



THE TUESDAY

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TYLER *Times*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 17

Regular school day

Monday, May 31

SCHOOL CLOSED,
Memorial Day Holiday

Outdoor Classroom Update

Please join us next Sunday, May 16th at 10:00am for the next Outdoor Classroom Maintenance Morning. Bring gloves, bring your kids, bring your friends, bring your neighbors - but don't worry about having to bring any special knowledge. Stop by for a quick bit of work, a longer stay, or just to say hello!

We're happy to report that last week, we began the installation of plants in the rain garden (located next to the new playground) with the students from the classes of Ms. Elder, Mr. Holsey, Ms. Dawkins and Ms. K who all took turns planting native grasses. Next week, we hope to continue with students from the classes of Ms. Corona, Ms. Domenech, Mr. Rose, Ms. Fraticelli and Ms. Gross who will be planting milkweed and joe pye weed, both native perennials known to attract butterflies. The seedlings are protected by temporary fencing installed by volunteers during the last work day.

If you're at the schoolyard, be sure to smell the native sweetbay magnolias that are currently in full bloom. They are growing along the north wall and by the double door exit of the building (near 11th St. gate). Along the east wall (facing the new playground) the native serviceberries have already finished blooming and their edible berries should be ripe by June (they're also known as juneberries). And please ask your kids for their help with spreading the message about not jumping on the water bags around the trees. (The water spills out and is not there for a drink that the trees need throughout the week).

Aspiring Tyler Artists

A Celebration of Aspiring Student Artist sponsored by the Mandarin Oriental Hotel received 55 pieces of art works from area DC Public schools. Tyler Elementary entered 4 wall sculpture pieces influenced by the artist Frank Stella for the contest. Salarra Johnson's piece titled "Splash of Color" won best of show and her choice of art supplies from Utrecht Art Supplies. In addition, a gift certificate of \$750.00 to Utrecht Art Supplies was given to Tyler's visual arts department. Congratulations Salarra!

PTA Officer Elections

The PTA would like your input in recommending PTA officers for the 2010-2011 school year. The role of the PTA is to provide a liaison between Tyler Elementary parents, students, teachers, and administration. To effectively achieve this, it is important that the Tyler PTA fill its positions with interested and committed adults—parents, guardians, grandparents, teachers, staff and community members—from diverse backgrounds and opinions to provide the best possible voice for the school.

Please consider getting involved even if you have never participated in PTA activities before. Volunteer yourself or nominate someone you think could fill these positions for our school. We will follow up with everyone nominated to determine their level of interest. Elections will be held at the last PTA meeting of the year on Thursday, June 3rd. Please read the following to learn more about the offices available and their associated responsibilities.

**SEE OVER FOR PTA
NOMINATION FORM! ➤**

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND JOIN THE PTA!

Nominations are needed for PTA officer positions for the 2010/2011 school year. All positions are available – President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice-President for Fundraising, 2nd Vice-President for Communications, 2nd Vice-President for Membership, Treasurer and Secretary,

The roles/responsibilities are:

- ▶ **President** – Coordinates the work of the officers and committees of the PTA. The president shall have served on the executive board at least one term prior to assuming the position of President.
- ▶ **1st Vice President** – Represents parent representatives of each classroom and acts as President in his/her absence.
- ▶ **2nd Vice President for Fundraising** – Raises funds through fundraisers and grants to operate PTA programs.
- ▶ **2nd Vice President for Membership** – Coordinates recruitment and tracking of membership in the PTA.
- ▶ **2nd Vice President for Communications** – Prepares, publishes and circulates the weekly edition of the Tyler Times and other PTA communications.
- ▶ **Treasurer** – Custodian of PTA funds and maintains a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures.
- ▶ **Secretary** – Records minutes of all meetings of the PTA.

If you or someone you know—other parents, teachers, staff, or community members—is interested in any of these positions, please fill out a nomination form below or contact Jesse B Rauch, Chair of the PTA's Nominating Committee, at jesse.rauch@gmail.com or 617-335-2185 by June 3rd, 2010. The election of executive officers will take place at the last PTA meeting of the year, on June 3, 2010 at 6:00pm at Tyler Elementary.

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Student's name(s): _____

Student's teacher(s): _____

I would like to nominate myself for the position of: _____

I can be contacted by phone/email at: _____

AND/OR

For the position of President, I would like to nominate: _____

His/Her phone/email is: _____

For the position of 1st Vice President, I would like to nominate: _____

His/Her phone/email is: _____

For the position of Treasurer, I would like to nominate: _____

His/Her phone/email is: _____

For the position of Secretary, I would like to nominate: _____

His/Her phone/email is: _____

For the position of VP-Membership, I would like to nominate: _____

His/Her phone/email is: _____

For the position of VP-Fundraising, I would like to nominate: _____

His/Her phone/email is: _____

For the position of VP-Communication, I would like to nominate: _____

His/Her phone/email is: _____