After receiving the GoKid welcome email, please take 5 minutes to create your account on your phone/computer today. Through the platform, you will be able to connect with other Lodestar families to support you in finding carpools to get your kids to and from school.

Why should I sign up with GoKid?
1. Free up your time by carpooling with Lodestar families who live near you!
2. The City of Oakland needs to see high levels of families registering to use the app to greenlight our high school building project. **Signing up for GoKid helps ensure our high school building is on track!** Of course, you can opt out, but we strongly encourage you register! It will help everyone!

How do I sign up and what does the app do?
1. Find the welcome email from “GoKid” dated 5/1/19. Follow directions and links in the email.
2. Didn’t get the email from Go Kid? Email Director of Operations, Arlene Aldrette @ arlene.aldrette@lightousecharter.org to get it. Email your name, student’s name and grade level.
3. Download and register on the app to help manage the carpools which you have already set-up via the web-browser.

I’ve signed up with GoKid. Now what?
1. Connect with Lodestar families to make carpooling plans! See who lives near you!
2. Need help? Email arlene.aldrette@lightousecharter.org

UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS BEGINNING MAY 6TH
Lodestar will be conducting the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments (SBAC) in grades 3-8, the California Physical Fitness Test (FitnessGram) in 7th grade, and the California Science Test in 8th grade.

Each spring, students in grades 3rd-8th participate in the statewide SBAC test. These assessments provide information to teachers, parents/guardians, and students about students’ progress and readiness for college and career. Students in 5th and 7th grade across California also take the Fitnessgram every spring to measure their physical fitness as well as the 8th California Science Test (CAST). [Full Letter Here]

**INTENT TO RETURN**

Our enrollment team continues to work hard in preparing for the upcoming year. All families must reconfirm intent to return even if your intent to return has not changed from your response given earlier this year.

You will be receiving a letter and form via regular mail at home later this week.
- Forms must be submitted by **Wednesday, May 15th** to your crew leader or front office.

**COFFEE FRIDAY**

Every other Friday of the month, we gather as community to only learn about pertinent school-related topics but to also engage in the conversation. All are welcome to participate at any time. There is no need to RSVP, just come and enjoy! Coffee is provided and we begin at 9:15 am with announcements. Discussions are offered in English and Spanish. **This Friday’s conversation, along with special announcements, will revolve around the Family Survey taken earlier this year.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

"A teacher affects eternity; [they] never tell where [their] influence stops."

–Henry Adams

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. During this week, please take a moment to say thank-you to those teachers who lovingly pour into your children each school day. Gifts are not mandatory, however, a card or a special note of thanks from you and/or your child goes a long way. A personal note or handmade card is always appreciated.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A Teacher Appreciation potluck luncheon is planned for the faculty and staff, Thursday, May 9th. We ask that you would
contribute a dish to the luncheon as we celebrate our "Eternity Touchers." Dishes can be dropped off any time prior to 11:00 a.m. in the Family Resource Center. If you have any questions, please email donna.williams@lighthousecharter.org

TALENT SHOW @ LODESTAR

It’s time for the THIRD ANNUAL Lodestar Talent Show!

On Monday the Talent Show Committee sent home an envelope with raffle tickets with each student. We have put together some awesome prizes that should make selling tickets easy. Regardless of whether you win one of the prizes, everyone is a winner!

How you can help:
Sell or purchase the tickets that have been distributed to you and direct people to online auction website to bid on prizes by following the link when it becomes live on May 13th (all info for the online auction will be sent via email and text).

Raffle:
- Raffle tickets are $2 each. The grand prize is a 5 pack of Disneyland park hopper tickets. We also have a 3 Month Family Membership for the Oakland YMCA, a video camera, a bicycle and of other fun prizes that include gift certificates to local businesses, museums and Fairyland.
- Money can be turned, and more raffle tickets are available, in the Family Resource Center.
- All money and raffle tickets (purchased and unpurchased) should be turned in by Wednesday, May 29th.
- Raffle tickets will also be available for purchase at the talent show.
- Raffle drawings will be done at the talent show and winners need not be present to win.

Talent Show AUDITIONS!
Auditions for our Talent Show will be held on Wednesday May 8th for Middle School students and Thursday May 9th for Elementary students in the Middle School Building at 3:45pm with Mr. C.

6-8 Update

6th and 7th Grade College Visits
6th and 7th grade students will be taking two visits to colleges next week while 8th graders take SBAC! Be sure to sign students’ permissions slips and notify crew leaders if you are interested in chaperoning.

SCHEDULE
Monday: 6th graders visit San Francisco State University
Tuesday: 7th graders visit San Francisco State University
Wednesday: 6th graders visit Laney College
Thursday: 7th graders visit Laney College

On the days 6th or 7th graders are not on a college visit, they will take the MAP test.

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, 5:30-7:00 pm at Lodestar. Each student can bring a maximum of seven guests to accommodate all families and our MPR size.
- 8th Grade BBQ on June 14th, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Roberts Park, Huckleberry Picnic. Area, 10570 Skyline Blvd. This location may change as we are working to ensure that we will have a location that also permits access to swimming.

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.

Family Resource Center

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS!
Lodestar Families, our Grandparents Circle will meet this 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!

ZUMBA IS BACK!
Join us every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. for fitness and fun led by Lodestar parent, Ms. Vanina.

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May Breakfast Lunch Menu