Lodestar Families, please continue to register on the GoKid carpool application to make family to family connections for the 19-20 school year (find the welcome email from “GoKid” dated 5/20/19). Through the platform you will be able to connect with other Lodestar families to create carpools to get your kids to and from school. This can be a great pre-planning tool for the upcoming school year as well as a way to connect with Lodestar families in your area. Even if you choose not to carpool (or you are already in a carpool), we still need every Lodestar family to register on the app.

Need additional help? Please email arlene.aldrette@lightousecharter.org

REDUCED BUS PASSES AVAILABLE
31 day student passes are available for student sale at a discounted rate of $25.00. If you’re interested in purchasing, please see Mr Madrid in the Admin building or send an email, eleazar.madrid@lighthousecharter.org.

PARENT LEADERSHIP VISION MEETING
Lodestar Families: Thank you (Wednesday evening and Friday morning) for sharing your feedback, insights, and suggestions for the Parent Leadership Group 19-20. Your enthusiasm as parent champions (aka Lodestar ambassadors) was infectious and school year 19-20 is sure to be a great year for family engagement.

"Ongoing research shows that family engagement in schools improves student achievement, reduces absenteeism, and restores parents’ confidence in their children’s education. Students with involved parents or other caregivers earn higher grades and test scores, have better social skills, and show improved behavior." NEA, Nov 18, 2014

Stay tuned for notes from the meetings as well as a tentative date for the summer gathering.

“We are Lodestar, a Lighthouse Community Public School, “Where OAKLAND Shines Bright.”
LODESTAR TALENT SHOW
A giant Lodestar Shout Out to everyone who made the third annual talent show a great success! Our goal was $8,000 but we are at $8,500 and still counting. The Lodestar students talents in action were amazing and your support greatly appreciated! To all the volunteers and for all the donations, thank-you! Congratulations to all our prize winners. We look forward to greater in the 19-20 school year.

GET READY FOR REGISTRATION FOR THE 19-20 SCHOOL YEAR
In order to be ready to start day 1 on August 12th, all registration paperwork and online process will need to be completed for ALL students (new and returning). Registration will take place from July 8th-12th at our sister campus, Lighthouse, located minutes away from Lodestar at 444 Hegenberger Road. Note: students will not be allowed to start school on the first day until the registration process is completed. If you will be out of town or unable to attend registration week, please contact the front desk to notify us and schedule another time and date, prior to August 12th, to complete the process. Keep an eye out for further communication on more details. See you at registration!
**Mandatory Vaccines for Rising 7th Graders**

State law mandates that all students entering 7th grade in the upcoming school year must have a T-Dap/whooping cough vaccine on file. Please schedule your appointments accordingly in order to complete this prior to the start of the school year and be prepared to provide proof during registration week. For more information on immunizations for school, visit [https://www.shotsforschool.org/](https://www.shotsforschool.org/)

**Preview After School Program for 19-20**

Parents, we know that aftercare is very important for you. In the 19-20 school year, we will not be able to open any more spots than we currently have available (about 120 for K-8) because our funding is limited. We want you to have this information well in advance of the new school year, so you can plan accordingly. A spot in ASP this year, does not guarantee a spot next year. You will be able to apply for ASP at registration. We will work hard to connect you with other resources so you know where you might find after care in 19-20.

One resource that may be available, not only for the school year but also for the summer, is East Oakland Boxing Association that offers free after-school and summer programs. More information can be found here: [East Oakland Boxing Association Information](#)

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**K-4 Update**

**Snack Donations**

K-2 Lodestar Families, as we near the end of the school year, would you please consider donating healthy snacks to K-2, please. Snack ideas include: animal crackers, nutritional bars, goldfish crackers (please no chips). Snacks can be in bulk or individually-wrapped. Please remember, no nuts. If you have any questions, please contact vil.e@lighthousecharter.org. Thanks you.

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**6-8 Update**

**Reminder: 8th Grade End of Year Celebrations**

Dear 8th Families, we are just a few days from sending off our 8th graders to high school and beyond. Please note three details:

- **#1:** The promotion ceremony is next Thursday from 5:30-7pm at Lodestar. Each student can bring up to 7 guests. Students should be dressed semi-formal.
- **#2:** We look forward to you sitting on your child’s 8th grade passage panel during the week of June 10th. Students should have given you an invitation with specific time and date.
- **#3:** On the final day, June 14th, students who have successfully completed passage will attend a celebration at The Wave Aquatic Center in Dublin. Permission forms are due this Friday, June 7th. We are asking families to make a $12 donation to support the trip expenses, including a chartered bus and entrance. If you are able to contribute more to support another 8th grader, all donations are welcome. We are also seeking family chaperones. Please indicate on permission form.

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 The Wave Aquatic Center trip.
8TH GRADE PASSAGE
Passage is a unique school tradition in which students present their readiness to move on to the next milestone in their educational journey. This year, our 8th Graders will reflect on their progress toward the components of our Graduate Profile: Purposeful and Self-Aware, Relationship Builder, Academically Proficient, Lifelong Learner, and Committed to Service & Justice.

Similar to Student-Led Conferences, Passage is an end-of-year celebration of learning that all 8th graders participate in. Passage is special because students will present to teachers, family, and another member of the community.

**Every student and at least one family member is required to be present.**
- **When?** Afternoons, Monday, June 10 - Thursday, June 13, 2019
- **Time?** Passage is about 45 minutes long and will be scheduled for one time slot between 1:30-4:30 pm.
- **Where?** Lodestar, 701 105th Avenue, Oakland CA 94603

6th & 7th Grade Crew Presentations
During the last week of school Monday-Thursday, from 8:50 - 10:25 am, students will be presenting what they are proud of, how they have grown, and goals for next year in a slideshow presentation to their crew. Families are invited to be present for their student’s presentation. Contact your crew leader to learn when your child will be presenting or to schedule a time that works for you. Crew leaders will record presentations for any families not able to present.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFFING UPDATES
Middle School Families, you should have received a Staff Update email earlier this week. A copy of the letter is linked here: [Middle School Staff Updates](#)

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