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PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Playground Installation Begins!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

PTA Business meeting · 6:30 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Volunteer Clearance at Watkins · 4-7pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Arts Integration “Informance” Night

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On Wednesday night, March 16, join us to learn more about what “Arts Integration” means and what it looks like for your student at Tyler. Several classes will be presenting informative performances and Tyler’s Arts Integration Coordinator, Ms. Eskovitz, will have information to help us understand how Arts Integration is enriching our students’ learning.

Alchemy of Great Taste

Tyler’s big Alchemy of Great Taste Fundraiser is coming up March 12th, and we need your help selling tickets!

Please consider attending for free as a volunteer, and please help out in advance selling tickets to non-Tyler families—neighbors, friends, coworkers, etc. Daniel Traster will be

at Tyler on Wednesday during drop-off and pick-up (and at the PTA meeting) with postcards promoting the event. Feel free to email your connections—the address where you can buy tickets online is www.tylerelementary.net/greataste. Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$65 at the door. Please stop by the table and pick up some postcards to distribute at work and in your neighborhood. Every ticket sale counts. **If we can reach our goal of 200 tickets sold, we’ll have brought in \$10,000 to benefit Tyler students!**

Sponsor a Teacher

If you would like to purchase an Alchemy of Great Taste ticket for a teacher, write a check to “Tyler Elementary PTA” and write “teacher ticket” in the memo line. You can leave the check in the PTA mailbox or leave it with Ms. Daisy. Alchemy tickets are \$50 each, and our teachers greatly appreciate your generosity. For more information, leave a note in the PTA box or email Daniel Traster at dtraster@gmail.com



Volunteer Clearance Made Easy

DCPS is offering a free and EASY way to get clearance to volunteer to work

with Tyler students or at any DC Public School. On Friday, March 4th, please stop by Watkins Elementary School between 4-7 pm to fill out an application and be fingerprinted. In addition to your application, you **MUST** have had a TB test within the last year. If you don’t have current TB test results, you can visit any of the labs listed on the reverse side or visit your family doctor. Results are usually available within 48 hours. [No need to re-do fingerprinting annually once you register, just new TB results.] At Tyler, we have plenty of other volunteering opportunities (and needs!) that do not require clearance, but also don’t involve interacting with children. We will continue to work with DCPS to schedule an event at Tyler later this spring if you cannot make this one.

Blood Drive at Tyler

We only need a few more adult volunteers to pledge to give blood and then the Red Cross will schedule an event at Tyler. Our magic number is 40. Please sign up on the yellow sheet on the Main Office counter or on the PTA bulletin board.



Arts Integration Update

Tyler has had some wonderful Arts Integration happenings in the last few

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SHOUT OUT:

A special thank you to Mrs. Wilkins for doing the majority of the planning and preparation and every teacher, student and parent that helped with the wonderful Black History Month assembly last week!



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weeks and we have several trips planned in the weeks to come! Over the next few weeks, all of the Kindergarten through second grade classrooms will be visiting The Phillips Collection. Teachers will arrange class chaperones, so please talk to your student's teacher to help. "Singing A to Z" will be wrapping up their partnership with Mr. Hart's K-3 classes next week. We have so enjoyed having them at Tyler this year and hope to continue the partnership in the years to come.

On March 17, several classes (Fratlicelli, Manzano, Dawkins, Manning) will attend "If You Give a Cat a Cupcake" at Imagination Stage. We have been given a very limited number of tickets through the DC Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative. Seats are very limited (sorry and thanks in advance to adult chaperones). Buses

depart Tyler at 9:15 sharp! Late arrivals (after 9:15) will miss the trip.

Please mark your calendars for the Arts Integration Night at Tyler on March 16! An introduction to arts integration, the Catalyst project, our partnerships and "What Arts Integration Looks Like in the Classroom." Please join us!

Afterschool Clubs

As we grow in our Afterschool community, several options have opened for after school clubs for first-fifth graders.

CHOIR (TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30)

Mr. Hart leads this small ensemble every Tuesday and some Thursdays. The choir's performed in the Black History Month assembly last week! This is a great opportunity for students who would like to explore their vocal talents and perform at school events.

TECHNOLOGY (MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY 3:30-5:30)

Ms. Duff opens the library for students to explore technology and literature. This group will eventually be working on a Tyler publication produced by our students. Students explore and use technology for learning, including i-Pads!

KNITTING (THURSDAY 3:30- 4:30)

Ms. Sanker inspired several of our students to learn to knit. This club is working on learning the craft and making beautiful items of clothing.

Please e-mail Ms. Rose at nadine.carole@dc.gov, if your student is interested in participating.

Please send all submissions by e-mail to carolynbeth@yahoo.com, or drop them off in the PTA box in the school office by the preceding Friday.