



TINDLEY

A Message from the CEO | August 20, 2018



**KELLI B. MARSHALL, CEO
TINDLEY ACCELERATED
SCHOOLS**

Greetings Tindley Families!

We are officially one week into the school year! Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who came out to support schools with orientation/Title 1 night, bulletin boards, running copies and welcoming new families. Our high school POP committee is also well underway and has planned an amazing Bridge Week for our scholars entering the Early College.

In preparation to receive our scholars, leaders and teachers were taken through an intensive training on culture and instruction to ensure the Tindley legacy of success continues. We have adopted some revisions to the handbook that allow for more frequent parent intervention prior to a consequence and the elementary schools are moving toward more positive praise to balance their behavior management plans.

This year, you will notice all staff members walking with their clipboards and timers in hand. These items are tied to practices that encourage an increase in time on task, urgency, as well as, intentional circulation during instruction. As always, the network team and I will be consistently walking the buildings to monitor and assist. Parents are encouraged to come by at any time to observe instruction. We only ask that you do not engage with the scholars or staff during your observation and instead, schedule a meeting when/ if necessary.

I will continue to send out this monthly update and school leaders will of course continue communicating through both hard-copy and email blasts throughout the school year. If you believe that you are not receiving information from the school, please contact the front office to ensure the correct contact information is on file.

Thank you for entrusting your scholar with Tindley and welcome to another amazing year as we prepare our college bound scholars toward their journey of excellence.

Sincerely,

Kelli B. Marshall

ACADEMIC UPDATES

The 2017-18 ISTEP+ results are in; however, they are still under embargo. Once the state releases them, the information will be mailed to you. If your mailing address has changed, please notify the front office.

NWEA assessments will begin the week of August 20th. This is a norm referenced assessment that is taken three times per year and allows us to see not only the grade level that our scholars are currently performing at in reading and math, but also the growth that they have made over time. The assessment is offered three times per year and scores are provided to scholars immediately after testing. Formal results of the first assessment are reviewed during the first parent-teacher conference on October 17, 2018.

Due to the increase in rigor and the findings of historical data, we found it necessary to move the high school to a block schedule allowing them longer class periods that alternate Monday through Thursday. In addition, the Early College scholars will remain in classes this year until June 7th with Commencement held on June 10th. Scholars will no longer have to scramble to make up assignments in preparation for an early release date that often is extended due to academic need.

SCHOOL HOURS

The Department of Education is no longer approving last year's half day release time of 12:00 p.m. Therefore, we revised the Friday dismissal to 1:30 p.m. for elementary and 2:45 p.m. for secondary schools. Although it decreases the time for professional development, it ensures that a full lunch is offered as opposed to the sack lunches that were provided in the past. Teachers are appreciative of the extra time that they will have to work with their scholars.

PARENT FEEDBACK

As always, your feedback is important to us. In the coming week, each of you will be receiving a brief online survey. Please take a moment to share your feedback and satisfaction thus far with our services. We will continue to reach out to you throughout the year to assess our progress.

UNIFORMS/ IMMUNIZATION/ CONSENT TO TREAT

It is imperative that all scholars arrive daily in full uniform. Articles should be in good condition and represent a clean, professional look that encourages success. If your scholar receives a uniform infraction, please assist us in rectifying it promptly.

All scholars must have current shot records on file on or before September 14, 2018 to remain in school.

If you would like for your scholar to be seen by any of our campus nurses, they MUST have a consent form on file. Also, if your scholar takes any type of prescription medication that is to be administered at school, it MUST be registered and housed in the nurse's station. At no time should scholars self-administer medication while on campus.

EARLY PICK-UP

Instruction time is precious, especially in an accelerated environment. When a scholar is picked up early, it prohibits him/her from experiencing the close of the lesson and the day, which are both important and drive the successful start of the following day. If there is an emergency and you must pick up your scholar before the designated dismissal time, please understand that calls to the classroom cannot interfere with the main office dismissal procedures. We will do our best to get your scholar to you as quickly as possible but we also must make sure that we are maintaining integrity to our dismissal process to ensure student safety. If there is an emergency and you must pick your scholar up early, we ask that you sign a waiver assuming the academic risks that could impede their learning.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 20 - All Schools - NWEA Testing Begins
 Aug. 23 - TGA - Meet the Teacher Night 6-7:30pm
 TRA - Meet the Teacher/Ice Cream Social 6-7:30pm
 Aug. 24 - TCA PTO Back to School Dance 6-8pm
 Aug. 25 - TSA Cookies, Cake Pops and Canvas 9-11:30am
 Aug. 30 - TGA Title I Parent Meeting (MANDATORY) 7:30am OR 6pm

Sept. 3 - **NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY**
 Sept. 13 - TGA - Skating Ice Cream Social - 6-8pm
 TRA - Donuts for Dads 7:30am
 Sept. 25 - TRA- Title I Math Night 6-8pm
 Sept. 28 - TSA P.E.A.K. Adult Game Night 6-9pm

CALENDAR OF TINDLEY BOARD MEETINGS

All board meetings begin at 5:30pm at Tindley Accelerated School

August 23, 2018	February 28, 2019
September 20, 2018	March 28, 2019
October 25, 2018	April 25, 2019
November 29, 2018	May 30, 2019
January 24, 2019	June 27, 2019

