

LUDLOW-TAYLOR PTO UPDATE

Hi Ludlow-Taylor families,



I hope everyone is having a fabulous holiday break!

We still have awhile to go -- remember that school doesn't resume for students until Wednesday 1/3 --

and we don't have a complete January calendar for you yet, so this will be a pretty short update:

- **Holiday Gifts:** Thanks so much for putting up with us as we collected seemingly endless amounts of money & stuff for various holiday gifts and thank you so much to everyone for their generosity! I am very pleased to report that Sarah Lane & Bernadette Wittschen collected \$7,200 for non-classroom teachers/staff (or roughly \$170 per giftee)! A huge thank you to them for their efforts on that front. We also had more than enough volunteers step forward to cover all of the requested gifts for LT students & their siblings. A big thanks to Angelle Baugh and the Wellness Team for taking the lead on that one.
- **Holiday Prize Boards:** Don't forget that you only have 3 days left to [buy](#) your Holiday Prize Board! Also consider buying one for your favorite teacher or donating one to a teacher that doesn't have one yet! \$31 gets you 31+ chances to win beginning January 1st!
- **Warrior Fund Drive:** We are in the waning days of our Warrior Fund Drive! So far we have collected \$27,879 from families of approximately 50% of Ludlow-Taylor students! We are 93% of the way to our monetary goal! So, if you put off donating until the end of the year... we're there! Please consider [donating](#) today! **Also, the YETIs (for donors of \$150+) and the stickers (for donors of \$25+) have arrived!** We will reach out to donors about when/where to collect their swag immediately after the holiday break. AND... we have extras! So it's not too late to donate & get your limited-edition L-T swag!
- **Reading with Friends & Math with Friends:** Through Herculean efforts and sweet-talking some additional teachers, Ms. M & Ms. Johnson-Corbin have been able to accommodate the vast majority of students looking for spots in Reading with Friends & Math with Friends, respectively. If you haven't heard anything recently, but remain interested in your student participating in one or both programs, please reach out to Mahni.Hellams@k12.dc.gov and/or Marquita.Johnson@k12.dc.gov.
- **The Future Stars Session 2:** Session 2 of the Future Stars starts on Monday January 8th. You can still register [here](#) through Friday January 5th at 12 pm! In case anyone still needs them: [here](#) is the schedule of Session 2 offerings & [here](#) is a description of all of the clubs being offered, including a few new ones!

January calendars will come home in backpacks next Wednesday (and will be included in next week's PTO Update), but here are some January events to get excited about now:

- **Monday January 8:** 2nd-5th grade parents are invited to join Stuart-Hobson Middle School Principal Eric Fraser in L-T's Multipurpose room on 1/8 from 6-7 pm for a presentation and Q&A specifically tailored to L-T families. There will be pizza, drinks & snacks. There will be free childcare (including for younger siblings). Please RSVP [here](#) so we & Principal Fraser know how many/who to expect.
- **Thursday January 18:** Join Principal Miller for Coffee & Donuts from 8:30-9:00 am in front of L-T.
- **Friday January 19 & Tuesday January 23:** Ludlow-Taylor's next two open houses for prospective families will be Fri 1/19 @ 9:30 am (RSVP [here](#)) and Tues 1/23 @ 6:00 pm (RSVP [here](#)). Please let me know if you are willing to serve as a tour guide at either Open House and/or if your Safety Patrol student is willing to serve as a tour guide at the 1/23 evening Open House. Also, please spread the word to friends & neighbors!
- **Sunday January 28:** Although Fort Dupont is no more (at least for the moment), the L-T ice skating tradition lives on with thanks to Fabrizio Cariani! Join us at 2pm for an afternoon of ice skating at Canal Park Ice Rink!
- **Tuesday January 30:** Save-the-date for this month's PTO meeting (6:00-7:30 pm), which will be a happy hour at a nearby H Street venue. Free childcare at the school will be provided. Details TBD.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday at school!

