

LUDLOW - TAYLOR PTO UPDATE



Hi Ludlow-Taylor families,

It was great to see so many folks at what I think all attendees would agree was an excellent presentation & Q&A about Stuart-Hobson on Monday night. Special thanks to the L-T parents & alumna who spoke about their own experiences. [Here](#) is a link to a follow-up message from Principal Fraser that is chock full of useful information (and includes the slides from the presentation, as promised).

A bunch of quick updates/reminders for the next few weeks:

- **Holiday Prize Boards:** Thanks so much to everyone who purchased a HPB this year & especially to those who purchased one for a teacher! As a result of your generosity, our Auction Committee is off to a fabulous start, having raised **\$4,464** so far! And congratulations to this week's lucky winners: Mr. Bain's class (Jan 6th's ice cream party); the 4th grade teachers (Jan 7th's treat delivery); Ursula De Bergevin (Jan 8th's \$25 [Wydown](#) gift card); PK4 aide Ms. Mohammad (Jan 9th's hot chocolate cozy box); Naomi Cooney (Jan 10th's \$30 gift card to [Red Apron](#)); Craig Williams (Jan 11th's \$50 gift card to [Fresca](#)); and K teacher Ms. Dautruche (Jan 12th's \$50 gift card to [Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market](#)). Huge thanks to all of the small local businesses that donated prizes to support our school!
- **Coffee & Donuts:** January's Coffee & Donuts with Principal Miller will be on Thurs Jan 18th @ 8:30 am right in front of L-T's main entrance. Feel free to drop any questions [here](#).
- **Open Houses:** 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!
- **LSAT Meeting:** Apologies for the late notice on last week's meeting being cancelled. When a new date is set, a new zoom link will go out via the PTO listserv & the [LSAT page on our website](#) (which also has notes & PowerPoint presentations from past LSAT meetings).
- **PTO Happy Hour/Meeting:** The PTO Meeting scheduled for Tues Jan 30th from 6-7:30 pm will be a Happy Hour at Fresca! Come buy a margarita, enjoy some free snacks, support an H St business, hang out with some fellow L-T caregivers, listen to some PTO updates, pick up your YETI swag if you donated \$150 to the Warrior Fund (& there are a handful of extras still to be claimed!) & leave your kids (for free) with Rising Stars! (Childcare sign up will launch next week.) Teacher reps from the PRIDE Committee will join us to introduce several behavior-related initiatives launching on Feb 1st.
- **Community Events Save-the-Dates:** The dates & times of our next two big community events are all set! Please plan to join us from 6-8 pm on Thurs Feb 22nd for [Pancakes](#) & [Literacy](#) and from 6-8 pm on Thurs Mar 21st for [International Night!](#)
- **NEW Oriental Trading 10% Giveback:** Earn 10% for L-T on anything you buy at [Oriental Trading](#) from Jan 8th to Feb 7th if you use the code **LUDLOWFUN** at checkout! Also get free shipping for yourself!

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L-T ADDITION PROJECT: NEW UPDATE!

L-T's admin was recently briefed by DCPS on the most recent news regarding the [addition project](#) first notified to the community last May. Principal Miller indicated that there appeared to be a whole new set of folks in charge of the project; not the people that we and she met last Spring. The highlights of the meeting that were relayed by Principal Miller were:

- The design-build contract has been awarded. (Google tells me it was [awarded](#) to Keystone Plus Construction Corporation at the beginning of December 2023 and the design is due by May 2024.)
- Despite previous indications, DCPS did not indicate that they plan any near-term consultations with the school community. We will push for a meeting on the design once it is received.
- Construction is expected to begin on a 3-story addition containing 6 new classrooms in October 2024.
- The administration requested that the current library be split back into two full-sized classrooms and two classrooms worth of space in the addition be converted into a new media center. DCPS is non-committal.
- The addition will be built on the site of the existing rain garden. DCPS is aware that the area serves a water retention/flood control purpose for the immediate neighborhood and claims they have a plan.
- DCPS says that the playground and garden will be unaffected by the addition and access to them will remain through-out construction, which is expected to be completed by beginning of school year '25-'26.

