Family Newsletter

Black History Month
February is the national celebration of Black History Month. This month is dedicated to the recognition and celebration of African Americans that have left their mark in history in the United States, including inventors, scientists, writers, composers, civil rights activists, television personalities to our former president of the United States. All these individuals have had an impact on our nation and each helped pave the way for future generations. The United States has a history of marginalizing people of color in horrific ways that are not typically talked about or taught and this is why it is so important for all of us to continue to remember the history and what these amazing individuals fought for in our country, so that we may not repeat the errors of our past. In the spirit of being life-long learners, for our Lighthouse families that might have not been born in this country or might not know much about America’s history or just want to learn more, Here are some resources for you to learn more about Black History Month and the contributions of African Americans throughout history.

Books
Martin Rising: Requiem For a King by Andrea Davis Pinkney
My Daddy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Martin Luther King, III
The Warmth Of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson
Narrative of The Life of Frederick Douglass An American Slave

Websites
www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov
https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month
www.biography.com/people/groups/famous-black-inventors

Black History is World History Community Event
Our After School Program will be leading the annual Black History is World History Event on February 20th from 4 pm to 6 pm. All of the Lighthouse community is invited to attend to celebrate and honor Black History Month. There will be activities, food, music and fun!

Middle School African American Read-in
Our middle school is hosting volunteers in crew for the African-American Literature Read-In. Fifth and sixth-grade host volunteers on 2/7 and seventh and eighth grades on 2/8. Anyone wanting to volunteer can contact amanda.klein@lighthousecharter.org directly for details. The library will be displaying books from the Read-In’s suggested book list as well. We are working with the Oakland Education Fund to recruit volunteers as well.

Keep an eye out for the February Weekly Newsletters for more information on Black History Month activities across our family of schools.
The Motions of Emotions Parent Workshop
Do you sometimes feel at a loss on how to deal with the many changes in your child’s emotions? Does your child have trouble expressing their emotions in a productive way? Or do you just want to learn some interesting info to support your child? Then join us for this parent workshop, The Motions of Emotions, led by our Psychology Interns! Snacks, childcare and translation to Spanish will be provided. Please sign up for this workshop by February 8th, 2019 by emailing Maritza at maritza.aiello@lighthousecharter.org or by texting your name and how many children you would need childcare for at 510-686-3173.

Padres Comprometidos Training
Join our Padres Compronetidos Parent Training program! Join our Parent Training at Lighthouse starting on February 7, 2019, at 9 am to 10:30 am. Training will include: Understanding your Adolescent, Communicating with your Adolescent, Promoting Positive Behaviors, and much more!

*Please note that even though this training was created to support Latino families, the information is beneficial to all parents and ALL parents are welcome to join. If you do not have a child in middle or high school but want to learn some great information before they get to adolescence, please join us! All of our families are welcome regardless of the grade of children or ethnicity.

Coffee, tea, snacks, toys for toddlers and translation to Spanish will be provided. If you are interested in joining please sign up by Feb. 4 by contacting Maritza at maritza.aiello@lighthousecharter.org or 510-686-3173.

Your donations make a difference at Lighthouse!
Thank you to all of the parents who have donated to Lighthouse this year! Our goal for Lighthouse parent donations is $4,000 and we have raised $1,200 so far. Can you help us raise the rest? You can donate on our website (lighthousecharter.org) or give a check or cash to Claudia Espinoza at the K-8 front desk. Your donations are used to pay for materials and fieldwork — you make a difference for all of our children!

6th - 8th Grade Youth Scholarships
Attention parents of middle school students: A local organization is offering $250 – 500 scholarships to pay for extracurricular activities for students in grades 6-8th. Youth Opportunity Scholarships are available to pay for classes or camps. Applications are due on March 31st. If you’re interested, please fill out this form www.tinyurl.com/y8q7qhyc or email Karen Fee (karen.fee@lighthousecharter.org)

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.aldrrette@lighthousecharter.org. Looking forward to seeing you!

After School Program News
Ms. Brenda will be out on maternity leave effective Friday, March 20, 2019. In her absence, our Administrative Floater Lynette Johnson will be assuming the role of K-8 Operations Coordinator until Ms. Brenda’s return. Ms. Brenda's return date is TBD. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact Ms.NaNa at (510) 214-2037 or via email at Aunnamarie.Reyna@lighthousecharter.org