



THE TUESDAY

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PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

Tyler Dine out at Zest · 5pm-8pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

Girls' Basketball / Boys and Girls Club
5:45pm in the auditorium

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

MLK Jr. Day
No School - Volunteer Service Day

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

Family Math Night · 6:15 pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

EARLY DISMISSAL 12:15
for Records Day

Tyler Safety & Security

Keeping the students of Tyler Elementary safe is our first priority. To this end, we are asking that all families enter and exit the school building from the Main Entrance. Upon entering the building, we request that all adults sign-in and collect a visitor's pass before proceeding to classrooms.

Focusing on Respect

Before the break, Tyler staff and students were surveyed to identify top priorities to begin "Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports." We also will survey parents and will provide a report at the last PTA meeting.

Respect has ranked high as an area for improvement. About 80% of Tyler staff disagreed or strongly disagreed that students treat each other with respect. The students felt that other students do not (89%) and only sometimes (73%) treat each other with respect in the cafeteria and the hallways. This week, we will begin re-teaching and reinforcing the following respectful behaviors:

MONDAY: greeting each other

TUESDAY: saying please and thank you

WEDNESDAY: asking to be excused
from the table or desk before leaving

THURSDAY: holding the door for one
another

FRIDAY: giving compliments and
random acts of kindness.
Please support us by reinforcing these
common courtesies at home. Watch
for a survey and thank you!

Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Tyler

Though there is no school on Monday, January 17th, Greater DC Cares and Target are hosting a community service day at Tyler and is open to all Tyler families. Come learn about Dr. King with your children and join in a community service project. Register at <http://familymlk.eventbrite.com/>.

Tyler Dine Out at Zest

The next Tyler Dine-Out will be held at Zest American Bistro on 8th St. SE. on Monday, January 10th. If you haven't ever attended one before, you should. These are fun evenings out with your children, and 15% of proceeds go to the Tyler PTA. Zest even has a great kids menu. All you need to do is arrive for dinner between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. and enjoy yourself!

Family Math Night

The PTA and Community Building team invites you to our first Family Math Night to be held Wednesday January 19th. Dinner will be served at 6:15 in the cafeteria and the math activities will begin at 6:45 in the auditorium. The PTA will provide the main entree and drinks and we will have potluck sides and dessert. Last names from A-K should bring sides or appetizers and last names from L-Z should bring desserts. A sign up sheet for the potluck will be available in the main office.

Arts Integration Coming Up!

This month, arts will be further integrated in to education at Tyler. The Phillips Collection provides professional development for our K thru

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SHOUT OUT:

To Dan Traster for great success in organizing and going the extra mile with the schools fundraisers for Claire's Gourmet & Indian River Citrus, and our amazing school portraits!



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2nd teachers. The 3rd thru 5th grade classes are finishing their classroom series' and will host a community celebration and young artist exhibition at The Phillips on February 11. Karen Bernstein, a dance educator, will begin work with the Pre-S and Primary Autism classrooms to integrate dance into curriculum. Kathryn Dawson, from the University of Texas at Austin will be working with teachers to model drama integration in classrooms. Over break Ms. E has been working with Cantare', a Latin American music group, to bring performances to Tyler. Watch this space for more information!

Alchemy of Great Taste Fundraiser

The PTA is busy planning our March 12th Alchemy of Great Taste Fundraiser. Part of that event is a silent auction and raffle ... and we are looking for auction and raffle items. If you have something to donate for the benefit of Tyler - or know someone else who would - please

notify Daniel Traster (dtraster@gmail.com or 202-277-7841) by January 21st. We need to get the official list of raffle and auction items well in advance to apply for the DC raffle license. Any and all donations are welcome and tax-deductible.

Tyler Renovation Update—January, 2011

The start of 2011 brings progress on several outstanding school renovation. We're happy to report that over the break workers were in the building installing shelves in many of the classrooms and storage rooms! Many Tyler staff were also in over the break to help organize and stack items on shelves. Over the next few weeks we anticipate that shelving will be installed in all remaining classroom and auxiliary storage locations around the school.

Along with the shelving, the following items are in progress or have been recently completed:

- ▶ Loose floor tiles are being fixed
- ▶ Promethean teaching boards are now functioning

- ▶ A master key box will be installed in the front office

Removal of the old playground equipment (for the older students) and installation of new equipment also is underway. And last, but certainly not least, the beginning of cold weather last month saw the arrival of unacceptably cold and warm temperature conditions in several of the classrooms. On a few occasions, children were moved to other classrooms temporarily. The good news is that over the break contractors began to correct the issue and will continue to do so into the New Year. We hope to have more consistent and comfortable temperature conditions for the children very soon.

Contractors will continue to address these and other outstanding items in the coming weeks. We will provide major updates when available and as always, if anyone has concerns about any renovation-related issues, please feel free to report them to the main office.