

November 25, 2020

Dear Tilden Family,

Everyone's much-deserved Thanksgiving break is here. This year has presented many challenges to all of us, however, it did not prevent us from celebrating our 8th Annual Tilden Day of Caring and making a difference in the lives of others. This is one of the events that we are most proud of, and on this day, the Wednesday before the holiday, the building is usually buzzing with action, guests, laughter, and joy. While all the projects had to be modified, our community stepped up to the challenge. Students worked diligently at home, as they created over 2,000 projects that will be delivered to various organizations in our area.

None of this would have been possible without our dedicated staff, the PTSA, and the sponsors. Thank you to Jane Stasko, founder, team leader, and math teacher; Mary Bittle Koenick and Beth Cianigiulli, Co-Chairs, Tilden Day of Caring; Vicki Dunn and Beth Weinman, Committee Members; and Celina Schmidt, PTSA President. Your creativity and commitment to this event has shown our students that challenges can be turned into opportunities and we can always find the time to help those in need.

Tilden Virtual Week of Caring Project Successes!

- 240 breakfast bags to the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless Men's Shelter
- 200 toiletry bags with face masks and socks (as well as toiletries) for Small Things Matter
- 600 bookmarks for A Wider Circle and Comfort Cases
- 300 gift tags for A Wider Circle
- 200 pencil cases for Comfort Cases
- 20 fleece blankets for Mags Bags
- 100 snack bags for Latin American Youth Center
- 80 journals for Kind Works to provide to the Women's Shelter
- 150 candy robots for The Children's Inn at NIH
- 100s of rainbow bracelets for The Children's Inn at NIH
- 100s of chew toys for the animal shelter
- 100s of tissue paper flowers for the Montgomery Village Senior Center
- 40 magnets for Meals on Wheels
- 50 "lifesavers" goodie bags to thank our first responders
- 5 frozen casseroles for Small Things Matter

Sponsors

Thank you to our generous sponsors--we could not have done this without your support.

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As many of our students already know, this year, we will be participating in *Random Acts of Kindness Friday Movement*, as we aim to perform 500 Random Acts of Kindness this holiday weekend. Here is the link: [RAK Friday](#). I am confident that we can make it happen!

Wishing everyone a lovely Thanksgiving.