

LUDLOW - TAYLOR PTO UPDATE



Hi Ludlow-Taylor families,

I hope everyone is enjoying their second and a half snow day this week! Hopefully the weather cooperates a little bit more with school attendance & events next week... but friendly reminder that students have next Friday off from school no matter the weather! Also, thanks to all of those who braved Thursday's cold for Coffee & Donuts with Principal Miller (though we did end up spontaneously moving it into the front lobby!). [Here](#) is my summary of the Q&A that occurred.

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

- **Holiday Prize Boards:** Congratulations to this week's lucky winners: Ms. Campbell's PK4 class (Jan 13th's pinata party); CES aide Mr. Cherry (Jan 14th's \$100 cash prize); Christina McGill (Jan 15th's \$50 [Shelter](#) gift card); and Donna Vogt (Jan 16th's [Year Cheer](#) Valentine's Day Box). Huge thanks to all of the small businesses that donated prizes to support our school!
- **Open Houses:** Unfortunately, the inclement weather meant that today's Open House -- which had RSVPs from 33 families of prospective students! -- has to be rescheduled. However, L-T has two other Open Houses coming up soon: Tues 1/23 @ 6:00 pm (RSVP [here](#)) and Fri 2/9 @ 9:30 am (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:** The January LSAT meeting is rescheduled for next Thursday, Jan 25th, at 6:00 pm via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 850 9766 5927; Passcode: 291089).
- **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, hear about some new behavior-related initiatives from PRIDE Committee teacher reps, pick up your Warrior Fund-related YETI/sticker swag & leave your kids with Rising Stars for free pizza dinner! **Please RSVP [here](#) if you are coming to Fresca (so we can give them approximate numbers) & for childcare (you MUST RSVP in advance to use childcare).**
- **Ice Skating:** Thanks to the 130+ people who RSVPed for ice skating next Sunday 1/28 @ 2 pm! RSVPs are now closed & we will follow up with those who RSVPed this coming week.

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PANCAKES & LITERACY: POETRY COMPETITION!



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 specifically 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!

Important Updates

- Our first entries have begun arriving! Remember that the deadline is not until Friday February 9th & that students can enter as many poems as they wish! Keep them coming!
- We have our first 6 esteemed celebrity judges locked in! Thanks to Mr. Bain, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Cooper, Ms. Giovanni, Ms. Godfrey & Ms. Sackeyfio! Know another teacher who would be a good judge? Tell them to reach out to pto@ludlowtaylor.org!
- Anticipating an even more crowded field this year & wanting to award more of our young poets, we will have roughly twice as many medals to award this year!

JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	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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On H Street NE!
January 15-21, 2024

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CHARLES ALLEN 6 RESTAURANT

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: