



THE TUESDAY

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TYLER *Times*

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Dine out for Tyler at Fusion Grill · 5-7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Coffee, Donuts & Conversation with Ms. Frentress & Mr. Bender · 8-9:30 am
Front Office Conference Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Records Day **EARLY DISMISSAL** · 12:15pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

Student Pep Assembly

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Coffee, Donuts & Conversation with Ms. Frentress & Mr. Bender 12:30am-1:30pm · Little Lights Resource center at Potomac Gardens

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Laps Around Lincoln · 9am

APRIL 4-14

DC CAS TESTING

HELP YOUR STUDENT sleep well, eat breakfast, and attend school every day during testing!

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Report Cards Issued

FRIDAY APRIL 15

DC Emancipation Day
NO SCHOOL for Students

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Playground Painting

APRIL 18-25

Spring Break

BLOOD DRIVE at Tyler — A Few More Pledges Needed

Starve a vampire. Save a life. Donate blood. **We need a few more pledges to secure a visit from the Red Cross** for a blood drive at Tyler. If you haven't done so, please sign up in the Main Office so the Tyler family can help other families in need. See Ms. Wilkins for additional details.

Capitol Hill Community Foundation Grant Deadline Update

The Capitol Hill Community Foundation Spring small grant **deadline is April 1 (NOT March 25!)**. Parents and teachers are encouraged to submit grant applications for Tyler. For more information go to <http://www.capitolhillcommunityfoundation.org/grant-guidelines>. [The PTA is the financial agent for these grant funds, so please drop a note in the PTA box if you submit your own application.]

Afterschool Update

Thank you so much for the donations provided for the drive! We are so excited by the new materials that we have. If you would still like to donate at any time please contact Ms. Rose directly. In other news, we welcome Dance-4-Peace to Afterschool! Finally, we are preparing for a big Afterschool student birthday party on April 1st to celebrate us!

Abuzz about Bees!

Mr. Brooks Warnick is putting together Tyler's First Annual Spelling Bee and we need your help. We plan to hold in-class spelling bees for every class (with modifications for the youngest grades) starting the first week or two of May with a School-wide event in late May. **We need parent help to run the in-class spelling bees.** Please consider offering only one morning of your time to help challenge our students to ever-higher academic achievement. To volunteer, drop notes in the mail boxes or email Daniel Traster (dtraster@gmail.com) or Brooks Warnick (brooks.warnick@dc.gov).



Laps Around Lincoln

Registration is open for Tyler's Second Annual Laps Around Lincoln, a jogging/walking/exercise and wellness event for students on Saturday, April 2nd. If you haven't received a registration notice in your student's backpack, forms are available in the Main Office form carousel or on the tylerelementary.net web site. **Register by March 27th for the \$4 fee** (before the price goes up to \$10). **The registration fee includes a T-shirt and goodie bag!**



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Playground Painting— HELP NEEDED!

We still need about three or four parent volunteers to help with playground painting. On the morning of April 15th, volunteers from Duron Paints organized by Greater DC Cares will resume our playground painting project. **Would you like to help with our playground paint design?** We can knock that out in a one hour meeting. We need parent volunteers to **help plan**, and to **direct Duron volunteers** and provide an on-site Tyler community presence on

Friday, April 15th (no school, spring break starts). Lunch will be served. Please drop a note in the PTA box or email to tylerpta@hotmail.com.

PTA Nominating Committee

If you are interested in volunteering on the on the nominating committee, please contact Suzanne Wells at m.godec@att.net or drop a note in PTA box.

Kiddie Cabaret— Photos Available!

For a copy of your student's photo (for a \$5 donation to the PTA), please contact

Maria Helena Carey at mme.meow@gmail.com or drop a note in the PTA box.

Polite Piggy's Spring Break Camp

For families with child care needs over spring break, Polite Piggy's Day Camp and System is accepting applications. Enrollment and health forms are available in the Main Office. This year, Polite Piggy's Camp has been the Before Care provider at Tyler.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE:

As we wrap up the third advisory, we have lots to celebrate here at Tyler. I wanted to share some of this with you.

- ▶ First off, we have **promising lottery results**. We filled all available openings (147) and have approximately 725 students on the waiting list ready to fill any vacancy once families make their decisions by April 1st.
- ▶ Secondly, the Local School Advisory Team (**LSAT**) **submitted a proposed allocation for a 5.5 million dollar budget** which reflects an increase year over year to staff our increasing enrollment in Spanish Immersion, special education and regular arts classes. Not only will Tyler have more students next year, but we will have more staff. This is great news and validates the good work of our staff, students and families.
- ▶ Thirdly, with contributions from community and parent volunteers, **Tyler has received donated computers and technology** to help our students develop 21st century technology skills.
- ▶ Fourthly, the LSAT chair and administration completed a midyear evaluation of progress on our school improvement goals. **Students are making gains in reading and**

writing in all areas including special education and Spanish Immersion. Our data team work, collaboration, and professional development strategies are contributing. We will continue these efforts and review end of year results in June.

- ▶ Finally, as we get closer to the DC CAS, **we have celebrated positive results on our most recent tests**. Students in the testing grades have surpassed the DC CAS scores from last year due to the hard work of our teachers. We still have two weeks to meet our targets of 22% meeting in reading and 27% meeting in math, so staff are focusing their efforts. We will experience success when students take the test April 4- 14!

Please join the administration for coffee, donuts and conversation to learn more about what is going on at Tyler, or to ask any questions you have. We have open office hours March 30 from 8-9:30am at Tyler and April 1st from 12:30-1:30pm at Little Lights Resource center at Potomac Gardens.



— Jennifer Frentress