

# LUDLOW - TAYLOR PTO UPDATE



## Hi Ludlow-Taylor families,

It was great to see so many people at Parents' Night Out and I know that the folks at Irregardless were thrilled with the turnout! Thanks so much to RaShonda Riddle & Chris Hanley for organizing!

I hope that everyone is getting a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather this long weekend & here are a few updates/reminders for the coming week:

- **Future Stars Enrichments:** Registration for Session 3 is open [HERE](#) until next Friday 3/22 at 8 pm. [Here](#) is the schedule of Session 3 enrichments being offered! Please give special consideration to [Boys' Hip Hop](#) & [RockStarts](#) on Mondays and to [Creative Writing](#) on Thursdays, as they currently need more students in order to run. Also, remember that there are **no clubs next week** unless you have make-up sessions (though there are more than usual, because of those 2 snow days!). Ms. M will be in touch with make-up session reminders on Sunday.
- **Important Surveys:** All L-T families are being asked to complete: the [Strengthening Schools Survey on mental/behavior health](#) by **TODAY**; the [DCPS Panorama Spring 2024 Survey](#) by March 31st; and the [DCPS Impact Aid Survey](#) by April 30th.
- **PTO Meeting:** Our next schoolwide PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday March 26th from 6-7 pm in L-T's Multipurpose Room. Principal Miller will be joining the meeting and the PTO has asked her to provide updates on: the FY '24-25 budget & associated staffing changes; progress on the formation of a new DEIA Committee; the PRIDE Committee & its behavior-related initiatives; and MOY testing data. As usual, there will be free pizza dinner & childcare and we will circulate a sign-up sheet next week.

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## INTERNATIONAL NIGHT: THIS THURS MARCH 21 @ 6-8 PM



We are so excited to welcome you to International Night this coming Thursday evening, where there will be over 40 countries represented! Race around the building learning about other countries & cultures and looking for clues to the whereabouts of Waldo & Carmen Sandiego!

Also, come hungry, because in addition to the delicious eats to be sampled at country tables throughout the building, there will be hamburgers, hot dogs & veggie-friendly sides provided by Chef Ryan of [The Queen Vic](#)! We are also asking families to [sign up](#) to bring any international dish of their choosing, so that we can have a true global smorgasbord! Feel free to bring a dish from ANY country, whether it's represented by a country table or not! The more the merrier!

Not sponsoring a country table and not a chef? No problem! Please consider signing up [to bring drinks or paper goods](#) or [to volunteer at the event](#)!

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## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CAREER DAY: FRI MARCH 29TH!

L-T's Women's History Month Committee presents: Ludlow-Taylor's 1st Women's History Month Career Day on Fri 3/29 @ 9:30-10:30 am... and they need YOUR help:

"The National Women's History Month's theme for 2024 celebrates "Women who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion." While there are countless women throughout history who embody these characteristics, here at Ludlow-Taylor, we know that there are also plenty of women in our school community who share these qualities. This month, we are looking for women of diverse backgrounds in a variety of careers to share a little bit about themselves and their profession. You may volunteer yourself or a close woman friend. The goal is for our students to see women of all walks thriving in innovative and impactful professions!

Please [sign up](#) for a classroom and time slot to present! Please note that you do not have to choose your child's classroom and we are asking that you begin by only signing up for one slot so that other women have the opportunity to share with our school community. Thank you for your anticipated support and we can't wait celebrate you!"

Please reach out to Ms. Atchison ([laquontinesha.atchison@k12.dc.gov](mailto:laquontinesha.atchison@k12.dc.gov)) and Ms. Cooper ([channing.cooper@k12.dc.gov](mailto:channing.cooper@k12.dc.gov)) with any questions! You do **NOT** need DCPS clearance to sign up!



### 3 NEW DCPS FIELD TRIP CHAPERONE POLICY

Principal Miller recently announced that DCPS now requires all field trip volunteers to have a valid DCPS clearance. Repeat classroom volunteers -- including, e.g., those who have volunteered for FoodPrints on multiple occasions -- also require DCPS clearance. Teachers are now being asked to provide the names of volunteers and chaperones to the front office in advance for confirmation.

Having just filled out the paperwork myself, a few things I learned:

- 1) The process is surprisingly quick from start to finish (less than a week) and FREE.
- 2) [Here](#) is the link to the clearance form itself. On the first dropdown menu, you should select "Volunteer, Unsupervised and Supervised" and on the second "Field trip chaperone." In the next section, you have to select Ludlow-Taylor from the dropdown menu and then provide Principal Miller's information as your DCPS Point of Contact information (Penelope Miller / (202) 698-3244 / [penelope.miller@k12.dc.gov](mailto:penelope.miller@k12.dc.gov).) The form is long and annoying, but please persevere! L-T always needs chaperones & volunteers!
- 3) After you fill out the form, you will get instructions re: how to book a Fieldprint fingerprinting appointment. Go ahead and do that immediately; you are not waiting on DCPS for anything. The fingerprinting is free; there is a box where you indicate that it should be charged to DCPS. And, here's the good news: There is a Fieldprint Fingerprinting location at 2nd & D NE, so it's nowhere near as inconvenient as I expected (there are also nearby locations near the Eastern Market metro and at 5th & Florida), and they seem to have plenty of next day availability. The form to sign up for an appointment is a bit tedious & repetitive, but the fingerprinting itself takes less than 5 minutes.
- 4) Finally, despite what you see on some legacy DCPS web pages re: clearance, most people will NOT need to submit a negative TB test. Instead, most people will only need to answer a few questions re: TB exposure risk in the negative. (If your answers indicate that further TB screening is indicated, you will need to submit a negative TB skin or blood test or chest x-ray from the last 12 months.