



Dear Tilden Parents:

As our new Tilden Middle School building fully opens for the 2021-2022 school year, the Tilden Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) extends a warm welcome to our new Tilden families and an enthusiastic “Welcome Back!” to our returning families!

The past school year was like no other, and we look forward to returning to a more normal year. While the pandemic resulted in many hardships, it also helped us develop new ways to engage families and build our community. The Tilden PTSA will take those lessons learned along with guidance from MCPS and Montgomery County to provide inclusive and engaging programs. Our focus will be on supporting our students as they work to rebuild academically, emotionally, and socially.

We don’t know exactly what the 2021-2022 school year will hold, and we appreciate your patience and assistance as we navigate the return to in-person learning. Regardless of where we gather, it really does take a village to make Tilden an excellent school, and the PTSA sincerely hopes that you, our parents, and your children will get involved. I am sure you are asking yourself, “What can I do?” Here are some ways you can get involved:

JOIN THE PTSA and CONTRIBUTE TO DIRECT DONATION

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/tildenms/ptsa/>

Joining the PTSA is a great way to meet other parents, teachers and students as well as giving you voting privileges for important budget and program issues and helping you to find out what’s going on at Tilden.

In addition, we ask that you please consider making a donation to the PTSA through our Direct Donation program. Your dues and tax-deductible donations support the many activities the PTSA sponsors – activities that support our staff and enrich our students’ academic and social experiences.

Joining the PTSA also entitles you to a printed school directory and the AtoZ smart phone app.

## STAY INFORMED

Visit the PTSA Section of the Tilden Middle School website to join the Listserv. Both the PTSA and the school send out important information via email. Get the daily announcements delivered to your inbox, learn about upcoming events and receive important information.

The website is also the repository of information about our PTSA (events, meetings, committee chairs, membership). School staff and volunteers work hard to keep the information current, and it's a great first stop of you have questions.

## COME TO PTSA MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Meetings are generally the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Hear from the Principal and learn about Tilden, enjoy engaging and informative guest speakers and get updates on PTSA activities. Also, be sure to come to PTSA sponsored events during the school year, like our always popular Fall Family Picnic for parents and students on Thursday evening, September 23rd from 6:30-8pm, as well as our Tilden's Day of Caring, Book Fairs, Charity Basketball Game, Ice Skating, and Family Heritage Night.

## VOLUNTEER!

The PTSA encourages everyone to get involved. You can volunteer on any one of our various committees. Interested? Check out the PTSA website and watch the Listserv for volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Looking forward to seeing you back at school this fall!

Sincerely,

Julie Merberg and your 2021-2022 PTSA Board

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