

LUDLOW - TAYLOR PTO UPDATE

Hi Ludlow-Taylor families,



Between last Sunday's [ice skating at Canal Park](#) and Tuesday's Happy Hour at Fresca, it's been great seeing so many of you! Also, a bunch of our students have gotten a chance to show off their talents this week, between 3rd grade's [talent show](#) and our 5th graders' preparation for the upcoming Lincoln Oratory Festival being featured on the [local news](#)! (By the way, all of these links go to reels on our [@ltesconnects](#) IG account, which hopefully everyone already knows about!)

In addition to our February calendar, which should have come home in backpacks yesterday and can be found on the last page of this Update, there are a lot of new announcements & reminders this week:

- **Holiday Prize Boards:** The Holiday Prize Board officially wrapped up this week, having earned over **\$4,000** for the school! Congratulations to our final lucky winners: Angeline Spain (Jan 26th's [Casper](#) night light & sleep set); PK4 student Laurence Howard (Jan 27th's L-T swag bag); 5th grade teacher Ms. Henderson (Jan 28th's 3 hours of PTO labor); Kelly Cusick (Jan 29th's 50% off a [Power Tots](#) class); Maureen Cleaver (Jan 30th's \$25 [Relume](#) gift card); Amy Flyer (Jan 31st's \$50 [Fresca](#) gift card); Ms. Monet's K class (a class-wide silly string party!); and Officer K (a [Williams Sonoma](#) Pancake Set). One final huge thanks to every business who donated something, every family who purchased a HPB to support L-T & our awesome Auction Committee who made it all happen!
- **PRIDE Committee Updates:** At Tuesday's Happy Hour, we heard an update from 1st grade teacher, Ms. Atchison, about some new PRIDE Committee behavior-related initiatives. First, L-T will be rolling out 2 [Buddy Benches](#) in the playground. The initiative was introduced to students during yesterday's morning announcements. Buddy benches are designed to help students build friendship, combat loneliness, and prevent bullying. Children can sit on the bench to signal that they are feeling lonely or isolated and need someone to reach out to them. Teachers will also read [The Buddy Bench](#) book to their classes (and 5 copies of it will be available in L-T's library) to help introduce students to the concept. Second, L-T will be bringing back the Students of the Week program to honor students -- one each week per grade level -- who exemplify PRIDE. Finally, new PRIDE signage will be going up throughout the school to remind students about behavioral expectations.
- **Pancakes & Literacy Poetry Competition:** Students have just ONE more week to work on their entries! Poems are due to pto@ludlowtaylor.org by Fri 2/9 @ 5 pm. All poems will be blindly judged by our panel of teachers & 25 medals will be awarded during Pancakes & Literacy! Full details are available on the B-side of the Pancakes & Literacy event flyer that came home in backpacks yesterday.
- **First Grade Trivia Night (2/8):** 1st grade families are cordially invited to join 1st grade teachers Ms. Atchison & Ms. Cooper for a fun-filled evening of trivia at our First Grade Family Trivia Night! This exciting event will take place this coming Thursday, February 8 from 6:15-7:30 pm at [The Queen Vic](#). We are approaching full capacity, so if you haven't yet [signed up](#) or need to cancel your RSVP, please reach out to Chris Hanley (cbhanley@gmail.com).
- **Capitol Hill Little League (CHLL):** All students (ages 5+) who attend L-T are eligible to enroll in [Capitol Hill Little League](#) irrespective of the location of their residence & the league has asked us to spread the word! CHLL's philosophy is that cost should not prevent kids from playing baseball or softball, so they offer no-questions-asked scholarships. Registration deadlines are coming up very soon!
- **Move IT! Youth Basketball League:** Our very own Coach Smith & Future Stars are teaming up to offer a new PK3-5th grade co-ed basketball league on Sundays beginning in April. More information & registration are available [here](#). This league is NOT only for L-T students, so help spread the word too!
- **Warriors' Night Out:** Save the date for this year's [Warriors' Night Out Auction & Gala](#): Saturday April 27th from 7-10 pm at Ivy City Smokehouse! This event -- an adults-only night of food, drinks, music & fun -- is L-T's biggest annual fundraiser and SO much fun! Early bird tickets are on [sale](#) now through February 22nd; after that date, the price goes up \$10/person. Interested in potential hosting a parent or family experience to help us fundraise? Find out more information [here](#) or sign up [here](#)!



