



August 4, 2023

Greetings School Family,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We will love, learn, and lead to the max!

Shirley Chisholm – the hero for whom we have selected to rename our school – said: “You make progress by implementing ideas.” Collectively, we will build upon the strong foundation of our school community and heed this wisdom to advance forward. This year, we are innovating with our new **Bilingual-Arts** program for all PK3 and PK4 learners. As a community across all ages and programs, we are embracing language learning and our artistic talents with creativity and commitment.

The first day of school for students in **Kindergarten – Grade 5** is **Monday, August 28**. **Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten** students commence their learning adventures on **Thursday, August 31**. Doors open at **8:15 AM** and the school day ends at **3:15 PM**.

Supporting the physical safety and emotional well-being of each member of our school community is critical. Please note we will continue to follow a **limited visitor policy** this school year. We will share our **SY23-24 Family Handbook** in our next newsletter on Friday, August 11.

Here are some important expectations and previews to support our collaboration and work together below:

- **SCHOOL COMMUNICATION:** Are you receiving our school newsletter – *The Tiger Tribune* for updates from our school and our PTA? If not, please contact our Main Office to share your email and we will add you to the list. Our school website, www.tylerelementary.net, has also been updated. Check it out! Finally, follow us on Instagram and Twitter: @TylerTigersDC!
- **CALENDAR:** Mark your calendars for our annual **Beautification Day** on **Saturday, August 26th** starting at **9 AM**. You are invited to help with various projects around the school and/or pick up used and donated school uniforms. Stick around as well for our first-ever Community **Kickball Tournament** that afternoon. Also, save the proposed dates for our **Back-to-School Nights: Wednesday, September 13 (PK3 – Kindergarten)** and **Thursday, September 14 (1st - 5th)** from **6:00 PM – 7:15 PM**.
- **BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAQs:** Please find quick information about preparing for school included within this enclosure.

As always, please feel free to reach out to us by phone, 202-939-4810, or via our general email line tylertigersdcps@gmail.com. You may also email me directly at jasmine.brann@k12.dc.gov with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

Our team of dedicated and talented educators and I are eager and enthusiastic to work together as partners. We're excited about the 2023-2024 school year! **Go Tigers!....¡Vamos tigres!**

Love,

Jasmine Brann, Ed.D.

Principal

(Student letter)

August 3, 2023

“ALOHA” Tigers,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer! What have you been up to?

I went to Hawaii for the first time this summer. This U.S. state and chain of islands is located in the Pacific Ocean, so it took us about 14 hours total to fly to Honolulu (the capital) from D.C. It was a long trip, but it was worth it! My family and I had a lot of fun in the water, trying new foods at a luau, and learning about Polynesian culture. Did you know surfing was invented in Hawaii?

I'm excited to hear about your summer adventures! What books are you reading? Did you make any new friends? We can't wait to see you and welcome you back to school! We're going to continue learning about being a **LEADER**. At home, at school – wherever you are – remember to be **respectful, responsible, kind, and safe**. Even when you think no one may be watching, make good decisions and always do the right thing.

We have an exciting school year ahead. We are all going to make our school the best it can be – with new and old friends alike! We'll work hard and have fun with some surprises we can't wait to share with you. 😊

I'm excited to see you very soon! **I love you. Te amo.**

♥ Love always,

Principal Brann

P.S. If you would like, drop off a summer reading summary or write me back for a treat. You can drop it off at the school or mail it back to me using our school address: **1001 G Street SE Washington, DC 20003.**



BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAQs

2023 -2024

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Week of August 21:** Class Meet-Up's with Teachers (TBA - Virtual)
- **Saturday, August 26:** Beautification Day + Kickball Tournament
- **Monday, August 28:** 1st Day of School (Kindergarten – 5th Grade)
- **Tuesday, August 29:** Before and/or After-Care Begins for Registered Students/ PK3/PK4 Tyler Playground Playdate (11 AM – 12:00 PM)
- **Wednesday, August 30:** PK3/PK4 Tyler Playground Playdate (11 AM – 12:00 PM)
- **Thursday, August 31:** 1st Day of School (PK3 – PK4)
- **Monday, September 4:** NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- **Monday, September 11 – Friday, September 15:** Tiger Back-to-School Spirit Week!
- **Wednesday, September 13:** Back-to-School Night @ 6:00 PM (PK3 – Kindergarten Families)
- **Thursday, September 14:** Back-to-School Night @ 6:00 PM (1st - 5th Grade Families)

UNIFORMS

- Yellow polo, collared shirts
- Navy Blue Bottoms
- Closed toe shoes
- Dress down days will be announced

STUDENT SUPPLIES

- Please reference the website for recommended grade-specific supplies

HEALTH & SAFETY PRACTICES: Preparation at Home

- Ensure your child's immunization records are up to date!
- We are nut-free school!
- Emphasize handwashing with soap and water.

- By sending your child to school, you are confirming that your child is in good health.
- Please do not send your child to school if he/she is not feeling well.
- Check out more DCPS Health and Safety updates via www.dcpsstrong.com.

MORNING PROCEDURES

- **BEFORE CARE for students** is available with our Polite Piggy's and Wise Little Owls partners beginning at 7 AM. Registration is required. Please do not leave your child at the school unattended on school grounds or in front of the building. Doors open for all students at 8:15 AM.
- **Limited Visitor Policy:** All guests must follow school procedures for visitation and be approved by Administration.
- **ARRIVAL, 8:15 AM – 8:44 AM:**
 - o **PK3/PK4/Kindergarten Students:** Use the Playground Gate Entrance (located on 11th Street near the big slide)
 - o **1st – 5th Grade Students:** Use the Main Entrance (located at the corner of G & 10th Streets)
- **TARDY ARRIVAL, 8:45 AM - Until:**
 - o ALL students arriving late will enter and sign in at the Main Entrance
 - o Please come to school on time – we have a lot of work to do!

AFTERNOON PROCEDURES: STAGGERED DISMISSAL

- **EARLY DISMISSAL:** If you need to pick up your child early, please do so **before 2:45 PM. Sign out is required.**
- **PK3/PK4 EXTENDED DISMISSAL, 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM:**
 - o PK3/PK4 students will be picked up from the Playground Gate Entrance (located on 11th Street near the big slide)
- **KINDERGARTEN DISMISSAL:** 3:15 – 3:30 PM (located at the corner of G & 11th Streets)
- **1st – 5th Grade , DISMISSAL, 3:15 – 3:30 PM:**
 - o 1st - 5th Grade students will be picked up from the Tyler Playground
 - o If your child is not in After-Care, please ensure to pick-up your child on time. Thank you for your cooperation.
 - o The playground is reserved for After-Care students' use and is unavailable after dismissal. The playground is available to the public from 6 PM – Sunset (Monday – Friday) and Weekends.

RESOURCES

- www.dcps.dc.gov
- www.Tylerelementary.net
- <https://ddot.dc.gov/page/kids-ride-free-program>

Check out our school website and newsletters for more school updates and information!