

September 5, 2018

Dear Madison Community,

Welcome to Madison Middle School! The Madison PTSA is excited to get this year started with our returning families and brand new families, and to help our teachers to create the best learning environment possible.



The PTSA Board looks forward to informally meeting parents and guardians at **Curriculum Night, on Thursday, September 27st from 6:30-8pm.** We invite everyone to stay a little longer, after attending the classroom sessions, and join the PTSA Board for coffee and dessert in the Commons. Teachers will be invited to join us as well, to give them a chance to chat and answer quick questions.

Our PTSA board members have all returned from last year, along with a couple of new members, and we look forward to using that knowledge to best serve our Madison Community. We found that our parents and guardians are stressed for time but also value parent education, to best support their students. The PTSA has reduced their General Meetings to three and plans to offer more education programs, coordinating with our counseling department, to best cover important and timely topics. General Meetings will still have lots of Madison information, usually with an update from the administration. You will find more information about when our **October General Meeting** will be scheduled, along with upcoming parent programs, by signing up for PTSA emails, visiting our website, and following us on Facebook.

The best way for all our parents and guardians to learn about what is going on in the Madison Community is to take advantage of the ways that the PTSA communicates with all those interested. The school sends daily bulletins, important information by dedicated email, and has a website, madisonms.seattleschools.org. **The PTSA expands on the school's information, for the entire community, by providing the Madison PTSA Weekly Bulldog Bulletin, the Madison PTSA Mailing List, the website MadisonPTSA.com and on Facebook as Madison Middle School PTSA.** For information on how to sign up for emails, see our flyer in the packet or visit our website, MadisonPTSA.com. Everyone is encouraged to sign up, you don't have to be a member! Please check out our "corner" in the main office too, for forms and information in paper form.

Madison PTSA has already committed to providing supplies and support for EVERY classroom and EVERY department, ensuring that teachers have what they need to create an enriching and exciting space for learning, and that departments have the access to improved curriculum, materials, or adding textbooks as our school grows, so every child will have what they need to learn. Additional grants are available to teachers as they seek professional development, inspirational visiting authors, or new ideas to spark creativity. We need your help to make sure that we are able to follow through with these ambitious plans.

Please consider a donation to help the PTSA to fund the supplies and curriculum that teachers need this year! We look forward to your support during our **Back to School Drive, from now until September 30th.** We would also like to invite you to our annual **Fundraising Social on Saturday, February 2, 2019,** which will be a combination of a fun evening and fundraising for our students.

Have a great year and I look forward to meeting you and learning about you and your student!

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