



THE TUESDAY

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# TYLER *Times*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wednesday, February 1

- Reptiles Alive, 4:30 p.m.
- Turning the Page Community Night, 6-8 p.m.

### Thursday, February 2

Office Hours for Ms. Fentress and Mr. Bender, 8-9 a.m.

### Friday, February 3

Professional Development—  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

### Monday, February 6

Parent-Teacher Conferences—  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

### Thursday, February 9

PTA General Meeting, 6-7:30 p.m.

### Friday, February 10

- Open House, 8:30- 9:30 a.m.
- Hansel & Gretel, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

### Monday, February 13

Tyler Night at Zest Bistro

### Wednesday, February 15

Turning the Page, 6-8 p.m.

### Monday, February 20

President's Day—SCHOOL CLOSED

### Thursday, March 1

- Office Hours for Ms. Fentress and Mr. Bender, 8-9 a.m.
- Deadline for PTA Mini-Grants

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### Principal's Corner

Hello Tyler Families:

Last Friday, at the Praising Positive Scholars event for students who earned enough Tiger Bucks for their safe, responsible, and respectable behavior, students partnered with Marines to paint murals and flags. Ask your student if he or she attended and what they can do to earn enough Tiger Bucks to attend the February event.

This week, families of children in Grades K-5 will receive report cards, and all families will receive an invitation to parent-teacher conferences on February 6. **Please schedule time to meet with your students' teachers to learn how you can best support your student in school.** Some suggested questions

to ask your teachers: What are my student's academic strengths and weaknesses? How do they compare with their grade-level peers? What can I do at home to help my student learn?

Also this week, Turning the Page will host a Community Night at Tyler focused on science. On February 1, from 6-8 p.m., you will learn experiments that can be conducted with easy-to-find materials. Before Community Night, at 4:30 p.m., please join us for a special reptile exhibit from Reptiles Alive!

Finally, a big thank you for sending your student in uniform every day. More Tyler Tigers are in uniform everyday!

Thank you,  
Jennifer Fentress

### Arts Integration: Phillips Collection and Target Oratory Festival

The Phillips Collection will start visiting preschool and K-2 classrooms this week. Throughout February our preschool and K-2 students will be taking field trips to The Phillips Collection. Look out for your permission slips!

Ms. Johnson and Ms. O's classes have been learning President Abraham Lincoln's speeches. They will perform their speeches at the Target Oratory Festival at the end of February.

### Outdoor Classroom Receives Donation From Frager's

Our neighbor, Frager's Hardware, has made a generous donation of seeds and seed starter kits to the Outdoor Classroom. **Thank you Frager's!**

Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements of Outdoor Classroom events in the spring. If you are interested in volunteering for events or to help in planning, please contact Corey Ramsden ([cramsdn@mindspring.com](mailto:cramsdn@mindspring.com)) and Tanya Clausen ([tanya@tanyaclausenlcsw.com](mailto:tanya@tanyaclausenlcsw.com)).

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### **Shoes for Schools**

In November, our students in Grades 3-5 painted white canvas shoes with interesting scenes and shapes on them, and turned them from plain to vibrant. A George Washington University student proposed that he sell the student-designed shoes to raise money for Tyler. We jumped at the idea! **Sebastian Flores sold all of the shoes, and last week, he presented a check to the PTA for over \$900 that will help to continue Arts Integration programming at Tyler.** The K-2 students will make shoes in the coming months—stay tuned for more information.

### **Make-Up Photos Are Now Available**

We apologize for the delay, but make-up photos are now online in the “Make-up Photos” folder:

**Link:** [http://cstanphoto.zenfolio.com/tyler\\_2011](http://cstanphoto.zenfolio.com/tyler_2011)

**Password:** te

If you ordered prints on the day of make-up photos, they will arrive at Tyler soon. Thank you for your patience! If you have further questions, please contact Emily Schneider at [emily.schneider@dc.gov](mailto:emily.schneider@dc.gov).

### **Cheerleading Team Bake Sale**

The girl’s cheerleading team would like to thank those who purchased baked goods at the Kiddie Cabaret. The team raised \$70, which will be used for the team. **Thanks for your support!**

### **Reptiles Alive, February 1st**

The Reptiles Alive traveling science exhibit will be visiting Tyler’s Afterschool program, in conjunction with Turning the Page. Reptiles Alive is the most popular traveling wildlife education organization based in the Northern Virginia and Washington DC area. Students and guests will be

able to meet live animals from Africa, Asia, Australia, and North America while also learning snake secrets and turtle tales. **The 45-minute assembly will feature a giant python, alligator, tortoise, monitor lizard, and other amazing reptiles.** After the assembly, the guest reptile expert will host a reptile encounter where a few students will get to touch a live snake and other reptile artifacts. The assembly will begin at 4:30 p.m.

### **Teatro de la Luna, February 10th**

On February 10, Teatro de la Luna will perform Hansel & Gretel at Tyler at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Teatro de la Luna is a local theater company that promotes Hispanic culture and fosters cross-cultural understanding between the Spanish- and English-speaking communities via Spanish-language theater and bilingual performing arts. **All classes at the school will see the performance, and parents are welcome to attend.** This performance of Hansel & Gretel is generously funded by the Capitol Hill Community Foundation.

### **Tyler Open Houses, Feb. 10th and March 15th**

Open houses for prospective families considering Tyler Elementary will be held on 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)

### **Tyler PTA Mini-Grants, March 1st**

**Anyone in the Tyler community can apply for a mini-grant to fund projects, materials, performances, field trips, etc., that support PTA goals.** Mini-grants will be given in amounts up to \$500. Applications for the next round of mini-grants can be submitted for consideration by 5 p.m. on March 1. Applications are available in

the main office or online at: <http://tylerelementary.net/school-wide-event/pta-tyler-mini-grants>

### **3rd PTA General Meeting, February 9**

**Come and join us from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on February 9th** to learn more about the academic progress and supports happening at Tyler, what the PTA is currently working on and what you can do to help, as well as get a chance to meet Ms. Tynika Young, Principal at Eliot-Hine Middle School.

Dinner will be served, Kids’ activities will be provided, and Tyler T-Shirts will be for sale (\$10 each or 3 for \$25).

### **School Scorecards**

Earlier this month, DCPS released scorecards for each school. Students received copies in their backpacks. You can also review Tyler’s Scorecard online at [dcps.dc.gov/profiles](http://dcps.dc.gov/profiles). Please note that the information in the scorecard covers the last school year (2010-2011) and is compared to the 2009-2010 school year.

### **Lost and Found**

Lost something? Check the boxes in the front lobby and the gym for your missing coats, hats, gloves, and scarves. They are overflowing, so if you’re missing something, you might find it there!

### **Weekly Wellness**

Small steps add up: Walking for 30 minutes a day reduces your risk of heart disease, prevents weight gain, and may even encourage moderate weight loss. If you split it up into three brisk 10-minute walks per day, you still reap the benefits. **The act of going from sedentary to active, and doing it multiple times a day, is good for you physically and mentally.** All the more reason to do some lunges on the Tyler Indoor Fitness Trail!