**Weekly Newsletter**
**November 26, 2018**

**Schoolwide Update**

**DON'T FORGET STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON IS THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30th**
Lodestar families, please contribute to our 3rd Annual Staff Appreciation Lunch on Friday, 11/30. The lunch is completely hosted by families. Please sign up to bring a salad, main dish, dessert or a take home treat. To be mindful of allergies, please avoid items with nuts. We also appreciate help setting up (1 pm) and cleaning up (2:30 pm). All contributions should be dropped off on Friday, 11/30 (before school in Family Resource Center OR at 1 pm in the MPR/cafeteria). You can find sign up sheets on Ms. Jasmine’s desk (elementary school) or on the Bulletin Board in the Administration Building. Thank you!

**COLD SEASON**
It’s flu and cold season, which means that this is an important opportunity to reinforce hygiene for your students. This includes:
- Hand washing and using hand sanitizer
- Sneezing/coughing into elbows rather than hands

We would love donations of disinfecting wipes. Please feel free to bring wipes to your crew leader.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR LODESTAR WINTER EXPO**
You are invited to Lodestar’s Winter Expo, a celebration of learning, December 14th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Expo is a powerful opportunity for students to bring their learning to life and share their high quality authentic work with the wider community!
Your child will be playing an important role in presenting her/his learning, so please plan on attending for this event!

**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY EXPECTATIONS DURING DROP-OFF/PICK-UP**

Student and family safety is a high priority for us and we need the support from all Lodestar community members to follow our expectations. During drop-off and pick-up, please drive through our parking lot to ensure a safe environment for your child or you may also park in a legally designated parking space and walk onto campus. Please ensure to follow these community expectations:
- **No u-turns** at any point on Edes nor 105th Ave
- **Please do not jaywalk.** Use the crossing at the intersection of 105th and Edes as we have a crossguard at this location. This is crucial for the safety of all along with the traffic impact of cars stopping for jaywalkers.
- The pedestrian **gate located at 105th is not a drop-off zone.** Please use our gates and entries located on Edes Ave.
- **No double parking** to allow students exit a vehicle. We want to keep a smooth traffic flow.
- **Follow the instructions of our staff members** who are out there to keep students/families safe and help monitor traffic for the community.
- Do not park blocking driveways of nearby business/homes/driveways. **Ensure that you’re parking in a legal parking zone.**

Thank you all for your support as we work together to be good neighbors and hold safety as a priority.

**Nutrition Focused Parent Group**
Does your child eat lunch at school? Do you want to learn how LCPS selects the vendor for our food program? Want to be a part of the process to select our next food vendor for the 2019-20 school year? We invite you to be part of the Nutrition Focused Parent Group. Parents play a vital role in supporting our student’s health and well-being at home and in school. Your voice is important to us and we’re searching for members to be part of a parent working group that will be learning together and evaluating the food vendor selection process during the 2018-19 school year. Keep an eye out for an upcoming date for our first gathering. If you would like to receive a personal update with the date and information, please send an email to our Director of Operations, Arlene Aldrette, arlene.aldrette@lighthousecharter.org. Looking forward to seeing you!

**K-4 Update**

**USING LAB SOFTWARE AT HOME**
As we approach Winter Break, remember your child can use their Dreambox, Razkids, Lexia, etc., at home at clever.com/in/lodestar and at bit.ly/LodestarLinks. Reach out to your crew leader for any login info!

**UPCOMING FIELDWORK**
Grade 1 is on fieldwork this Friday, November 30, at the Oakland Tool Lending Library.

**6-8 Update**

**STAFFING UPDATES**
There are 2 staffing updates for our Middle School. The first has to do with Mr. Acero’s resignation given an unexpected personal circumstance. We sent an email with a letter that can be found here. We are grateful that our team leans in and quickly adapts to ensure that students’ instruction is not interrupted. Ms. Valdry, our 6-8 Self-Directed Lab Instructional Aid, is currently away on medical leave. We look forward to her return. In the meanwhile, Mr. Hilliard (our 8th math teacher) has taken over her crew and we are leveraging our substitute partner for supervision of our self-directed lab that Mrs. Valdry oversaw.

**JUMPROPE LOG-INS!**
Our online grading platform called “Jumrope” is up and running! Your students’ teachers are entering their grades on an ongoing basis (at least biweekly), and we encourage you to check your...
child’s current levels of mastery regularly. The website is www.jumpro.pe and their username is their e-mail address (first name. Last initial. year of graduation @ lighthousecharter.org). If you do not have access to your child’s password, please contact your Crew leader.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE MESSAGE**
Click here for [Letter From Founding Principal Carnizales](#)

**SCOLIOSIS SCREENINGS NOVEMBER 20th**
Middle schoolers are scheduled to have their scoliosis screenings on 11/29. Below are flyers with details about this event.

- Information Flyers A, B, C
- Scoliosis Screenings are for grades 6th-8th only.

**UPCOMING FIELDWORK**
The 7th grade will be heading to Angel Island on Wednesday, November 28! Please contact Meredith Schreiber at meredith.schreiber@lighthousecharter.org with any questions.

The 6th grade will be heading to the studios of KQED on Tuesday, December 4. We will need as many chaperones as possible to join us for this special trip! Please contact Laura Einhorn at laura.einhorn@lighthousecharter.org if you’re able to chaperone.

**Family Resource Center**

**GRANDPARENTS CLUB**
Grandparents are an untapped resource for Lodestar. They bring skills, experience and wisdom in a way that no one else can. The next meeting of the Grandparents Club will be Monday, December 3rd at 10 a.m. in the Family Resource Center. Please share this information with your Lodestar grandparent and encourage them to join us. All are welcome and translation will be provided.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION - EAST OAKLAND BOXING ASSOCIATION (EOBA) STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**
This after school program is free to all Oakland residents and they provide pick-up from the school. They assist with daily homework as well as one-on-one tutoring. They also offer boxing and computer as well as enrichment activities and off-site field. Apply online at EOBA. For more information, contact Cerise Palmanteer, Education Program Coordinator at (510) 430-8056.

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION**
Lodestar Families, please continue to bring in your boxtops to help raise funds for the school. Take your unexpired box tops to Ms. Jazmine at the front desk or Ms. Williams in the Family Resource Center. Thank you for your support! For more information click here for Boxtops For Education

**FREE FAMILY DANCE**
[Luna Dance Institute](#) presents “Mpact: Moving Parents and Children Together,” a free dance program for families held at the 81st Avenue Library, 1021 81st Avenue, Oakland. The sessions are held on Saturday afternoons, 1-2 p.m. December 1st and December 8th.
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[December Breakfast and Lunch Calendar](#)