



March 6, 2017

Dear Lodestar Families,

As an organization, Lighthouse Community Public Schools are committed to our school values of love, community, social justice, agency and integrity. As our country faces many changes, we understand that there are many families that have anxieties and worries about the future. Through this time we want you to understand where we stand on our commitment to serve ALL students and families, regardless of race, ethnicity, background, first language, country of origin, immigrant status, gender, and sexual orientation.

Lighthouse Community Public schools will remain beacons of light and safety for our families. **Lighthouse and Lodestar are sanctuary schools.** Our commitment to all students is reflective in our policies and practices. We know our schools, children, teachers, and families can thrive only when we are inclusive and welcoming to all.

Recently, our board approved a Commitment to the Education of Immigrant Children (attached here). In a nutshell, it describes our commitment to protecting the privacy of our students and not allowing ICE officials to disrupt the education of our students.

We **Love** our students and will make sure they are safe.

We are a **Community** and we will work with and for our families and students no matter what challenges arise.

We are a school that believes in **Social Justice**, which means we believe all students have the right to receive a quality education that will help them get to and through college, so they become life long changemakers that will make Oakland and our world a better place no matter what their legal status.

We believe in **Agency**, and demonstrate our agency by declaring our schools sanctuary schools regardless of what other schools, cities, or states decide to do.

We have **Integrity** to our beliefs and will stand up for what is right for ALL of our students and families.

We are in this together and we will stand united. If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to us at any time.

With Love,

Jenna Stauffer, CEO and the entire Lighthouse and Lodestar Team

Model/Staff Shifts 2017-2018

Where are we now?

We're proud of the foundation that we've built in partnership with you. Highlights include:

- 97% family participation in our January Student-led Conferences
- Spring Expedition Kick-Offs with topics (trash to treasure, wild weather, farm to table and sustainable ecosystems) that capture student interests and have a real purpose in our community
- Significant academic growth gains, including all K-2 students making half a year or more of growth in writing, significant growth in 6th grade readers getting them closer to grade level, and strong math foundations with all of our K students being at or above grade level.
- A staff culture that is focused on continuous improvement of our innovative model

Learn more in our Model/Staff Shifts letter [here](#).

Lodestar K-2 Lab & SDL Work Plan

Students use self-directed learning(SDL) work plans to effectively utilize their 2 hour K-2 Lab time (1 hour on Friday). Lodestar learning experiences are designed to give students agency. Having students make choices about the people they learn with, the places where they learn, and the path and pace of their learning are essential to develop the kinds of expert system navigators who are empowered for college, community and 21st century careers.

Learn more [here!](#)

Lodestar Expeditions

Learn more about what students are working on in their Inquiry Arc Expedition classes!

What is a learning Expedition at Lodestar?

A half -year learning experience regarding a historical or scientific issue affecting students' lives. Via all subjects, students explore the topic deeply and results in the creation of student products that serve a need in the Oakland community. Expeditions aim to :

- Capture student interests and passions;
- Enable students to explore their role as agents of change in their community;
- Involve issues of cultural diversity, equity, and social justice or environmental stewardship.

Student Led Conference Update

We are happy to announce that 99% of our families attended their WINTER Student Led Conference! We look forward to engaging with 100% of our families during our Spring Student Led Conferences on April 13th & April 14th.

Hiring Update- We need your help!

We are looking for innovative and experienced educators who are excited by transforming traditional models of education to be student-centered.

Help us spread the word by sharing our website with our networks and on your social media platforms. We look forward to building our Lodestar teacher community.

Website Link [here](#).

Mark your Calendar

Coffee Tuesday

When: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 8:30-9:30

Where: Lodestar Creativity Lab

What: Join our Development team in sharing it's vision for the year while collecting ideas from our Lodestar families.

Please note: This topic was rescheduled from our January Coffee Tuesday as Facility Updates took the spotlight in January

Save the date:

April Coffee Tuesday

April 18th

8:30-9:30

Presenter: TBD

Upcoming Important Dates:

Lodestar Enrollment Lottery

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Spring Break

When: April 3rd- April 14th

(SLCs will take place on April 13th & April 14th)

U-Jam Fitness

Free classes for Lodestar parents/guardians. Get fit and have fun! No experience necessary. Join Lodestar team member Ms. Biasase every Wednesday at 5:45-6:30pm in the Lodestar MPR!

Important Documents/Updates

What's for breakfast & Lunch this month? Check out our school lunch menu here:

[March Lunch Menu](#)

Student ID Cards

It's very important that your student brings their Student ID to school every day and MUST have it in their name tags during lunch time. One main purpose is to ensure a faster check-out process and to ensure that the accurate student is picking up a LUNCH meal. Student ID cards are scanned when meals are picked up. If your student has lost their identification card and would like to receive a new card in order to help them check-out during lunch time, a \$5.00 replacement fee will be charged and sent home.

Students can always request a new card if theirs was lost with Mr. Madrid at the front office. Feel free to contact the office for any questions.

Join our Facebook Page

Lodestar is on Facebook!

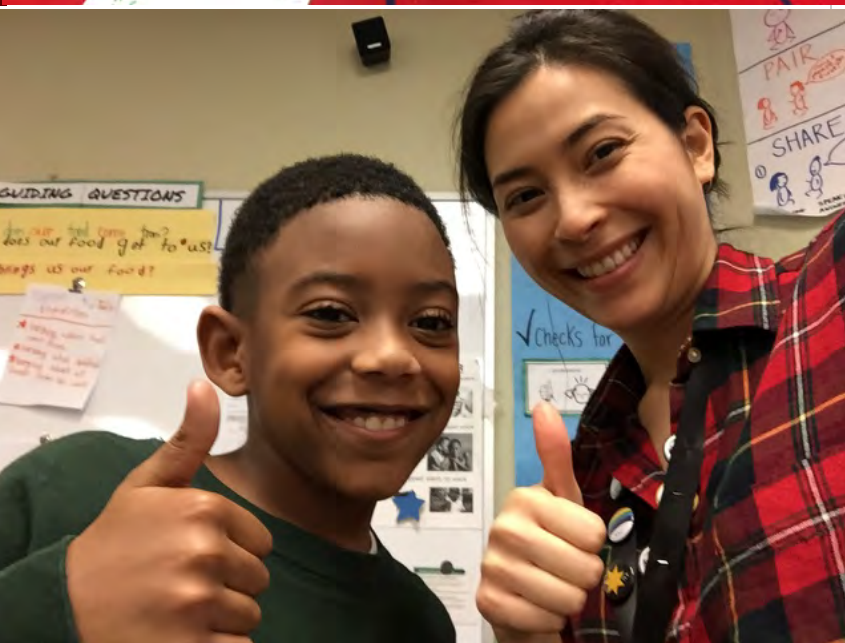
3 important things to know:

- Our FB page is family run.
- Claudia Aguilar keeps it up to date with the latest information.
- The newest update is focused on our current expedition process. Find more details [here](#).

[Join here!](#)

February snapshots





Lodestar Community Agreements Song