



TILDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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PTSA NEWSLETTER 2011-2012

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President's Letter

The first marking period of the year ended on October 28. Report cards will be distributed on November 10. And parent-teacher conferences will be held on November 10. Your PTSA will support this process by providing dinner for the teachers on November 10 between afternoon and evening conferences.



Our **second PTSA** meeting this year is **Tuesday night, November 8 at 7:00** in the Media Center. We will start the meeting with a presentation by Peer-to-Peer, an organization that recruits excellent high school students as tutors for middle school and other high school students. At our business meeting, we hear reports from the principal, officers and committee chairs. As a result of discussions and actions at the last MCCPTA meeting, the Montgomery County Board of Education issued two policies for public comment. We will be reviewing these items to prepare a Tilden PTSA comment.

I'd like to continue to thank all of our PTSA volunteers, many of whom are performing their tasks in the background at this time in the school year, and acknowledge some of our PTSA volunteers for their efforts this month. **Karen Post** and **Lisa Spiwak** staffed a table at the entry to Tilden all day on October 10 for the open house, welcoming parents and obtaining more memberships. Committee chair **Sarah Early** continues to organize and deliver great snacks each month at the Tilden staff meetings.

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Principal's Message

With the holidays approaching, the Tilden community is not only taking part in celebratory school spirit events, but is also thinking of others through our canned dry foods drive. Daily, students and staff are walking into the building with bags full of goods and the Student Government Association (SGA) is planning several additional events that will allow us to give back and support those in need.



The Parent-Teacher conferences will be taking place on November 10th. If you have not scheduled an appointment to meet with a teacher, I would like to remind you that you are always welcome to email our teachers if you have any questions or concerns. Email is a quick and easy way to get feedback and a wonderful starting point for a conversation. In addition to email, the administrative and the counseling teams are available for conferences anytime and we truly enjoy meeting and hearing from you.

The Character Education Committee, which consists of students from each grade level and the SGA members, is beginning to plan events and themes to address anti-bullying. The committee is considering assemblies, student created poster campaigns, PSA's during morning announcements, pledges, and strategies for both victims and by-standers. If you have any suggestions or guest speakers that you would like to recommend, please let me know.

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Our first Restaurant Night, organized by **Becky Hutton**, was held at Wing Hut in Bethesda on October 28 and Ms LaGrange spent two hours there talking to parents and students. **Becky** has planned a second opportunity at California Tortilla on November 29. **Laurie-Anne Sayles** held one NAACP Committee meeting and has a second scheduled at 6:30 P.M. in the Tilden Media Center on November 8. **Shari Campbell** asks if you have signed up for Tilden rewards for all retail incentive programs offered by local merchants to Tilden. **Leona Hiraoka** has collected of the spirit wear orders and is having our clothing items made. **Jodi Rose** and **Linda Brown** supported the incredibly busy and effective teacher, Amy Domingos, in holding the first student dance of the year on November 4. (I apologize for any omissions from this list.)

At this time of year, we are offered many opportunities to help and support those less fortunate families that are part of our greater community. The SGA is collecting canned and dried foods for local needy families. Please support this and other efforts advertised on the Tilden List Serve (are you a member?).

Finally, Happy Thanksgiving! Let us all remember to give thanks for our dedicated Tilden teachers and staff on this day.

Joe Piff

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The 6th and 7th grade trip to the National Zoo was a success. Some students were excited that they did not get lost, others loved the birds. Charlotte, a 6th grade student, was excited to have learned that elephants use mud as sun screen. While the students and staff dined at the zoo, one of the managers complimented our students and pointed out that they were the nicest group of students she has seen at the zoo in years! Go parents! You are doing a stellar job!

While our teachers meet with students regularly before and after school, as well as during lunch for one-on-one support, I see so many parents here throughout the day and well into the evening hours. A special thank you to all the parents who come in to help and make copies for our teachers, and assist staff during lunch and our afterschool activities. Tilden would not be the same without your ongoing support.

Warm Regards,

Irina LaGrange

Join the PTSA Listserv!

Be sure to receive important emails from the school, the PTSA, and the parent community by joining the PTSA listserv. Here's how to join the listserv:

1. Send a blank message to: tilden-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
2. Send a message to [Valentina di Francesco](#), E-Group Moderator; identify yourself (name) and your connection to Tilden so that your subscription may be validated.
3. Register at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tilden> to be able to post messages. When you go to that page, you will be prompted to create an ID and Password

TILDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL
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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR CONTRIBUTORS!
(as of October 26, 2011)

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The Tilden Middle School PTSA wishes all Tilden Families, teachers and staff a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving Holiday!



TILDEN TIDBITS

Important Numbers:

Tilden Middle School Main Office: 301-230-5930

Guidance Department: 301-230-5940

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/school/tildenms

Parents' Corner

Parent Encouragement Program Presents:

Scream-free Parenting Five Truths Every Parent Needs to Know

Hal Runkel
Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Bullis School
10601 Falls Road ~ Potomac, MD

Late, Lost and Unprepared: Understanding and Helping Children With Weak Executive Function Skills.

Thursday, Nov. 10th, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Come to an Extraordinary Night with Dr. Dietzel.
Rockville Memorial Library 21 Maryland Avenue ~ Rockville, MD

Why Children Need Experience With Nature and Animals

William Crain, the author of
Reclaiming Childhood: Letting Children be Children in our Achievement Oriented Society

Tuesday Dec. 6th at 7pm
Green Acres School
This event is free.
Reservations are requested. speakerseries@greenacres.org

GET IN THE SPIRIT!

Nov. 29, 2011 between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Cabin John



Want to show your spirit?

Just order some darn tasty food between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on November 29, say "Tilden", and California Tortilla will donate 25% of your check total to Tilden Middle School.

So bring your family and friends, fill up on great food, and help support Tilden Middle School!



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