

Call for Speakers and Teachers

In order to provide a well-rounded education to students, LIGHT is interested in subject experts speaking and teaching at the middle grade education program during the 2025-2026 school year. This could be speaking and answering questions at a one-hour session or teaching a class one or two days per week for a few weeks. Volunteers are welcome, but stipends will likely be available and can be discussed along with schedule and content.

Anyone who can share age-appropriate knowledge with sixth graders may reach out to LIGHT. We are especially interested in finding the following people.

These experienced professionals:

- Farmers and agricultural workers
- Miners
- Phlebotomists
- Medical workers, especially (but not limited to) those specializing in oncology
- Astrophysicists and astronomers
- Climate scientists
- Firefighters
- Chefs, especially those with knowledge of molecular mixology
- Chemists
- Economists, especially those who can speak about inflation
- Veterinarians, especially those who can speak about canine physiology
- Individuals working in the fishing industry
- Poets

Individuals who can discuss or teach the following world languages:

- Spanish, especially Mexican, Chilean, and Spanish dialects
- Hindi and other languages and dialects spoken in India
- Urdu and other languages and dialects spoken in Pakistan
- German
- Danish
- Swedish

Individuals who can discuss or teach about the following religions as it relates to history and/or culture:

- Judaism, especially as it relates to the Holocaust and Danish resistance movement
- Catholicism, especially as it relates to Chilean culture
- Islam, especially as it relates to the 1947 Partition of India
- Hinduism, especially as it relates to the 1947 Partition of India

Individuals who have significant knowledge or experience in the following areas:

- Social justice topics, especially related to immigration (in the US and elsewhere), workers' rights, health care, discrimination, and oppression (in all contexts)
- Immigration detention camps throughout history, including within the past 15 years
- Forced migration and displacement
- 1947 Partition of India
- Leadership, especially in social, business, education, and political environments
- Previous extinctions
- Global climate change
- The use of specific minerals in the creation of electronics and currency
- Mining rescue operations
- Agriscience
- Butterfly life cycles and migration patterns
- The Great Depression, especially between 1930 and 1932
- The Mexican Revolution
- The Mexican-American War
- World War II, especially the Danish resistance movement
- African American Vernacular English
- Maroon communities (in the US or elsewhere)
- Building fishing vessels, especially in the 1900s
- Mythology and early literature
- Leukemia
- Yarn crafts, especially for various cultures
- Food preparation prior to electricity and modern refrigeration
- Food preparation during food rationing in World War II
- Cooking traditional Mexican, Chilean, and Indian cuisines

This list may grow, and other ideas are welcome. Project-based learning and other creative teaching techniques are encouraged, along with traditional Q&A lectures.

We're also looking for learning facilitators for after school clubs. Example clubs include creative writing, drawing, Dungeons and Dragons, robotics, and chess, but we're open to other types of clubs too.

If you are interested in being a guest speaker, teacher, or club leader, please contact Mara at teachermarac@gmail.com.