1 PANCAKES & LITERACY: THURS FEB 22ND @ 6-8 PM



PANCAKES FOR DINNER: Our breakfast-for-dinner buffet is completely free, but you must sign up for your seating [here](#). There are 3 timed seating options, so make sure you sign up for the one that works best for your family.

The PTO will supply the pancakes & sausages, but the toppings, drinks and more need to be donated by families. Please sign up to donate something [here!](#)

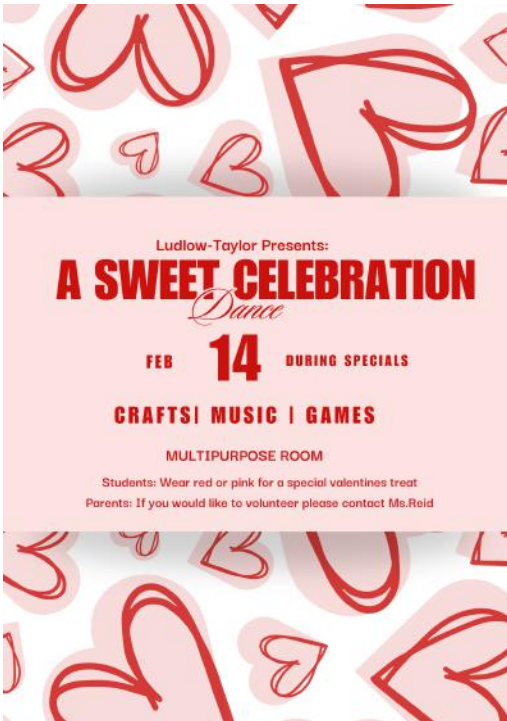
LITERACY STATIONS: Our fabulous teachers will be running literacy stations throughout the school featuring a variety of grade-specific literacy-based activities, including read alouds, crafts, vocabulary games & more. Several Future Stars' enrichments will also be showing off what the kids have been working on!

POETRY COMPETITION: The results of the poetry competition will be announced & medals handed out to the awardees in the L-T multipurpose room at 7 pm!

USED BOOK SALE: Please drop off your used books in the parents room (e.g., the glassed in room across from the front office) beginning on Monday! All of the donated books will be for sale for \$1 during the event!

CAN YOU HELP DURING THE EVENT? Volunteer [here](#).

2 VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE



3 WARRIOR AWARDS



Both of these in-school events are being sponsored by the L-T Wellness Team. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Kayla Reid at Kayla.Reid@k12.dc.gov.












LUDLOW-TAYLOR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



F E B R U A R Y

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Groundhog Day 	3
4	5	6 Auction Meeting @ 7PM (Fresca)	7	8 Queen Vic Trivia Night: First Grade Families (6:15-7:30PM)	9 Open House @ 9:30AM (Prospective Families) <i>Poetry Competition Deadline</i>	10 Lunar New Year 2024
11	12	13 LSAT Meeting @ 6PM (Virtual)	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16 NO SCHOOL (Professional Development)	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)	20	21	22 Pancakes & Literacy @ 6PM  <i>Last Day for Early Bird Rate on Auction Tickets</i>	23 Coffee & Doughnuts w/ Principal Miller @ 8:30AM	24
25	26 Black History Month Spirit Week: Pan-African Flag Color Day 	27 Black History Month Spirit Week: 90s Hip-Hop Dress Day 	28 Black History Month Spirit Week: Favorite Artist Dress Day 	29 Black History Month Spirit Week: Dress for Success Day LEAP DAY!	1 Black History Month Spirit Week: All Black Everything Day 	2

Visit ludlowtaylor.org for event details!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Warriors' Night Out

LUDLOW-TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUCTION & GALA

SAVE THE DATE

27
APRIL

IVY CITY SMOKEHOUSE
1356 OKIE STREET NE,
WASHINGTON DC

7-10
PM

TICKETS NOW
ON SALE



HURRY: EARLY BIRD
RATES END FEB. 22