creativity Lab will bring activities run by students. We will send out more information to interested students and families.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to Claire Tiffany-Appleton at claire.tiffany-appleton@lighthousecharter.org.

CREATIVITY LAB APRIL NEWSLETTER

Please take note of the following announcement:

- Breakthrough Junior Challenge: Application deadline July 1st. This is an annual global competition for students to inspire creative thinking about science.
  - Students ages 13 to 18 from countries across the globe are invited to create and submit original videos (3 minutes in length maximum) that bring to life a concept or theory in the life sciences, physics or mathematics.
  - The submissions are judged on the student’s ability to communicate complex scientific ideas in engaging, illuminating, and imaginative ways. The Challenge is organized by the Breakthrough Prize Foundation. See the finalists from previous years to get an idea of the rigor. The winner earns a $250K scholarship!

HORTICULTURE LOVERS / GARDEN ENTHUSIASTS, THIS IS FOR YOU

- A self guided tour of 40 Alameda and Contra Costa county gardens
- May 6, 2018 - 10 am to 5 pm
- Click Bringing Back The Natives Garden Tour for additional information.
- In order to attend the tour, you must register. Registration cost is $10, which includes 20 site entry tickets for adults. Folks 17 and under are free.
- This works out well for families who team up under one registration and share adult tickets.
- www.BringingBackTheNatives.net

K-3 Update

STUDENT SURVEY EXPERIENCE

- As is true for our students, our teachers are also life-long learners.
- Part of our teacher evaluation and growth framework, includes feedback from students.
- Earlier this year, all students gave selected teachers feedback and teachers reflected on this feedback rooted in students to set goals.
- This week and next, students will be taking the survey one more time in order to re-elevate their voices and provide a progress update to their teachers.

6-7 Update

Middle School Career Fair

- Mark your calendars: The Middle School Career day is fast approaching and we need you!
- When: May 18th from 9:30-11:30
- Where: Lodestar Black-top (MPR if it rains)
- Interested in joining/tabling? Please email Dean Shep at lia.shepherd@lighthousecharter.org by Monday, April 30th.
Middle School Q4 Schedule

- Quarter 4 is packed with community building, SBAC testing, fieldwork, and exciting learning!
- Click [here](#) for the middle school Q4 calendar.

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<td>Two candidates have been identified and two town hall sessions will be held Monday/Tuesday afternoon of this week to accommodate families and staff. Light refreshments will be served and the candidate will field questions from those in attendance.</td>
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<td>Grandparents Club Meets At Lodestar: An untapped resource for Lodestar, grandparents bring skills, experience and wisdom in a way that no one else can. If you are a grandparent or you know a grandparent, please join us/share the information.</td>
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