



THE TUESDAY

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TYLER *Times*

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 21

Winter Festival

**Thursday, December 22—
Monday, January 2**

SCHOOL CLOSED, Winter Break

Tuesday, January 3

Welcome Back Assembly
Winter Dismissal Starts

Friday, January 6

Praising Positive Scholars

Tuesday, January 10

Open House, 8:30– 9:30 a.m.

Friday, January 13

Student Assemblies on Musicals, 9:30
a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 21

Kiddie Cabaret, 3-6 p.m.

Winter Dismissal

Beginning January 3, 2012, students will be dismissed from the main entrance of the school building at three separate times. At 3 p.m., bus riders will be escorted to the bus exit by the adults that supervise them during the school day. At 3:15 p.m., students who are picked up by an adult or walk home on their own will be dismissed from the main entrance of the school building. Students that attend aftercare programs will stay in their classroom with their teachers until 3:30 p.m., when their teacher will escort them to the auditorium. Visitors, please enter and exit the school building using the main entrance to ensure an orderly dismissal and the safety of our children.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

SIBERIAN TIGER BUCKS:

Tyler Tigers who earned Siberian Tiger bucks for being safe, responsible, and respectful will participate in a Winter Festival on Wednesday. Remind your students they still have time to earn enough bucks to attend.

At the Welcome Back Assembly on Tuesday, January 3rd, students at school on time and in uniform will receive two Siberian Tiger bucks, each worth \$2, to be used at the "Praising Positive Scholars" event on Friday, January 6.

FREE WINTER BREAK FUN:

This week, teachers will be sharing ideas and packets of learning activities for your students so they continue learning every day. Here are a few things you can do with your children over winter break:

- ▷ **Visit a museum:** Many are free, including the Smithsonian, and offer a rich array of fascinating exhibits for students. Some of my favorites include the Air and Space Museum, the Museum of Natural History, and the Museum of the American Indian.
- ▷ **Play games:** Games like Chutes and Ladders, Scrabble, and Yahtzee reinforce math and literacy skills. Studies show that students who play math games with their families

perform better in math. Card games and games like Monopoly also teach collaboration and other social skills.

- ▷ **Read with your children:** Our students need lots of reading to meet Tyler's ambitious literacy goals. Reading every day builds their vocabulary and fluency. The local library at Eastern Market is a great resource for books; go with your children and check out books of interest to them. Then set aside at least 30 minutes a day for reading.
- ▷ **Exercise together:** Life-long fitness habits are formed early. Take walks together. The monuments are close by – take the metro and walk around the Tidal Basin to see the new MLK memorial, for instance. Bike-share is convenient as well; go for a bike ride along the Mall. A simple walk around a local park or your neighborhood gets the heart pumping in a healthy way.

I plan to do all of these things with my boys when they come home from college. They are both 21 but they have enjoyed these free winter break traditions with me for many years. This week, share your ideas with me for fun ways to learn together as a family. Enjoy the winter break with your children!

Behavior Team: Win-Win Solutions to Conflict

This week's social emotional lesson will teach students about win-win solutions to conflict. The lesson will help students uncover and develop their self-awareness, self-management, and relationship skills and competencies. The goal of the lesson is that students will be able to use critical thinking, perspective, and empathy skills to reach win-win solutions. Mr. Brown will work with Grades 3-5 and Ms. Fraticelli will work with Grades K-2.

Fall Citrus Fundraiser - Update

The tangelos and grapefruit we received were delicious. Unfortunately, many of the navel oranges were rotten. We spoke with the company and they told us there was an industry-wide problem with a fungus in these oranges causing them to rot quickly. It was not something they could see when they packaged them since it is an internal fungus. It was out of their control and it has affected many people. The navel oranges that were not rotted were completely fine. To compensate for this, the company is refunding us money equal to 6 1/2 boxes worth of fruit, since that is about what we lost. We appreciate your understanding since this is a school fundraiser. However, if your customers have complained about rotten fruit and want a refund, we are able to offer \$5 per box from the money we will be receiving from the company. This problem was unforeseen and should not occur next year. Thank you to everyone for your support!

Donate to the Alchemy of Great Taste Silent Auction and Raffle

If you have something you would be willing to donate to the silent auction or raffle at the upcoming Alchemy of Great Taste fundraiser, please contact Ms. Farnham at lillian.farnham@

dc.gov. Donations can be physical objects or experiences. Prior donations have included a baseball bat signed by an Oriole, a beach house rental, artwork, and sports tickets. Creativity is encouraged. Thank you in advance for your support of Tyler!

Still Time To Contribute to PTA's Fourth Annual Holiday Staff Breakfast

The Fourth Annual Holiday Staff Breakfast on December 15 was a huge success! Thanks to all who provided food and helped out, particularly Betty Behrens, Dan Traster, Tanya Clausen, and Lee Berger, Gerald "Ken" Ken, Mike Godec, Jakkie Foster, Liz Weeden, and Renee Goss. We delivered a poinsettia plant and a small Zest gift card to Ms. Juanita/King, Mr. Arnett, Ms. Vines, Ms. Frentress, and Mr. Bender. There is still time to contribute money to offset the minimal cost of the event and the gifts. Place your check (made payable to Tyler PTA) in an envelope marked "Holiday Staff Breakfast." Questions? Please contact Lillian Ramsden at lramsden@mindspring.com

Uniform Bank and Winter Coat Drive

As your students grow, bring too-small uniforms to Tyler's uniform bank to exchange for bigger sizes. Mr. Brown and Ms. Fraticelli can help you with the uniform bank.

Also, Tyler's neighbors at Spa on the Hill are now accepting new or used children's coats for use during recess at Tyler. You may also donate scarves, hats, and gloves. Drop off your donation during regular business hours at 1013 E Street SE.

2nd Annual Kiddie Cabaret, January 21st

You are invited to our 2nd annual Kiddie Cabaret on Saturday, January 21, from 3-6 p.m. There will be music, dancing, karaoke, crafts, face painting, and great food! You won't want to miss it.

This event is open to the general public so bring the whole family and invite your friends! Admission is free for all ages. Food and drinks will be for sale, and all proceeds will support Tyler Elementary School.

We are looking to make this year's Kiddie Cabaret a fantastic event for the Tyler Community. If any family, business, or organization is interested in financially supporting this effort by sponsoring a craft or activity, like dance demonstrations or face painting, please contact Kristen Coulon at kristen.coulon@thompsonhine.com

Zumba Every Monday

Ms. Dana, our PE teacher, has arranged for ZUMBA classes to be held in the auditorium every Monday from 4-5 p.m. The class is open to parents and staff and each class is \$10. If enough people show up, the price will go down. She needs to collect the money by the morning of the class. If you have any questions contact Mandy Slater of the Wellness Team at celerynut@aol.com

Weekly Wellness

Don't forget about each other in the holiday hubbub. Take 10 minutes to get the family together to enjoy some family time and talk about what each family member loves best about the holidays that you celebrate this month. Carving out these little moments of holiday sharing is another opportunity to make memories that will last for years to come. If you are able to expand your 10 minutes, choose someone to be the "official" recorder and write about or draw pictures of the special things that have been shared.