**Weekly Newsletter
September 24 2018**

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**Schoolwide Update**

**STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES**
The first student-led conferences of 2018-2019 will be held during our professional development institute week on October 25 and 26. **Please note that there are no classes for students the entire week of October 22-26.** Your child will soon begin preparing to share her/his reflection on her/his current level as well as growth in terms of academics as well as character and our core values. This is a special tradition at Lighthouse and Lodestar that pushes your child to develop agency and responsibility over her/his learning.

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**K-4 Update**

**K-4 EXPEDITION UPDATE**
Our expeditions are in full swing! Ask your child about:

- Kindergarten: the toys and play agreements they are making in expedition
- Grade 1: different kinds of tools that help people with work
- Grade 2: important people in the Lodestar community
- Grade 3: how the Ohlone people lived long ago
- Grade 4: when and where different groups of people came to North America and how they ended up in California

**UPCOMING FIELDWORK**
Next Thursday, Grade 4 will be at the Oakland Museum of California.

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**6-8 Update**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY MEETING**
We will host a MS Family Meeting on Tuesday 9/25 from 8:30-9:30am to follow up on our recent 8th grade staffing and schedule changes.

**FIELDWORK**
This is a big week for fieldwork in the middle school! On Monday, September 24, the eighth graders will head out on a walking fieldwork to visit Planting Justice. On Tuesday, September 25, the seventh graders are visiting the Center for Empowering Refugees. On Wednesday, September 26, the sixth grade is visiting the Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California.

On fieldwork, please ensure your child is wearing uniform, has packed a lunch or ordered school lunch (if applicable), and arrives to school on time for a prompt departure. The same rules for cell
phones apply on fieldwork as on campus. We are proud of how our Lodestar middle schoolers have represented themselves and their community on fieldwork so far this year!

**WORK PLANS**

Please ask your child to see her/his work plan every night. If your child is correctly filling in her/his work plan, you will see Ms. Valdry’s initials from the self-directed lab, and your child’s homework assignment for the night. Your child is responsible for remembering to get your signature on the work plan each night.

**Family Resource Center**

**PARENT LEADERSHIP GROUP (PLG)**

The inaugural meeting of the PLG was held Wednesday, 9/19. Thanks to every parent who was able to attend. The mission for this first meeting was discovery and to brainstorm not only what a PLG looks like, but to also begin to process how this group can be instrumental in parent to parent connectivity that promotes the success of Lodestar students and the overall well-being of Lodestar. All families are welcome and are invited to be a part of the PLG.

**CALIFORNIA CHARTER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION LISTENING CAMPAIGN**

Lodestar Families, the [CCSA (link)](https://ccsa.org) is an organization whose mission is to advance the charter school movement through state and local advocacy, leadership on accountability, and resources for member schools. CCSA is a trusted source of data and information on California's charter schools for parents, authorizers, legislators, the press and other interested groups.

A goal of our community organizer, Shandel Aguilar, is to keep Lodestar families apprised of what’s happening on the local, state and national level that might affect charter schools. Ms. Aguilar and Ms. Rachel Henry Willis of the CCSA will hold a Listening Campaign Friday in the Family Resource Center, September 28th, from 11:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. to hear the concerns of families about the challenges of charters as a whole. If you can, please drop by the FRC on Friday to chat with Ms. Willis and Ms. Aguilar.

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - EAST OAKLAND BOXING ASSOCIATION (EOBA)**

This after school program is free to all Oakland residents. They provide daily homework help and one-on-one tutoring. Boxing, Computer, Art, cooking and Garden Club are just a few of the enrichment activities offered daily as well as off-site field trips to provide space for youth to explore and express themselves through hands-on activities. You can apply online at [EOBA](https://EOBA.org). For more information, contact Cerise Palmanteer, Education Program Coordinator at (510) 430-8056.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Click here for more information: [Ten Things You Can Do With A Library Card](https://librarycard.org)
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