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PTO NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents, Teachers and Administrators,

Welcome back to all returning families and a big **WELCOME** to all new families. We are very excited for the 2017-2018 school year and all we have planned.

As the new school year begins, we would once again ask for your support so that we can continue making resources and learning opportunities available to our students and staff. Your membership allows the PTO to raise funds to provide a wide range of school needs and events for the students. Money raised through PTO membership, fundraisers and AAC helps to fund classroom programs & supplies, campus improvement and more. Over the years, the PTO has provided learning opportunities and social activities that may have otherwise been unavailable to our students.

For the PTO to be effective and truly representative of the school, everyone's participation is essential. Many parents feel that they cannot participate in the PTO because they cannot come to meetings or be on campus during the day. We want everyone to feel that they are part of the Plato Family. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time, your talents and simply your VOICE is truly needed. We will always try to match your time constraints and interests to needed tasks. There are endless possibilities in ways you can help.

Keep in mind that by volunteering at our school, you will get to enjoy interacting with the kids, become friends with other parents, and accomplish things that truly make a difference. What better way to show our kids how important their school is than by showing up. Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education have better grades and fewer discipline problems. We promise that the time you give to the PTO and the school will be worth your while—and fun! Please consider volunteering, it really does make a difference in the lives of all our students!

We would like to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Have a wonderful school year and we look forward to seeing you at our first **PTO meeting on September 7th at 6:00 pm.**

Plato Academy PTO Board

Membership Drive

AUGUST 8th – AUGUST 18th

Don't forget to stop by the PTO table at **Open House** to join your PTO! Joining entitles you to all the membership benefits such as **voting, big raffles and first choice for volunteering opportunities.** Join before our September meeting to be included in our first **BIG RAFFLE...**

Membership is \$10.00 per family.



AAC

Deadline for donations is **Friday, September 22nd.** Forms are available on the school website under the PTO tab.

We all know that our teachers spend their own personal money each year on classroom supplies and programs. Our AAC program helps offset these costs by funding classroom with funds that will have a direct impact on our kids and how they learn!

Every little bit helps so please make a tax-free donation to your student's classroom, our extracurricular classrooms or to "Open Class" which will be split among the classrooms who receive lower or no funds.



Spirit Shirts...

will be available for purchase at Open House! **\$8.00 per shirt**
Cash/Check/Card



We need Chair People

We need you!! Our PTO will be filling several open committee positions for this year. These positions are the backbone of our PTO and are needed in order for us to continue to host programs and events for the students. Please stop by at Open House to discuss the details and see if one of these openings is a good fit for you!

- Family Fun Night
- Holiday STEM-A-Day Fair
- Holiday Gift Shop
- Teacher Appreciation - Luncheons/Week
- Character Enrichment Breakfasts
- Grandparents Day
- Recycling
- PTO Hospitality
- Food Drive
- Book Fair
- Field Day

DATES TO REMEMBER



8/8	3:00 – 6:00 pm	Open House
8/8		Spirit Shirt Sale
8/8		Join the PTO
8/10		FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
8/8 – 8/18		PTO Membership Drive
8/8 – 8/18		Spirit Shirt Re-Orders
8/8 – 9/21		Adopt-a-Class Drive
8/18		Rita's Ice
8/25	TBD	Friend-raiser – Walter Fuller Park
9/4		NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
9/7	6:00 – 7:00 pm	PTO General Meeting
9/7	5:30-7:30 pm	Level II Finger Printing
9/8		Grandparents Luncheon
9/15		Rita's Ice
9/21	4:30 – 8:30 pm	Spirit Night – Astro Skates
10/13		Box Tops Due
10/16		NO SCHOOL – Pro-Ed Day

Volunteers Corner



The PTO is looking for parents/guardians to volunteer. **Your participation and involvement is a way to show our students that you are interested in the success of our school.**

We have opportunities for you to do a variety of activities that will help make Plato St Pete a great place to learn. We appreciate any amount of time that you are able to volunteer.

Please contact VP, Emma Bryan at emmacaroline@earthlink.net to discuss to various opportunities we have to help your family fulfill the annual 30 volunteer hours.

BOX TOPS

COLLECT BOX TOPS!
AN EASY WAY TO HELP EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL
INDIAN LANE RECEIVES \$1.00 FOR EVERY 10 BOX TOPS

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- ASK GRANDPARENTS, FAMILY, & FRIENDS TO HELP YOU FIND & COLLECT BOX TOPS FROM PARTICIPATING PRODUCTS
- CUT BOX TOPS FROM EACH PACKAGE
- SEND THEM IN TO YOUR CHILD'S HOMEROOM

DON'T FORGET TO KEEP CLIPPING ALL YEAR LONG THOSE BOX TOPS ADD UP QUICKLY!

Sign up for **AmazonSmile**, and support the PTO - you will be asked to select a charity to support please choose, **Parent Booster USA Inc.** Our unique charity link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-3913060>

Be sure to share with all your friends and family!



Level II Volunteering

As a convenience to our families we have arranged for A+ Fingerprints to be at our first PTO meeting on **Sept. 7th** between **5:30 – 7:30** doing Level II fingerprinting. Cost is **\$45.00** in the form of **cash or check**. Level II is good for 5 years.



THANK YOU....

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations to our PTO and encourage all of our families to patronize these businesses.



**Frida's
Cafe & Bakery**



We want to hear from you...

Feel free to email us with any questions, ideas, suggestions or if you would like to become more involved with the PTO at: storm@platoacademy.net

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