



ACCOKEEK ACADEMY PTSA

Soaring to Excellence...The Accokeek Way!

Greetings,

My name is Hallie Williams and I am your new Accokeek Academy PTSA President for School Year 2017-2018. It is a great honor to serve the Accokeek community in this capacity and welcome the opportunity to continue the momentum set by my predecessor Mrs. Michelle Juarez, AAPTSA President SY 2016-2017. President Juarez and her PTSA leaders successfully (1) halted the proposal to remove the **TAG Center from Accokeek Academy** and (2) stopped the **Milestone Communications Cell Phone Tower Installation**. Please continue to support the No TAG Removal effort by signing the Accokeek Academy petition [link](#) and share it with local leaders, businesses, HOAs, families, and friends.

Since taking office in August 2017, I have been working with my PTSA leaders to identify five strategic goals for SY 2017-18: (1) Raise awareness of AAPTSA; (2) Increase funding for AAPTSA; (3) Increase student leadership opportunities and cultural exposure; (4) Increase mentorship opportunities; and (5) Increase AA alumni and family engagement. We have identified several programs to achieve these goals, but it will require an active partnership between our educators, students, parents, and community. In August at our Back to School Fair, we welcomed our students and parents and have seen a consistent enrollment of the PTSA membership. We have redesigned our [AAPTSA.org](#) website and enhanced our social media presence on Facebook and Twitter (Accokeek PTSA). We will also update weekly our [Calendar of Events](#), so continue to visit for upcoming events and activities.

On the First Day of School, 9/6, we welcomed the State's Attorney of Prince George's County Angela Alsobrooks. On Saturday, 9/23, our community partner Victory Chapel hosted Accokeek Community Day on campus. On Monday, 10/9, we held Men Make a Difference Day and welcomed over 100 men positively impacting the lives of our students. The program included two guest speakers: (1) Former Sheriff Alonzo Black, our county's first African American police officer and county sheriff, and (2) keynote speaker Pastor Kevin W. Johnson of Accokeek First Church of God. Since the start of school, the AAPTSA have participated or hosted an event every week. This Friday (10/27), we will host a **Harvest Dance** in our lower campus cafeteria for K-5 grades from 7-9p, while the **Middle School Dance** will be held in our upper campus cafeteria for 6-8 grades from 7-9:30p.

Our next **AA PTSA General Body Meeting** will be held on Thursday, 11/30 from 7-8:30p. The AAPTSA Theme for this year is "**Learn here. Live here. Work here. Join here. #TheAccokeekWay**". Heed the call by becoming an active PTSA member for \$12, which can be paid via PayPal on [AAPTSA.org](#). Thank you in advance for recruiting other parents, family and community members to [join](#), [donate](#), or [volunteer](#). Once again, I am looking forward to serving this school year and listening to how you can contribute your talents, gifts, and experiences to [Accokeek Academy](#).

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