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ICE SKATING @ CANAL PARK: RSVP BY THURS JAN 18TH

Please join us on Sunday January 28th from 2-3:45 pm at Canal Park for some outdoor ice skating! If you RSVP by Thursday January 18th [here](#), the cost will be a discounted \$12.50 per person including skate rentals & the rink will source skates in the appropriate sizes to cover our RSVPs. If you would like to join but cost is a barrier, please still sign up! The PTO will cover the cost for any families who request it.

Note: You may be able to walk-up on the day without RSVPing & join our group, but that would be subject to space & skate availability and the internet tells me it may cost \$21 for adults or \$18 for children.

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PANCAKES & LITERACY: POETRY COMPETITION RETURNS!



**POETRY
COMPETITION**
WHO CAN ENTER?

Any L-T student may enter any poem or poems of their choice! There is no limit on the number of poems that a student may enter. The poem(s) can be one written specially for this competition or it can be a poem they wrote previously. (However, students may NOT enter poems that they entered into last year's competition.)

Any poem entered in the competition must be substantially the work of the student entering it. Among other things, this means that students must write or type the poem(s) themselves in the first instance; they may not merely dictate a poem to an adult. An adult may assist with spelling, but should not otherwise be substantially editing a student's work.

****For ECE only, instead of writing a poem, a student may enter a work of art that is somehow poetry or literacy related. The possibilities are endless! A picture inspired by a particular poem or that features the alphabet, for instance, would be directly on point.****


HOW DO YOU ENTER?

The most preferred method of entry is to send the poem to pto@ludlowtaylor.org; you will receive an email confirming receipt. Students may submit a typed version of their poem or send a photo of the poem. Alternatively, poems may be dropped in the PTO mailbox or given to a classroom teacher. An adult may assist with the logistics of submitting poems, including with typing a handwritten poems (though we encourage grades 3+ to do their own typing).

WHO WINS?

Our esteemed panel of celebrity judges (i.e., teachers) will be awarding prizes in each of the ECE, K-1st, 2nd-3rd & 4th-5th age brackets. All judging will be blind & no teacher will judge their own students' work!

All winners, runners-up & honorable mentions will have their poems displayed in the school & receive medals during the Pancakes & Literacy event on Thursday February 22nd.



**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY:
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9TH**

Any Questions? Reach out to pto@ludlowtaylor.org or ask your classroom teacher!



Last year's [Poetry Competition](#) is back! And this year we're giving students nearly a month to get their poems in, so we're expecting them to be amazing!

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RESTAURANT WEEK ON H STREET: JAN 15-21ST!



I'm sure most L-T families are aware of & concerned by the many H Street business closings we've seen over the past couple of months. In an effort to support the H St. Corridor, Councilmember Allen and the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington have launched *Restaurant Week on H St.* from January 15th-21st. Dining out next week is a great way to show some love to neighborhood restaurants.

So far there are 15 H Street restaurants participating. You can find all participating restaurants [here](#) (just filter for neighborhoods, and you can find the H Street Corridor). ALL of these restaurants are awesome & worthy of our support, but the owners of [Granville Moore's](#), [Queen Vic & Maketto](#) have been consistently generous to Ludlow-Taylor, so I feel the need to give them a special shout-out here!





LUDLOW-TAYLOR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



JANUARY

2024

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | 1 NO SCHOOL <i>(New Year's Day)</i> | 2 NO SCHOOL <i>(Staff Professional Development Day)</i> | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Grounds Clean-Up Day (10AM-12PM) | 8 Future Stars Session 2 (Clubs) Starts Stuart-Hobson Info Session (6-7PM) | 9 Auction Committee Meeting @7PM (Fresca) | 10 | 11 LSAT Meeting @6PM (Virtual) | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 NO SCHOOL <i>(Martin Luther King Jr. Day)</i>  | 16 | 17 | 18 Coffee & Doughnuts with Principal Miller @ 8:30AM Schoolwide Birthday Celebration  | 19 Open House @ 9:30AM [Prospective Families] | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Open House @ 6PM [Prospective Families] | 24 | 25 | 26 NO SCHOOL <i>(End of Term)</i> | 27 |
| 28 Ice Skating at Canal Park @ 2PM  | 29 | 30 PTO Meeting/ Happy Hour @ 6PM | 31 | | | |

 Visit ludlowtaylor.org for event details! 

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 **WORRIED ABOUT A STUDENT?**

If a student you know is experiencing a mental health challenge, please complete this referral form and a member of the school wellness team will respond.

SCAN HERE:

