



THE TUESDAY

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# TYLER *Times*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, September 6

SCHOOL CLOSED  
for Labor Day

### Tuesday, September 7

Ice cream social for  
Tyler staff 3:30pm

### Saturday, September 11

Kids Fest at Lincoln Park 10am  
(free event – bring your own picnic)

### Thursday, September 16

Back to School Night

### Monday, September 27

First day of Before Care (tentative)

## Before Care

Tyler Before Care is tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, Sept. 27th, at 7am. “Polite Piggies” (of Maury Elementary fame) will be managing Tyler Before Care, which is structuring to resemble last year’s program as closely as possible. If we can start sooner, we will. If you need Before Care this year, sign the clip board in the Main Office or email [tylerpta@hotmail.com](mailto:tylerpta@hotmail.com). More enrollment details soon.

## After Care

Tyler welcomes a new After Care coordinator, Ms. Nadine Rose, who is ready to pick up where we left off on last

year’s successful program. Enrollment forms are now available in the Main Office. Schedule an appointment to finalize your student’s enrollment on Monday, August 30th (6:00pm - 7:30pm), Wednesday, September 1st (8:00am - 10:30am & 6:00pm - 7:30pm) or Friday, September 3rd, (8:00am - 10:30am & 6:00 pm - 7:30pm). Appointments should last no more than fifteen minutes. To schedule (or if you need to find a different time), come to Room 202 or contact Ms. Rose at (202) 374-6608 or [nadine.carole@dc.gov](mailto:nadine.carole@dc.gov). Even if your student is already participating in After Care based on your submission of an intent to enroll, you must still formally enroll your student.

## Welcome New Tyler Staff!

This year, we welcome some new faces to our Tyler family, including Nora Bustios, Cindy Manzano, Andres Harris, Megan Manning, Eleanor Stephens, Mary Canada, Justin Whitney, and Paul Wright, as well as our new Principal, Jennifer Frentress (see page 2), and Assistant Principal, Shawn Bender. Look for photos on a bulletin board at Tyler soon!

## Outdoor Classroom

Thanks to the generous funding from the DC Department of the Environment,

we are finally able to go ahead with planting of our native plant habitat gardens in the Outdoor Classroom! Our first Community Planting Day is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18th from 8am to 2pm. Please join us for a morning of fun in the sun. Meet other Tyler families and work together with volunteers from the Navy Yard to green our schoolyard. Tasty lunch, refreshments, tools, as well as wet, fun activities for kids will be provided.

## Eliot-Hine Collaboration Team

DCPS recently announced its plan for strengthening the Ward 6 middle schools. Students from Tyler will feed into Eliot-Hine Middle School. To implement the plan and develop a sense of community and a strong communication network among the schools, DCPS is establishing an Eliot-Hine Collaboration Team. Parents, teachers, and administrators from Tyler, Payne, Maury, and Miner are invited to participate. Two parents and two teachers/staff from each elementary school will be team members. If you are interested in representing Tyler on the Eliot-Hine Collaboration Team, please contact Ms. Frentress ([Jennifer.Frentress@dc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Frentress@dc.gov)) by September 10.

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**TYLER FAMILIES,**

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! Mr. Bender, my Assistant Principal and I are honored to be the Administrative Team at John Tyler Elementary School. We have a beautifully modernized schoolhouse, an outstanding staff, engaged parents, and 312 eager students to work within our community.

I moved here from Portland, Oregon to accept this appointment. For over a year now, I have watched the good work Chancellor Rhee has accomplished at DC Public Schools, so I jumped at the opportunity to join the team. I bring experience in Spanish Immersion, Arts Integration, and Special Education. Mr. Bender recently completed the New Leaders Program and brings institutional knowledge of DCPS having worked at Savoy and Ferbee-Hope Elementary Schools last year.

Before the start of school, staff worked in teams to develop a vision for what they hoped they could say about Tyler by June of 2011. Most staff agreed that improved collaboration, improved student achievement, and cohesiveness of programs were at the top of the list. To that end, Steve Sweeney (PTA President) Mr. Bender, and I have set a weekly meeting time to come together and discuss matters of mutual concern, particularly concerns that affect all of us. Opportunities for all parents to access us will be scheduled and advertised soon. We expect to use a listening/focus group format.

I am interested in how many families in our community read the Tyler Times on a regular basis. Please enter your student's name below and sign if you read this letter. Please return it to your student's teacher or drop it in the Communication Survey box in the main office. Feel free to offer any comments or suggestions as well.

Looking forward to a great year,

Jennifer Frentress  
Principal, Tyler Elementary School

**Student's Name (and teacher's name)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your name (please print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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