



THE TUESDAY

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PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 27

Tyler Night at Fusion Grill, 5-7 p.m.
8th Street SE

Wednesday, October 5

- Individual Photo Day, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Walk to School Day! 7:30 a.m.
Turning the Page Community Night,
6-8 p.m.

Thursday, October 6

- Individual Photo Day, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Office Hours with Ms. Frentress &
Mr. Bender, 8-9 a.m. · Main Office

Saturday, October 8

Outdoor Classroom Day, 1-3 p.m.

Monday, October 10

SCHOOL CLOSED · Columbus Day

Monday, October 10

Tyler Night at Zest · 5-8 p.m.

Thursday, October 13

PTA Executive Board Business Meeting,
4:30-6 p.m. · Family Resource Center

Friday, October 14

SCHOOL CLOSED
Professional Development Day

Monday, October 17

SCHOOL CLOSED
Parent/Teacher Conference Day

Wednesday, October 19

Turning the Page Community Night,
6-8 p.m.

Saturday, October 22

Walk Now for Autism Speaks, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, October 25

Tyler Night at Fusion Grill, 5-7 p.m.

Saturday, October 29

Harvest Festival, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Student Individual Photo Day

Individual Photo Day is coming up! It will take place on Wednesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 6 from 9:00-2:30. The specific day/time for your child's grade will be announced shortly. Keep an eye out for the order form in your child's backpack!

We are in need of volunteers to help out both days. It's ok if you can't help the entire day - we would love the help even if just for a portion of the photo shoot. Dan Traster has kindly volunteered for both days so he will be at the school to provide direction to volunteers.

Please e-mail Emily Schneider at emily.schneider@dc.gov with what day(s) and time(s) you can help.

Walk to School Day!

Please join the Tyler community and other Capitol Hill schools at Lincoln Park on October 5th at 7:30 a.m. for Walk to School Day! The theme for this year is "Walk It! Bike It! I love it!" This is a fun event that celebrates family wellness and the benefits of walking/biking to school.

Turning the Page Community Nights

Turning the Page will have two Community Nights in October. The first, "Walking Together: Parent-Teacher Relationships", will be held on Wednesday October 5th. The aim is to encourage parents to discuss the

importance of family involvement in school and to take the initial step towards creating a positive, working parent-teacher relationship. The second night, "Math Night: Helping at Home With Math", on Wednesday October 19th, will provide parents with an overview of the Common Core Standards for math as well as demonstrate activities that can be done at home to support the development of math skills at all grade levels.

Principal's Corner: Hola Tyler Familia!

We have heard from you about the Robocall system. We did have a minor malfunction around the math night announcement. We have corrected this malfunction and expect the system to run smoothly when we call you to attend an event.

However, we do have some challenges around the system for notifying you of an absence. It appears that some families phone numbers are incorrectly linked. If you have received a call about a student absence, but your student was present, please contact our registrar, Robert Arnett either by phone 202.939.4810 or email robert.arnett@dc.gov.

Support the Tyler Team at the Autism Speaks Walk

It is time to register for this year's autism speaks walk! The 2.5-mile

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(approx) walk will be held on Saturday October 22nd at 10 a.m. on the National Mall. Registration on the day of the walk will begin at 8:30 am. Kids registrations are free! We look forward to having as many friends and families join us for the walk as possible! To support the Tyler Team please visit: <http://www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/national/tylertigers>.

Volunteer in the School

If you are interested in volunteering in your child's classroom (or anywhere else at Tyler or another DCPS school), please follow these steps.

- 1) Fill out the application found in the front office or at http://www.dc.gov/DCPS/Articles/Forms/DCPS_volunteer_application.pdf
- 2) Get a tuberculosis (TB) test at your doctor's office or walk-in clinic (i.e., CVS Minute Clinic)
- 3) Take a photo ID and go get fingerprinted at:
1200 First Street NE, 12th Floor,
Washington, DC 20002.

Walk-ins: Tuesday and Thursday 9 am - 3:30 pm. Please note also that volunteer clearances are good for two years.

School Lunch Update

Some families have received messages from DCPS indicating that your student has accrued a balance in the cafeteria. Tyler's free and reduced rate last year was 46%. For a school to qualify for USDA Provision 2 classification, which enables all students to have free lunch, a school is expected to maintain a free and reduced rate of 80% or higher.

Breakfast, snack, and afterschool supper are free for all DCPS students. Students who either do not qualify for free or reduced meals or who have not submitted an application for Free and Reduced Meals by the October 1st deadline will be required to pay for lunch meals. Please note that all

account balances from prior years will be waived. However, unless a family qualifies for free and reduced meals, families will need to pay balances accrued since the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.

Lunches cost \$1.35 and this year parents must pre-pay for meals. Parents can either pay online using mylunchmoney.com (<http://mylunchmoney.com>) or bring cash or a check made payable to the DC Treasurer to the cafeteria before, in-between, or after meal periods.

Tyler needs every family to submit an application for Free and Reduced Meals, whether or not you think that your family will qualify by the October 1st deadline to ensure that Tyler received the appropriate financial support for our students from DCPS. You can find applications in the front office.

Outdoor Classroom Work

Saturday the 17th, we had a wonderful afternoon working in the garden. Parents and kids pulled weeds, planted spinach seeds, and prepared garden plots. A big thank you goes out to Outdoor Classroom regulars Suzanne Wells, Tanya Clausen, Fran Buntman, Lillian & Corey Ramsden plus Tyler students Elizabeth Godec, Elizabeth Campbell, Tessa Sweeney, Sarah Orozco, Gabriela Orozco, and Jackson Williams. Another big thank you goes out to our newest volunteers in the OC, Grandma Joyce, Alyce Modesto and her son Vicente! Your efforts are truly appreciated and the garden is looking great! That day we also had a huge effort put forth by Steve Sweeney, Brenda Sandberg and Brian Campbell to assemble the OC storage shed. Great work!

If you'd like to join our efforts, join us on October 8th from 1PM to 3PM as we continue our clean-up efforts and possibly do some Fall planting as well. See you in the OC!

From the Coaches' Corner

Paced Interim Assessments will be administered for 2nd - 5th grades on Tuesday October 4th and Wednesday, October 5 in both Reading and Math. This assessment will focus on the standards covered during the first six weeks of school. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dunn at kyla.dunn@dc.gov.

Weekly Wellness

Did you know? The record for the world's longest continuous series of somersaults is 12 miles, 390 yards. Get the kids outside and see how far they can go! To get involved with Tyler's Wellness Team contact Mandy Slater at celerynut@aol.com.

Tyler's Facebook Page

If you didn't know that Tyler had a facebook page, now you do! You can find us at John Tyler Elementary School. Many thanks to our new volunteer who is managing the Tyler facebook page, Meaghan Parker. Since she started, our monthly active users have gone up by 28, people are posting comments, and our weekly visits are up by 88! Check it out!

1 easy way to support Tyler: Labels for Education!

Clip and save UPCs/beverage caps from participating products (go to <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/earn/participating-products.aspx> for the list of products) and drop off UPCs/beverage caps at the school at the security desk or in the main office.

2nd Annual Harvest Festival, October 29!

The Harvest Festival is quickly approaching. If you are interested in helping to organize the event or volunteer on the day of the event, please contact Kristen Coulon (kristen.coulon@thompsonhine.com) or Liz Young Weeden (eyoungweeden@mac.com).