Weekly Newsletter
October 29, 2018

Schoolwide Update

SLC’S
Thank you for your participation in your students’ student led conference. SLC’s are a time to connect as well as a time to showcase how your student can lead their own learning. If you have not yet had your SLC, please reach out to your crew leader. Our goal is 100%.

ONLINE GRADEBOOK
We are excited to roll out our online gradebook, JumpRope, to students and families in 3rd grade and above. Please see this flyer to learn more about standards based grading and how you can begin to log in.

EXPEDITIONS
At Lodestar we believe in meaningful work for students. Expeditions are our project based learning approach to bring this belief to life. An expedition is an in depth study into a focused topic with a guiding question and related case studies that lead towards a meaningful product that has impact on our community. Every student from K-8 at Lodestar learns via an Expedition. To learn more about your child’s Expedition, please read here.

WELCOMING NEW TEAM MEMBERS
As we start Quarter 2, we are excited to welcome new staff to round out our hiring. Please help us welcome the following team members:

- Nicholas Hilliard, 8th Math Teacher
- Molly Williamson, Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant
- Betsabe Velasco, K-8 Clinician
- Lajaye Perkins, 8th After School Program Instructor

HALLOWEEN
At Lodestar, holidays are not celebrated during the school day. When it comes to Halloween, students do not wear costumes during the school day. We follow this practice out of respect to everyone’s identities some of which for religious reasons do not celebrate holidays. Themes, instead, are celebrated, such as a fall fest or community/love on Valentine’s day.
In respect to families who do not celebrate Halloween, ASP has proposed to host a Fall Festival on Wednesday, November 14th, from 5-7pm. The festival will include potluck dishes, games/activities, dancing and costumes. Non-ASP students can participate with a family chaperone as ASP will not provide additional child care for non-ASP students.

**ASP ENRICHMENT CLASS - CHESS**
The challenge for most after school programs across the country is funds, funds not only for the program but also funds for enrichment classes. A Lodestar parent, Mr. David Camargo, has graciously offered to facilitate a chess club during ASP, however, funds are needed to purchase chess boards, chess clocks and additional materials. To this end, a GoFundMe account has been created by Mr. Camargo as a fundraiser to which you may donate if you so choose. Our ask is that you will share the GoFundMe link with family and friends. Let’s help our kids develop a lifelong passion for this amazing game of Chess.

**PAY/REDUCED STUDENT FAMILIES**
This month’s meal balance statement will be emailed to you at your primary student/parent email, Please make sure your email is updated in our system. Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions, Roxana Rodriguez, Lead Food Server.
(510)775-0255 or roxana.rodriguez@lighthousecharter.org

**K-4 Update**

**QUARTER 2**
Welcome to Q2! Here are some updates about what is happening in Crew this quarter:

**Happening This Week:**
- Welcoming students back from break!
- Reflecting on how student-led conferences felt and what students were proud of.
- Reminding students of universal expectations, and settling back into strong routines to ease the transition back into school mode.
- Start stoking EXPO, coming up on Dec 14th!

**Happening This Quarter:**
- Unpacking HoWLs across spaces
- Core Values & HoWL Celebrations
  - Mid-Quarter HoWL reflections
- Student Experience Survey
- Grades 2-4 embark on Service work 1-2 times monthly on Fridays
- K-4 begins college/career exploration
- Expo!

**6-8 Update**

**EIGHTH GRADE STAFFING TRANSITION**
As Ms. Canizales shared with 8th grade families during student-led conferences, we are so excited to have an experienced math teacher joining our team to teach 8th grade math!
Hilliard, who has been serving as a substitute teacher in our community, will join the team starting on Monday 10/29 as our 8th grade math teacher. As a result, Mr. Acero will transition back into his role as our science teacher. Ms. Rose will be transitioning into a K-8 behavioral support instructional aide to support our students who need more personalized supports. She will continue to serve as a 6th grade Crew leader.

Please read Mr. Hilliard’s letter to families [here](#).

**UPCOMING FIELDWORK**
Thursday, November 1: The 8th grade class will be heading to the Oakland Museum of California to deepen their knowledge of local farming!

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**Family Resource Center**

**ORGANIC VOICES**
Save the Date: November 3rd, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Lighthouse Community Public Schools invite you to the launch of our new parent group Organic Voices, Voces Organicas, that will engage parents on local and statewide politics that affect our students. We understand that parents are involved with our schools in many ways, that some just want to focus on the work that happens inside our schools and we appreciate your passion and dedication. This group, Organic Voices, will participate at the OUSD Board of Education Meetings, participate in conversations with local officials and other parent leaders across our Oakland community and work with other community organizations. More information can be found here: [Organic Voices](#).

**KINDER TO COLLEGE (K2C)**
Lodestar, with support from [Oakland Promise](#), is committed to maintaining a College Going Culture for all its students. “A College Going Culture is an environment that both encourages and provides students and families with the resources, tools, preparation, and information necessary to encourage college access and completion (Oakland Promise).”

Information about the K2C early college scholarship and the [529 College Savings](#) account will be shared at the [November 16th Coffee Friday](#). Throughout the balance of the school year, you will also note bulletin boards that emphasize College Going Culture; teachers might be found wearing t-shirts from their alma mater, and doors may be decorated to highlight colleges attended. College focused lesson plans will be shared with K-2 classes to spark interest and generate college focused conversations.

As these “College” moments happen, be sure to talk to your student about their impressions as well as their college aspirations. After all, College begins with Kindergarten (and every grade thereafter)!

**ST. ELIZABETH’S CHURCH, OAKLAND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS (OCO) AND THE GUATEMALAN CONSULATE IMMIGRATION FORUM**
November 3rd, OCO will be collaborating with the Guatemalan Mobile Consulate and St. Elizabeth’s Church to create an Immigration forum together (Saint Elizabeth’s Catholic Church Gym, 1500 34th Ave. Oakland, November 3, 2018, 10:00am). The Guatemalan community will be able to process documents here in the community; individuals will not have to go to San Francisco to do it. There will also be limited free consultations with immigration attorneys as well as receive ample
information regarding the latest immigration policies and laws. Find more information about the meeting, click here. Link: What To Bring To Process Documents With Guatemalan Consulate

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<td>Upcoming dates: November 16th: “K2C, Kinder To College Info”</td>
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<td>First Lodestar Walkabout to beautify the campus from the outside in</td>
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