Dear Lodestar Families,

Last week was tough, there’s no getting around it. In our conversations with parents and staff about the event in the middle school last Tuesday, the theme that has come up is trust. You count on us to keep your children safe. And that trust was tested last week.

That doesn’t mean that trust cannot be rebuilt or bolstered. And we hope to do that with you.

For example, through this storm, we have encouraged students to report harm. While the investigation is still ongoing (we have not yet identified the student who wrote the message), students have begun to show trust by reporting other harm. That is a silver lining!

Trust also starts with the simplest of acts...slowing down to truly see one another.

We’re encouraging our whole community - staff and families alike - to help reset and rebuild trust with the simple act: START WITH HELLO, when being in community with one another. Simple, small acts are a much larger reflection of the whole.

Start with Hello is a national movement - believe it or not - brought about by the violent acts at Sandy Hook elementary to combat social isolation in youth, if you want to explore. We look forward to saying Hello to you next time we see you.

Many of you offered to help and support the school through this storm. You offered meals and resources and helping hands. Thank you! We look forward to putting your support to work to strengthen the community.

Follow up from Parent Meeting Last Thursday - In Case You Missed It.

We appreciate the families who were able to join us for our safety update meeting and middle school recess last week on Thursday. As promised, below we are sharing a few resources, including:

● Information on how to talk to your children about school safety
● K-4 and 6-8 talking points that staff shared with our students

If you or your child receive any information about a threat, we ask you share it with Lodestar
administration immediately. Reporting from all community members is key for our community safety. Please know that Lodestar will always notify you if there is a credible threat to student safety. We will do this via different means, including all call, email, and texts.

**Tips on Talking to Kids**

**Talking to Kids about School Safety** (English and Spanish)

**K-4 School Messages**

- There was an incident in Middle School on Tuesday. A student wrote an unsafe message.
- Lots of adults helped! Adults are here to support you when you need it!
- Our school is a safe school. Our staff are here to keep students safe.
- Our school is a safe place because we use the right words to solve problems.
- If you see something unsafe or feel uncomfortable, tell an adult.
- Reporting something unsafe is different from telling.
- We all can help our community feel safe.

**6-8 Messages**

- Fact 1: A MS student wrote an unsafe graffitti message that threatened our community in the bathroom
- Fact 2: MS student reported this harm to an adult
- Fact 3: Our school filled a report with Oakland Police Department and provided evidence of the threat.
- Fact 4: All families K-8 were notified of this incident
- Fact 5: We will be investigating this concern seriously for the safety of our community. We have interviewed over a dozen students and taken statements. We will continue our investigation.
- Fact 6: Extra steps are being taken to ensure safety

You play a role in keeping our school safe!

- Let an adult know if you see or hear something that makes you feel uncomfortable, nervous or frightened.
- There is a difference between reporting, tattling or gossiping.
- You can provide important information to prevent harm directly or anonymously
- You can tell a trusted adult what you know or hear.
- If you need to speak with a counselor to discuss your feelings, let your crew leader know.

With Lodestar Love,
Jenna Stauffer, CEO & Yanira Canizales, Principal

**NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY**

Be aware there is no after school meeting on Wednesday to allow our after school program staff to have professional development. All students will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m.

**DRILLS**
As part of our Emergency Preparedness, we have Lockdown Drill (Barricade) scheduled for Thursday, 9/20 at 8:45am. Please note that that this practice will be previewed with students via crew. Below is a resource to share with young students about these types of drills.

**WELCOME OUR NEW OFFICE ASSISTANT**

We are excited to welcome Jazmine Cortez-Cervantes as our new Office Assistant. Jazmine brings many strengths to this role and to our community. She is a Lighthouse alum and Lodestar mother who is deeply aligned with our mission and core values. Jazmine has served as a human service specialist and front office assistant for the past 4 years through La Clinica de La Raza. More specifically, she has recently managed the front office at the embedded clinic at Oakland Technical High School where she has demonstrated excellent customer service, organizational skills and designing of systems to increase efficiency and impact to her student clients via the health service providers. With her health background, she is also very equipped to wear the "nurse," hat that our office assistant often plays. She is also fully bilingual. Jazmine's first day will be on Tuesday, September 18th. As you have noted, Mrs. Shandel and Ms. Shrinivastav have been holding down the office for our community as a team. We are very grateful for their support.

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**K-4 Update**

**Lost Jackets and Sweatshirts**
- Our K-4 friends lost jackets and sweatshirts -- please make sure you write your name in the jackets!
- Last week, one of our K-4 families discovered that their child’s jacket had been taken by another student, had the name crossed out, and had a new name written into it. This was understandably upsetting to the family, who was financially impacted by the loss of their jacket.
- Please ensure that if your child comes home with someone else’s jacket that you return it to school.
- If you need support getting uniforms for your child, please reach out to your crew leader.
- We’ll work to organize a Uniform Swap during fall intersession so families can exchange gently used uniforms that students have grown out of.

**K-4 Fieldwork Update**
- This week our Grade 3 students are going to Coyote Hills as part of their Ohlone Expedition

**ICA Update**
- Next week 3rd and 4th Grade students are taking the ICA, an assessment that we use formatively to identify standards where students need more support.
- You can learn more about how your students did on the ICA at Q1 Student Led Conferences.

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**6-8 Update**

**MATH MODEL AND STAFFING UPDATE**
Please watch out for a letter early this week with an update on math staffing and math schedule tweaks in our Middle School.
Family Resource Center

WE CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15

“We need to help students and parents cherish and preserve the ethnic and cultural diversity that nourishes and strengthens this community, and this nation.” ~Caesar Chavez

PARENT LEADERSHIP GROUP INAUGURAL MEETING
The inaugural meeting of the Lodestar Parent Leadership Group will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 5 p.m. All parents are invited to join us. For more information, please contact Lodestar Family Liaison, Donna Williams (donna.williams@lighthousecharter.org).

CREW FAMILY LIAISON/PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Lodestar Families, your crew leader needs your support. Please consider being a crew family liaison (CFL) for your child’s crew. Responsibilities include organizing quarterly crew potluck breakfasts, making sure crew families receive important information, supporting the crew leader as needed, organizing crew family outings/playdates. If you are interested, please contact Lodestar Family Liaison, Donna Williams (donna.williams@lighthousecharter.org), or your child’s crew leader.

LOST AND FOUND
The Lost and Found is growing. Please take a moment to check for any items your child may have misplaced. Also, because we are a uniform school, and because backpacks and lunch bags are often similar, please check that your child has not mistakenly brought home his crew mate’s hoodie, sweater, or lunch bag. Thank you.

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Corrected links to calendar posted in 9/10 Weekly Newsletter
Calendario Familiar de 2018-19
2018-2019 Lodestar Calendar