

LUDLOW - TAYLOR PTO UPDATE



Hi Ludlow-Taylor families,

It has been great to see so many familiar faces again over the last week & welcome to all of our new L-T families! The teachers did a fabulous job getting the building (and everything else!) ready for the first week of school, and I also want to give a special shout out to those parents who stepped up to help in various ways: Fabrizio Cariani, Teija Staples, Marc Borbley, Lolly Axley, Liza Reed, Erin Johnston, Lauren McDermott, Jessica Bowron, Hannah Zlotnick, Genevieve Edens, Danielle Sanzone, Leslie Beckbridge, Crystal Goliday, Ron Sokolov, Jill Verret, Evelyn Mitchell & Michelle Di Ionno! Thank you so so much for all of your help!

Next up, I've got a bunch of quick announcements & reminders:

- **L-T's New Nurse:** L-T has a new nurse, Dorethea Daniels, who has been a DCPS-based nurse for a long time. This is somehow related to DCPS' controversial new nurse staffing plan (which close readers of the listserv will remember from early August) & my understanding is that we are officially sharing her with another school, BUT she is based at L-T.
- **L-T's New Website:** With thanks to Heather Martin, [L-T's website](#) has been entirely revamped! We are still working through the kinks & adding back content, but please check it out.
- **New Smartboards:** In a PTO Update a few weeks ago, I reported DCPS' promise to replace L-T's broken Smartboards *this year* (a major teacher priority). Well, this morning saw brand new Smartboards being delivered to L-T!
- **New Art on Fence:** With huge thanks to Ms. Isaacs & the ArtsLife team, as well as all of the kids who participated in Session 4 of ArtsLife's summer camp, we now have brand new art adorning the Morris St/7th St. fence representing many of L-T's fabulous after school clubs!
- **Specials Teachers Wish List:** I want to plug the specials teachers' combined Amazon [wish list](#) again! Ms. Metheny (Spanish), Mr. JP (Art), Coach Smith & Coach M (PE) and Mrs. O (Library) have all contributed to it & you can see who has requested which supplies & how much of a priority each request is in the comments on the list. Please consider purchasing 1 or 2 items so that your kids can get the fabulous specials experience that they deserve!
- **Room Parents:** If you are a room parent for a class this year, please fill out your information on [this spreadsheet](#). The PTO occasionally liaises with and/or passes important messages through room parents, so we want to ensure that every class is covered!
- **ECE Committee Co-Chairs:** I am very pleased to announce that we have our first Chair for our new ECE Committee, Michelle Smith Howard. We are still seeking at least one additional Chair, so please reach out if you might be interested!

Keep reading for more information on some upcoming events, our new reading tutoring/supplementing program and our new facilities log...

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PTO MEETING FOR NEW L-T FAMILIES



PTO Meeting for New Families

Tuesday, September 5 @ 6PM

L-T All Purpose Room

Pizza & Childcare Will Be Provided!

All new-to-LT families are encouraged to attend the PTO meeting for new families this Tuesday September 5th from 6-7 pm. You will get a brief introduction to all things L-T from Principal Miller, members of the PTO Executive Board, members of the LSAT & others, and will have a chance to ask all of your questions!

We have secured a sign language interpreter from DCPS for the event.

There will be FREE childcare providing by Rising Stars Aftercare during the meeting & pizza dinner for kids & adults alike. **If you intend to use childcare or eat dinner, [please RSVP here](#) by Mon 9/4!**

2 CLASS PLAYDATES: VOLUNTEER HOSTS NEEDED!

Like last year, the PTO is encouraging every class to have a family "playdate" where new classmates & their families can get to know each other in an informal setting! We are looking for one or more "hosts" in each class to organize these playdates and the PTO will reimburse up to \$100 per class for food/drinks/whatever. We are hoping these playdates will take place sometime during the next two-ish weeks, but of course pick time date & time that works best for your class! (Last year, these playdates happened in playgrounds, parks, backyards & houses... Whatever works for best for the class works for us.)

Please sign up [here](#) if you're willing to host & then come back later to fill out the date/time & location once it's all arranged. Only a handful of classes currently have hosts & class playdates simply won't occur if no one volunteers to host them!

We want to make sure that all students & families who want to have an opportunity to attend, as well as any teachers who are interested...so please liaise with your classroom teacher to pick a time/date/location & ask the teacher to send out that info over the class email list and/or in a backpack flyer!

3 NEW READING TUTORING/SUPPLEMENTING PROGRAM!



Future Stars & the PTO have teamed up to offer affordable (or even free) small group reading tutoring/supplementing by L-T teachers after school. All students in K-5th grade are eligible to sign up & be placed in small groups of 3-6 students based primarily on reading level for \$15/hour.

If you are interested in your child participating, please fill out this [form](#) regarding your child's availability & needs by Wednesday September 6th.

See [here](#) for more detailed information, including program FAQs, or reach out to info@thefuturestars.net.

4 NEW FACILITIES ISSUES LOG

As we promised at the end of last year, the PTO has started a [log of facilities issues](#) large and small that all families & teachers can see, contributed to and edit. Hopefully that will allow us (and everyone) to become aware of/get on top of issues earlier. Also, the PTO will discuss them at least as often as our monthly meetings with Principal Miller & AP Watson and add status updates to the spreadsheet so that everyone can see if/how issues are being addressed and delays can be identified.

If there is a facilities issue that you are aware of & would like discussed at the PTO's first meeting with Principal Miller & AP Watson this year, please enter as many relevant details into the [log](#) as possible by Wednesday September 6th.

5 IN THE NEXT TWO-ISH WEEKS...

Monday September 4th: Labor Day! No school!

Tuesday September 5th: PTO Meeting for New Families @ 6 pm in L-T's multipurpose room. Sign up for free childcare from Rising Stars Aftercare & free pizza dinner [here](#).

Thursday September 7th: "Expo-style" Open House for the Future Stars Enrichments Program @ 5:30 pm in L-T's multipurpose room. Come learn about Future Stars' many offerings, especially those that still have space for Session 1! Meet Ms. Hannah, Ms. Mahni & their team and get all of your questions answered!

Monday September 11th: Session 1 of Future Stars Enrichments Program begins!

Wednesday September 13th: Events Committee Kick-off Meeting @ 7 pm! Led by its fabulous Co-Chairs RaShonda Riddle (K parent) & Chris Hanley (2nd grade & K parent), our Events Committee dreams up, organizes & solicits volunteers for all of our big community events. Learn how you can help, meet other L-T families & enjoy some free drinks! More details to come.



LUDLOW-TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

S E P T E M B E R

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	28 First Day of School (K-5) BACK TO SCHOOL	29	30	31 First Day of School (ECE) BACK TO SCHOOL	1	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL (Labor Day) LABOR DAY!	5 PTO Meeting for New Families @ 6PM	6	7 Open Clubs Intro Night @ 5:30PM	8	9
10	11 Enrichments (After School Clubs) Session 1 Starts	12	13 Events Committee Kick-off Mtg @ 7PM	14	15 Rosh Hashanah Begins 	16
17	18 Back to School Night 	19	20	21	22 Movie Night 	23
24 Yom Kippur Begins 	25	26 LSAT Meeting @ 6PM & PTO Meeting @ 7PM	27	28	29	30

Visit the ALL NEW ludlowtaylor.org for event details!!!

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

