PICTURE DAY
Wednesday, October 3rd, is Picture Day at Lodestar, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Picture day will be a free dress day with the following exceptions:

- No red or blue colors, including shoes, backpacks, accessories, etc.
- No sweatpants, joggers, leggings, or sport pants.
- No headwear of any kind, including hats, headbands, and handkerchiefs for all genders (unless needed outside for sun protection or for specified medical or religious purposes).

INTERCESSION ASP APPLICATIONS
There will be no school the week of Fall Intersession, October 22 - 26. However, ASP Lodestar is able to offer a limited number of spaces for families who need childcare. Childcare will be available from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on all days except Wednesday, October 24th, when childcare will only be available 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Childcare costs will be $35/day for the first child and $20/day for every child after that. We will NOT be providing meals, so please make sure to bring enough food and beverages for your child for each day.

This is the link to the application which is also available at the front desk. Application deadline is October 12th. Please note that filling out an application does not guarantee your child or children a spot. You will be contacted by phone, and in writing, to confirm your child’s enrollment by Wednesday, October 17th, 2018. Late applications and drop-Ins on “the day of” will not be accepted. **If your child is not currently in ASP, this form should also be completed.**

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.

GALA IS AROUND THE CORNER!
Our annual fundraising gala is around the corner on October 13th. Our community raises over $300,000 for Lighthouse and Lodestar in one evening! This celebratory event brings together approximately 350 people who believe in our students and want to support the work being done in our schools. You are encouraged to participate in the gala by either attending or volunteering. It’s a fun night and a chance to dress up! To volunteer, please send an email to gala@lighthousecharter.org — feel free to include what role you would be interested in if you have
something in mind. To purchase tickets, click the “gala” button at the top of our website (www.lighthousecharter.org).

PHOTOGRAPHS (by Adriana Oyarzun, Lodestar Parent) FROM LODESTAR RIBBON CUTTING (Thank you Adriana!)

SAVE THE DATE FOR LOL (LOTS OF LODESTAR LOVE)
“I know there is strength in the differences between us. I know there is comfort where we overlap. “And where we overlap is community.” ~Ani DiFranco

Lodestar Families,

Our first quarter together is almost over! And we’ve had a start to the school year that has tested us, haven’t we? We’ve welcomed the families of 200 new students into our community, we’ve moved across town, into a new building, we’ve welcomed many new staff onto our team, and we’ve faced some really hard moments. Thank you for hanging in there with us!

To help us look forward to our future, rather than back at our shortcomings; To help us work together, rather than in opposition to one another; To help us move from our strengths, rather than focusing on our mistakes;

We invite you to a potluck and evening of conversation.
Please join us **October 15th, 4-6:30 p.m.**, as we come together to celebrate our community and work together to improve our school, together.

Potluck details will be sent next week, but plan to bring your favorite dish to share, meet and network with other families, and add your voice to the conversation as we come together to talk about your dreams and visions for Lodestar, what you see is working at Lodestar and what you feel can be improved at Lodestar. If you have ideas for how you would like to experience this evening, reach out to Donna Williams or Jenna Stauffer.

### K-4 Update

#### ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

We’ve had similar questions from families over the past few weeks, so we want to address them here. We are always happy to answer questions and give more information, so please keep the questions coming.

- **When do you teach spelling? And why aren’t there spelling tests?** Students learn spelling in Expedition classes in the context of reading and writing about their Expedition topic. Students read and write in Expedition every day. Students are held accountable for spelling sight words (words that have been explicitly taught) correctly, as well as any content-specific words that students might be working with. Other words are sounded out, with specific feedback to draw students’ attention to spelling patterns. While you may have grown up with weekly spelling tests, the research on this is overwhelmingly clear: spelling tests do not teach students to be better spellers.

- **Why is math different than it was when I went to school?** We dug into math at our last Coffee Friday, and will be doing so again at an upcoming Family Math Night (more details to come soon, as well as an invitation to participate!). The short answer is that our math standards are organized differently now than when we went to school. They also ask students to master standards with a balance of procedural fluency, application, and conceptual understanding.

- **How can my child use Dreambox and Raz Kids at home?** Your child can log into their Lodestar software products at clever.com/in/lodestar. If you need login information, please reach out to your crew leader.

### FIELDWORK UPDATES

- Grade 4 is at the Oakland Museum of California this Thursday, October 4.
- Spanish Crews (Le and Perloff) are at the Bay Area Children’s Theater to see *El Gato Ensombrerado* on Friday, October 19.

### 6-8 Update

#### UNIFORM DONATIONS

If your child has outgrown her or his uniform, please consider donating gently uniforms that can be used by other families! Please bring clean uniform options to the main office.

#### FIELDWORK/EXPERT VISITS HIGHLIGHTS

Last week, Lodestar middle school students truly brought to life our belief in authentic learning that extends beyond our classrooms.
The eighth graders walked to our neighbors at “Planting Justice” and built raised beds using power tools.

The seventh graders visited the Center for Empowering Refugees and heard riveting stories of refugees who survived the killing fields in Cambodia.

The sixth graders visited the Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California and interviewed Muslim community members about their experiences and how their lives were changed after 9/11.

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**Family Resource Center**

**EAST OAKLAND BOXING ASSOCIATION ASP (EOBA 816 98 Ave.)**

*This after school program is free to all Oakland residents.* If you completed an application for this program, please note you must also complete orientation (Wednesdays @ 5:30 p.m.) before your child is officially enrolled. EOBA will pick-up enrolled students from Lodestar, however, their minimum enrollment for Lodestar is 10 students. As soon as your application and orientation is complete and the minimum is reached, EOBA pickup will begin pickup at Lodestar.

EOBA provides daily homework help as well as one-on-one tutoring, daily enrichment activities and off-site field trips to provide space for youth to explore and express themselves through hands-on activities. You can apply online at [EOBA](mailto:EOBA). For more information, contact Cerise Palmanteer, Education Program Coordinator at (510) 430-8056.

**LOST AND FOUND**

The Lost and Found overflows! Please take a moment to check the racks in the K-4 building for any items your child may have misplaced. Thank you.
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**October Breakfast - Lunch Schedule**