



# TINDLEY

A Message from the CEO | July 2018



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

Greetings Parents!

I hope that all of our families are staying cool while enjoying their time away from the classroom. As we prepare for your scholar's arrival, please know that our leaders and network staff are working hard to plan for a smooth, yet rigorous academic experience for each of our scholars. Although we did see major gains across each of our schools, you all know that at Tindley, we do not settle for anything less than excellence and that type of accountability starts first with US. Leaders have already begun extensive training which will continue throughout the summer as we welcome back our teachers on July 23rd. At that time, we will then shift our focus from leader training to an intensive teacher institute. All staff members will be equipped with the knowledge and understanding of their curriculum, as well as Tindley expectations and protocol. We appreciate the beautiful gifts that our parents have entrusted in our care, and it is our job to ensure that we are more than prepared to receive them. Please encourage your scholars to READ over the break. Increased exposure to text/ vocabulary is extremely beneficial to academic growth, no matter the age of the scholar.

**ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES: If you have not yet picked up your summer reading text, please stop by the front office of your scholar's school and they will be provided to you. There is no fee for the summer text.**

Enjoy your break!

*Kelli B. Marshall*

## SAYING GOODBYE TO A DEAR COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND

Recently we shared on social media the unexpected passing of our dear friend, Jill Orme. Jill served as the Director of Development at Tindley for the past four years. She had unknowingly been ill and passed away on June 25. Jill's smile, determination and love for Tindley will be missed. She never held the role of classroom teacher, but the lessons in the professional "soft skills" that she provided to our scholars were those that will support them with an ongoing wealth of opportunities. The love and attention that she unselfishly bestowed upon each of them will forever be felt. Although gone, she of course will never be forgotten. In memory and celebration of her short time here with us, the Tindley family will be hosting a Celebration of Life at a date and time to be determined.



## IMPORTANT UPDATES

Tindley scholars actually receive more instructional hours throughout the week than the state requires; however, we have now been directed by the Department of Education to make some changes to our Friday release time. Effective this fall, the Friday schedule will be as follows:

	<b>Doors Open</b>	<b>Instruction Begins</b>	<b>Scholars Dismissed</b>
<b>Elementary</b>	7:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
<b>Secondary</b> (MS and HS)	7:30 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	2:30 p.m.

*Lunch will be provided*

The 2018 Master Calendar has been finalized to ensure that all scholars receive the total amount of instruction time the state requires. Please note the arrival date for each grade level. Click [here](#) to access the Tindley Accelerated Schools Master Calendar.

## ACADEMICS

Preliminary ISTEP+ results are in and information regarding your scholar's performance was mailed home. If you are the parent of a scholar in grades 3-8 and 10 and have NOT received your results, please contact your school administrator. Once the Department of Education releases the embargo, we will share the final results.

The final administration of the third grade IREAD exam has been completed. This exam measures the basic reading skills that all scholars in grade 3 must demonstrate prior to being considered for promotion. Scholars and teachers worked hard to prepare over the summer and we are expecting positive results.

Summer school for our high school scholars ended on Friday, July 6. Thank you to all who made sure your scholar arrived on time and prepared for their courses.

## ENROLLMENT

Returning/Existing Families:

If you still have questions regarding your scholar's placement for next year, or would like a follow up with your prospective building administrators, please contact our enrollment coordinator, Jennene Young at [jyoung@tindley.org](mailto:jyoung@tindley.org)

New/Prospective Enrollees:

To begin the enrollment process for the 2018-19 school year, click on the link below. You may also enroll in person at any of the Tindley Accelerated Schools between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm Monday through Friday. Please call (317) 545-1745, ext. 1777 to get assistance, schedule a later appointment or with any enrollment questions.

[Click Here to Begin Enrollment Process](#)

## PARENT AND STUDENT INPUT

School-wide Plans, Parent Involvement Policy and Compact have been revised. Each school will be hosting a Title I Parent Night on July 31 at 5:30 p.m. to review and discuss the documents. All are welcome to stop in and provide input. Click [here](#) to access the documents on our website.

The network Parent Advisory Council (PAC) has proposed slight changes to the hair policy for males, along with some consequences tied to minor infractions. I am receptive to their suggestions and have researched more positive responses to infractions along with increasing affirmations, celebrations and events to enhance student life. Please review the new revisions to the Tindley Student-Family handbook and also note that the hair policy for female scholars has not changed.

[Accelerated/Collegiate 2018-19 Handbook](#)

Kudos to the various PTO and POP organizations across the district! Your continued support with field trips, yearbooks, etc. is appreciated. WE STILL NEED YOU. PLEASE BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY INVOLVED WITH THE TINDLEY FAMILY.

## NETWORK UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS TO RISING SENIOR, LEILA CHAMPION! Leila is currently participating in a summer intensive program at Harvard University. Many of our scholars are doing great things this summer to continue the legacy of service and excellence.



## WHAT'S NEW IN EDUCATION?

Indy nonprofit builds affordable homes for Indianapolis teachers.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

August 13 First Day of School for Grades K, 1, 6 and 9

August 16 First Day of School for Grades 2,3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10

August 20 First Day of School for Early College - Grades 11 and 12