

Tilden Middle School PTSA

July/August 2019

Dear Tilden Parents:

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! We look forward to another exciting year with Tilden's engaging and enthusiastic administrators, excellent teachers, eager students and supportive parents. 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. The PTSA uses this program in lieu of fundraising programs (such as Gift Wrap or pizza kits). 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 school directory and the AtoZ smart phone app. Studies show that kids of **parents who are involved with their children's school do better academically.**

***STAY INFORMED**

Join the listserv. Both the PTSA and the school send out important information via email. Get the daily announcements delivered to your inbox, receive the PTSA Newsletter, learn about upcoming events and receive important information. It's easy to stay connected go to:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/tildenms/ptsa/emailgroup.aspx> and follow the instructions.

You can also join the Tilden Bulletin Board, an interactive electronic discussion board for people who are seeking a venue to discuss ideas, ask questions or offer suggestions. Go to Yahoo Groups and search for TildenMSdiscussions, in order to join this group. This forum is open to back and forth discussion without limits. Best practices in regards to appropriate behavior are expected. This resource is not moderated by either the administration or the PTSA.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tildenmsdiscussions/>

Also check out the links and information on the PTSA section of the Tilden webpage, there is a lot of information about our PTSA (events, meetings, committee chairs, membership, etc)

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***COME TO PTSA MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Meetings are *generally* the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. 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 Back-to-School Picnic for parents and students on **Friday evening, September 6th from 6:30-8pm**, as well as our Tilden's Day of Caring, Career Day, Fall & Spring Book Fairs, Charity Basketball Game, Ice Skating, Paint Nite and Family Heritage Night.

***VOLUNTEER!**

The PTSA encourages everyone to get involved. You can volunteer on any one of our various committees. Interested? Attend the Volunteer Fair at our first PTSA meeting on Tuesday, September 10th at 7pm.

***SSL HOURS**

Students are also eligible to earn SSL hours for any PTSA events they volunteer for that are outside "regular" school hours such as Charity Basketball, Ice Skating, Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Back to School Picnic, and so much more.

Looking forward to seeing you back at school in September!

Sincerely,

Celina Schmidt, PTSA President