COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING
Lodestar Families, please join us Saturday, April 27th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. for our community engagement meeting. This is a great opportunity for you to connect with other Lodestar families as well as be brought up to date on the plans (and challenges) for the construction of the High School. Family Liaison, Donna Williams, and Community Organizer, Shandel Rosales, will reach out to you via telephone within the next few days. Click link for additional information: It Begins With Us!

TRANSPORTATION SURVEY- WE NEED YOUR VOICE
Lodestar Families, we are interested in learning more about why our families choose their current mode of transportation so that we might promote carpooling, walking and/or biking to school. We only had 43% of our families complete the survey. We need more of the community to share their voice. We will reopen the survey through Wednesday, April 24th. Your participation is very much appreciated! Thank you.

Survey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lodestar-transportation

CARPOOLING PROGRAM
Lodestar is partnering with GoKid, a free carpooling app for families! With GoKid, you’ll be able to find other Lodestar families that live in your nearby area and connect to set up carpooling. You will be able to filter by distance and grade levels so that you find the right fit for your carpooling needs. Families will receive a welcome email to get your account set-up and get started with creating carpools along with an opt-out option if you choose to not participate.

If you do not want to participate in carpooling and will like your contact information to be removed from the carpooling program, please email arlene.aldrette@lighthousecharter.org or call the main office, 510-775-0255. Please state your name, your child’s full name and grade so that we can remove you from the system.
If you did not receive a welcome email and would like to participate, please email arlene.aldrette@lighthousecharter.org or call the main office, 510-775-0255 so that we can add your email address and get your family started. Please state your most current email address, your name, your child’s full name and grade.

**BOOK FAIR @ LODESTAR**
The Lodestar Book Fair was an amazing success. We exceeded our goal of $3,000 by reaching sales of over $7,000! Lodestar Families, we could not have done it without you and your amazing students. Through their research, our vendor Scholastic, has discovered that Book Fairs held just before a winter or spring breaks result in a rise in student reading levels. This is a win/win for everyone!

We again thank Lodestar parent, Marla McDonald, for bringing this vision to Lodestar. We thank our grandparents who spearheaded the event and were present every day making it all happen for the Lodestar Community. We look forward to even greater things in the future as we continue to come together to shine even brighter as the Lodestar community! See pictures below.

6-8 Update

**SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES**
Check out this list of summer camp opportunities middle school students in the bay area https://docs.google.com/.../1NapSH5Y7jW3UQY8tZVG0hkvdvv.../edit...

**STATE TESTING PREVIEW**
Our MS students are preparing for our yearly CA SBAC state testing in Language Arts and Math. Testing will begin the week of May 6th for 8th graders and May 13th for 6th and 7th graders. In addition, this year, our 8th graders will take the CA State Science Test and our 7th graders will take the CA Physical Fitness test. More details to come in an SBAC letter.

**8TH END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS**
8th Grade Families, we are excited to announce our end of the year celebrations to send off our students to high school with love and in community. We know that their 8th grade ceremony is one of many to come, including a college graduation. Please hold the following festivities on your calendars. See our flyer here and check your email for invite.

There will be two celebrations:

- 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony on June 13th, 5:30-7:00pm at Lodestar.
- 8th Grade BBQ on June 14th, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Roberts Park, Huckleberry Picnic Area, 10570 Skyline Blvd.

Please Note: Only students who have met promotion academic criteria will participate in the 8th Grade Ceremony. Only students who have successfully completed their passage presentation will participate in the 8th Grade Barbecue.

**6TH/7TH COLLEGE CREW PLANS**
This quarter, 6th and 7th graders will have College and Career Crew twice a week. Each week we will learn about the different types of career possibilities and college options to educate and excite students about their future! Crew will culminate this quarter with Crew Presentations the last week of school where students will share what they are proud of from this year and share research about a college and career of their choice.

## Family Resource Center

**CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS!**

Lodestar Families, our Grandparents Circle will meet Monday, May 6th, at 10 a.m. Grandparents are an untapped resource for Lodestar. They can bring skills, experience and wisdom in a way that no one else can. Please let your grandparents know about this meeting. Grandparents, please join us!

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