



THE TUESDAY

9/13/11

TYLER *Times*

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 14

Back to School Night, 6-8 pm

Friday, September 16

SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN

NO Professional Development Day

Saturday, September 17

Outdoor Classroom Work Day, 1-3 pm

Tuesday, September 20

Math Night, Introduction to Everyday Math, 6-8 pm

Tuesday, September 27

Tyler Night at Fusion Grill, 5-7 pm
8th Street SE

Wednesday, October 5

Walk to School Day!
7:30 am/Lincoln Park
Turning the Page Community Night,
6-8 pm

Thursday, October 6

Office Hours with Ms. Frentress &
Mr. Bender, 8-9 am
Main Office Conference Room

Saturday, October 8

Outdoor Classroom Work Day, 1-3 pm

Monday, October 10

SCHOOL CLOSED
for Columbus Day

Monday, October 10

Tyler Night at Zest American Bistro,
5-8 pm, 8th Street SE

Thursday, October 13

PTA Executive Board Business Meeting,
4:30-6 pm, Family Resource Center

Principal's Corner:

Thank you to the Tyler Families who joined us at the first PTA meeting on Thursday. It was inspiring to see so many new members. For those of you who could not make it, we hope you plan to come to Tyler for Back to School Night. Working with you, our families, is important to the achievement of your students, so we want to do all we can to keep you up to date on what is happening in the classroom and the school.

We know your students will do very well this year because our teachers are committed to strong literacy and math instruction. And we have also created a safe and respectful place where we can all have fun as we learn. With our new code of conduct, and commitment to celebrating the positive, we are off to a strong start that we expect will carry us to June.

Here is a poem I shared on Thursday evening:

MAKING CONTACT

I believe
The greatest gift
I can conceive of having
From anyone
Is
To be seen by them,
Heard by them,
To be understood
And
Touched by them.
The greatest gift
I can give
Is
To see, hear, understand
And to touch
Another person.
When this is done
I feel
Contact has been made.
— Virginia Satir

Let's make contact on Wednesday at Back to School Night. I need to learn all I can from you, the first teachers of our students, so we can make this school a place we all value.

Back to School Night

Wednesday, September 14th from 6-8pm is Tyler Back to School Night! Come visit your student's classrooms, meet teachers and staff and have dinner. Every family that attends will be put on our Tyler Family Wall of Fame. Learn about all of our amazing partnerships

at Tyler, Turning the Page, Revolution Foods and Afterschool. The Phillips Collection will be giving away free "member for a day" passes to every family that attends along with an arts integration toolkit!

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Outdoor Classroom Maintenance Party!

Come join us September 17 from 1pm to 3pm as we get the garden area ready for fall plantings, pull some weeds, and enjoy each other's company. No gardening experience necessary. Bring the whole family and have some fun in the sun!

Have Fun With Everyday Math

Come out for Tyler Elementary School's 1st Math night of the 2011-2012 school year on Tuesday, September 20th! You will get a look at the newly implemented math block as well as games and strategies that our students will be learning and can continue to practice at home. Everyday Mathematics includes a problem-solving approach based on everyday situations.

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 (approx) walk will be held on Saturday October 22nd at 10 am on the National Mall. Registration on the day of the walk will begin at 8:30 am. 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>.

Local School Advisory Team (LSAT) Update

Tyler's 2011-2012 LSAT has already kicked off the year with two successful meetings! LSAT is a group of elected and appointed members that exists for every DC public school. Each team consists of parents, teachers, non-instructional school staff, and a community member to advise the principal on matters that promote high expectations and high achievement for all students.

Tyler LSAT Team members include: Jennifer Krystopowicz (Chair, special

education teacher), Ellie Stephens (Secretary, teacher) Patricia Wilkins (teacher), Melissa Ogonowski (teacher), Emily Schneider (teacher), Caitlin Kevill (teacher), Glen Gerald (custodian), Juanita King (administrative assistant) Steve Sweeney (parent), Claudia Sauls (parent), Heather Daye (parent), Tameka McRae (parent), Elizabeth Young Weeden (PTA President, parent) and Jesse Rauch (community member). On August 17th and September 1st team members met to create an addendum to the Comprehensive School Plan's goals and strategies, review Tyler's Stakeholder survey, and discuss future projects.

The next meeting will be held on November 17th at 6:15. If you would like to attend a meeting or add an item to the agenda please email Miss K. at Jennifer.Krystopowicz@dc.gov. In the meantime, lookout for the LSAT bulletin board (shared with PTA) and brochure that outlines Tyler's goals and how everyone plays a role in Tyler's success!

Arts Integration: New Partnerships!

We have several new partnerships to announce this week! The 3-5 grade students will be participating in the Ford's Theatre Oratory program. Students will learn one of President Lincoln's speeches, practice oratory skills they learn with Ford's theatre artists and perform on the Ford's Theatre Stage in February!

The Kennedy Center partnership is starting to gear up. We are excited to announce that all Pre-Kindergarten classes will be part of the student centered artist program. Arianna Ross of Story Tapestries will be conducting a 6-8 week artist residency with all four Pre-K classes! All of our Tyler teachers are able to participate in any Kennedy Center Changing Education Through the Arts professional development opportunities, and we are working towards having a trip to the Kennedy Center for every student in the building.

The Phillips Collection will be working with the entire school this year! The Phillips Collection will be working with Preschool and Pre-K teachers to determine how best to serve our little Tigers!

Embassy Adoption

Tyler 4th and 5th graders will participate in the Embassy Adoption program through DCPS. Each classroom will be adopted by an embassy. Students will learn about specific countries, visit embassies, have an Ambassador come to class and participate in a model United Nations!

Promoting Positive Behavior at Tyler!

We are very excited about how the focus on positive behavior is going at Tyler. Students are excited to get Tyler Bucks for being respectful, responsible and safe. Families, please remember that students need to keep their Tyler Bucks at school. Each week students start fresh, so Tyler Bucks cannot be used from week to week. This week's Praising Positive Scholars event is an ice cream social. Students need to earn 20 Tyler Bucks to attend!

Uniform Bank

All students are to be in uniform every day. To help support students and families we have a uniform bank at the school. We need your gently used uniforms to keep our supply up. Please drop off uniforms that are too small for your student in the main office. Thanks in advance!

One easy way to support Tyler: Your grocery card!

Enroll your Safeway Club Card, Giant BonusCard or Harris Teeter VIC Card and you will earn a portion of your grocery purchases for Tyler every time you shop.

Please contact JB Behrens at grocerycardprogram@tylerelementary.net to enroll. *You must reenroll each year.*