



THE TUESDAY

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# TYLER *Times*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wednesday, November 30

Deadline for PTA Mini-Grant Applications

### Thursday, December 1

- Office Hours with Ms. Frentress & Mr. Bender, 8-9 a.m.
- PTA E-Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

### Friday, December 2

NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS, Professional Development

### Wednesday, December 7

- Turning the Page Community Night, 6-8 p.m.
- Photo Make-Up Day, 9-11 a.m.

### Thursday, December 8

Open House, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

### Tuesday, December 13

- Capitol Hill Public School Parent Organization (CHPSPO) Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School

### Thursday, December 22— Monday, January 2

SCHOOL CLOSED, Winter Break

## Tyler Students Win Teamwork Award at GeoPlunge Tournament

On November 15th, six Tyler 5th graders competed against 80 teams of DC elementary and middle school students in the 7th annual citywide GeoPlunge tournament. GeoPlunge is a game that challenges students' knowledge of U.S. geography and facts about our nation's 50 states. Although this was the 7th annual GeoPlunge tournament, this was the first time that Tyler entered

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

#### SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8:45 AM:

As the weather turns colder, we want to remind everyone that school at Tyler begins at 8:45 AM with Breakfast in the Classroom. Doors open at 8:35

when staff are available to supervise. Polite Piggy's offers Before Care if you need to drop off your students before we start school. Applications and information about Before Care is available in the front office.

a team. In spite of Tyler being new to the tournament, Tyler made it to the championship round. The judges were so impressed with the sportsmanship of the Tyler students that they gave the Tyler team a special Teamwork Award. Our very own, Mr. Joe Burno coached the team. The six students on Tyler's GeoPlunge team are: Akil Gayles, Licaiya Eason, DeAsia Luwaan, Damion Sams, Troy Harris, and Larry Jackson.

### Give Thanks This Month

Thank you to the volunteer tutors from Akin Gump who supported many of our Geoplunge team members:

- \* David Brooks tutored Damion Sams (3rd year tutoring).
- ▶ David Goodman tutored DeAsia Luwaan (2nd year tutoring).
- ▶ Carolyn Palowitch tutored Troy Harris (2nd year tutoring).
- ▶ Adriana Bowen worked with Licaiya Eason during the 2009-2010 school year.

Your support of Tyler students is greatly appreciated by the whole Tyler community!

Thank you to Sarah McPhie, Meaghan Parker, & Kristen Coulon

for all of their help in making the Tuesday Tyler Times happen each week. Your expertise and time are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to Lauren Eskovitz, Shawn Bender, and Steve Sweeney for taking the time to submit grant applications to the Capitol Hill Community Foundation. Their efforts resulted in \$4300 of grant monies to support classroom library resources, a partnership with Wolf Trap, and more improvements to the auditorium.

### Fall Citrus Fundraiser - Your Help Needed!

The fruit will arrive at Tyler the first week of December. We will not know the exact date until a day or two before delivery. Please keep us in mind this week and next—we need many volunteers to help us unload the fruit from the truck. I will send a notice out when I get the exact day and time. Thank you in advance! If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Emily Schneider (emily.schneider@dc.gov)

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## **LSAT Update**

On Thursday, November 17th, Tyler's LSAT met to discuss the school's progress. The meeting opened with shout-outs including: growth toward our school's goals (which are to increase reading achievement, as measured by DC CAS, to 56% proficient or advanced; and to increase math achievement, as measured by DC CAS, to 54% proficient or advanced); positive comments from staff and parents; and student accomplishments. We also spent a portion of the meeting focusing on one of Tyler's initiatives, parent engagement: the team is beginning to brainstorm nontraditional methods of strengthening the relationship between Tyler and parents. In addition, descriptions for the Tyler brochure have been completed so look out for your "Tyler Guide to Success" within the next few weeks. Detailed meeting notes will be posted on the LSAT bulletin board (shared with the PTA). The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19th, so please email Miss K at Jennifer.Krystopowicz@dc.gov if you would like an item added to the agenda or to attend the meeting.

## **PTA Mini-Grants: Deadline TOMORROW, November 30**

The Tyler PTA's mini-grants support innovative programming and initiatives

for the Tyler community. Anyone in the Tyler community can apply for a mini-grant to fund projects, materials, performances, field trips, etc., that support PTA goals. Family members, teachers, and Tyler staff members can make a request. Mini-grants will be given in amounts up to \$500. There are two application submission deadlines per academic year: November 30, 2011, and March 1, 2012. Applications can be submitted for consideration by 5 p.m. on November 30 and/or March 1. Applications are available in the main office or online at: <http://tylerelementary.net/school-wide-event/pta-tyler-mini-grants>

## **Picture Make-Up Day, December 7th**

If your child missed the original picture day, make-up picture day will be held on December 7th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. If you purchased photos from the original picture day but are dissatisfied with them, your child should come to make-up picture day as well. This will be the only opportunity for students to have their pictures retaken. To ensure that your child does not miss make-up day, please notify your teacher with a note stating that you would like your child to go to make-up day. Unless the child/teacher notifies us of a desire to have a make-up photo taken, a picture will not be taken. If you are replacing pictures originally taken during picture

day, please send them with your child on make-up day and they will be replaced free of charge.

All other photo purchases must be ordered online through the web page: [http://cstanphoto.zenfolio.com/tyler\\_2011](http://cstanphoto.zenfolio.com/tyler_2011)

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If you have any questions, email Emily Schneider at [emily.schneider@dc.gov](mailto:emily.schneider@dc.gov)

## **First Tyler Open House, December 8th**

Open houses for prospective families considering Tyler Elementary will be held on December 8, January 10, February 10, and March 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering at an upcoming open house, please contact Kathy Goldschmidt at: [kgoldschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:kgoldschmidt@gmail.com)

## **Weekly Wellness**

Whole-grain foods are very good for you, but it can be hard to figure out which products are truly whole-grain. The color of a food does not indicate whether it is made from whole grains. Foods labeled as "multi-grain," "stone-ground," "100% wheat," "cracked wheat," "seven-grain," or "bran" are usually not 100% whole-grain products, and may not contain any whole grain. The words to look for are "100% whole-grain" or "100% whole wheat."