



THE TUESDAY

4/5/11

TYLER *Times*

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4-14

DC CAS Testing
Help your student sleep well, eat breakfast, and attend school every day during testing!

Wednesday, April 6

PTA Business Meeting · 6pm

Friday, April 8

Report Cards Issued

Monday, April 11

Tyler Night at Zest

Friday, April 15

Emancipation Day
NO SCHOOL for Students

Friday & Saturday April 15-16

Playground Painting

April 18-25

Spring Break

DC CAS Testing

Don't forget about DC CAS Testing April 4-14. Make sure your student is well rested, well fed, and arrives on time ready to do his/her best! If you are available to help out during testing please contact Ms. Frentress. Also, we would welcome donations of hard candy (mints, butterscotchies, Jolly Ranchers, etc.). Research actually shows higher students perform better with hard candies during testing!

Laps Around Lincoln a Huge Success!

This past Saturday morning, over 80 students exercised and had fun, completing more than 1000 laps around Lincoln Park between the statues of Abe Lincoln and Mary Macleod Bethune! We raised almost \$5000 thanks to the many sponsors who pledged to support Tyler students and our School. Kindergartener Amina Ford led the pack with 35 laps ... by pushing through after the first heat. Many thanks to all the participating Tyler students and their families. Extra special thanks to our Laps Around Lincoln leader, Pilar Suescum, and her committee, Freddi Brown, Claire Wilson, and Mary Ann Brazell for their tireless efforts in making this event a huge success.

PTA Nominating Committee

The PTA nominating committee is gearing up to identify candidates for the PTA executive officers for the 2011 – 2012 school year, specifically, President, 1st VP, Treasurer, Secretary, 2nd VP/ Fundraising, 2nd VP/Communications, and 2nd VP/Membership. Current nominating committee members are Erika Witherspoon and Claudia Sauls representing families of students in the Special Education programs and Arnoldo Jimenez and Jose Sousa

representing families of students the Spanish track. Jesse Rauch and ANC member Kirsten Oldenberg will represent the neighboring community. **We're still looking for two parent reps for students in English Arts Integration program.** If you are interested in serving, please contact Suzanne Wells at m.godec@att.net or drop a note in the PTA box.

Uniform Reminder

Please remember to dress your student in the Tyler uniform everyday. Our uniforms are yellow tops and navy pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers. Thanks.

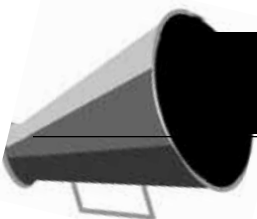
Tyler's Environmental Resource Center

With the trees blooming and plants coming up in the Tyler Outdoor Classroom, check out the Environmental Resource Center in the Tyler library. The Environmental Resource Center has something for everyone including teachers, students and parents. Our Junior Master Gardener book series (in English and Spanish) has deas for lesson plans, story books such as Apple-Pip Princess (which tells the story of a young princess who hopes to bring life back to her kingdom with a single

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SHOUT OUT:

Kristen Coulon, Brian Parks, Julie McMillain, and Tyler staff for the All School Pep Rally this past Friday to kick off DC CAS testing!



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apple seed), and field guides to help you and students identify trees, birds, and butterflies. Make time to see our wonderful Environmental Resource Center!

Playground Painting — Volunteer help still needed

On the morning of April 15th, volunteers from Duron Paints organized by Greater DC Cares will be bringing a fresh coat of paint to the cafeteria and railings around the school, as well as more for our playground painting project. On April 16th, volunteers from the Holder Foundation will come to focus just on the playground. We still need parent volunteers to help direct volunteers and provide an on-site Tyler community presence. Lunch will be served both days. If you are interested, please drop a note in the PTA box or email to tylerpta@hotmail.com.

Spelling Bee!

Mr. Brooks Warnick is putting together Tyler's First Annual school-wide 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).

Zest Dine Out

Please join us at Zest American Bistro on 8th St. on Monday, April 11th for our Tyler Night at Zest. As always, 15% of proceeds go back to the PTA. So come out for an evening of fun and friendship, and show your support of Tyler while enjoying the wonderful foods of this Tyler parent-owned restaurant.

Polite Piggy's Spring Break Camp

For families with child care needs over spring break, Polite Piggy's Day Camp and System is still 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.

Laptop Burglary at Tyler

Metropolitan Police, DCPS, and Tyler Administrators are still asking for any information related to a burglary of more than a dozen laptops from at Tyler Elementary School on the weekend of March 18 – 20. If you know or hear anything related to the break in and/or theft, confidential or otherwise, please contact Principal Frentress or Assistant Principal Bender at (202) 939-4810 or MPD Detective David Adams at (202) 299-3398. Thank you.

Fresh Fruit & Veggie Quotes

This year, students received afternoon healthy snacks—fresh fruits and vegetables—in their classrooms as part of Tyler's Wellness program and participation in the FFVP program. **To assist in preparation for our renewal application, please ask your student about afternoon snacks and what they have learned.** Please pass along any "quotes" that we can include in our application to Dan McKenna either with a note in the PTA box or an email to danmcken@gmail.com.