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PTO NEWSLETTER

Hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season!

Dear Parents, Teachers and Administrators,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving spent with family and friends. December is a short but busy month at school. There are many scheduled events along with many class parties so be sure to keep checking your emails, look for flyers going home and pop onto the Plato People page to keep updated.

November was a great month for the PTO and the school. We had a very successful fundraiser even in the wake of Irma. Our families pulled together and orders came in from near and far. **Thank you to all the volunteers who helped sort and hand out the packages and to all the family and friends who ordered.** We also collected a substantial amount of canned/non-perishable foods for the churches Food Panty during our Food Drive. **Thank you, Chaleeta & Marie** our Co-Chairs for organizing the program and for including our 6th grade Student Council in the daily activities. This kind of activity is a great way to teach our kids about giving to others and to show our appreciation for our partners at Park Street Church. Our Teacher Appreciation luncheon was a big hit with the staff. Thank you **Jennifer** for organizing the food pick-up and decorating the teachers' lounge and, **a big shout out to all the parent volunteers who covered the lunch periods** so the staff could have a quiet lunch.

Our **AmazonSmile** quarterly deposit was received. We brought in **\$37.73**. That number may sound small but every little bit helps. The more people we have signed up the higher our quarterly deposits will be. It is so easy to sign up and start earning money for the school while you are doing what you would be doing anyway, shopping online! Check out the details of the program on page 2 of this newsletter.

The camo spirit shirts will be distributed this week. The vendor had some sizing issues and had to wait on orders to arrive before he could start printing. Shirts will be sent home with the students so please check the backpacks and if there are any questions regarding your order please email storm@platoacademy.net instead of inquiring at the front desk. The school does not have copies of the order forms to check questions.

Again, thank you to all our families who have pitched in this year and helped with our many events. We have a great group of people who make our jobs as board members so much easier!

Plato Academy St Petersburg PTO

Jingle Bell Jog

For the P.E. Department at Plato Academy St Petersburg, December means it must be time for our 5th Annual Jingle Bell Jog! The purpose of this event is to celebrate the holidays with a fun, fitness style event, while also raising funds to help support the P.E. program and our school as the kids grow in size and we grow in numbers. **Donation forms are due back Tuesday, December 5th.**

This is a "fun-run" type of event completed around the perimeter of the school. On **Friday, December 8th**, students will meet in the gymnasium during their regularly scheduled PE class times. There will be a running course set up around the entire campus (pick up line). As the students finish each lap, they will collect one popsicle stick. Each lap is approximately .3 miles. Students will have 25 minutes to complete as many laps as they can in order to raise money. The students averaged 10 laps last year (that course was approximately .2 miles). Would you like to volunteer? Here is the link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49AFAA2AA3FE3-jingle3>

Holiday Gift Shop

Friday, December 15th is our Annual Holiday Shop. The shop is to provide students with an opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends at school in a safe, affordable, comfortable, and friendly environment. It is an educational experience, where students learn the importance of saving their money and budgeting for holiday surprises.

Students will come home this week with envelopes and information. Please do not send money in before the day of the event. Would you like to volunteer? Here is the link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49AFAA2AA3FE3-holiday3>



PTO Meeting

Our next PTO meeting is being held on **January 18th at 6:00 pm**. We look forward to seeing all of our families. Our guest speakers for the evening have not yet been chosen. Do you have a suggestion? Let us know what you want to hear.

Don't forget, each family who attends the meeting goes home with a **Free Uniform Pass** for each of your students!

Committee Chairs Update

Only three open Committee Chair positions to fill. **Please contact Emma Bryan** to see if one of these openings is a good fit for you!

- **Book Fair** – March
- **Field Day** – May
- **PTO Hospitality** – Jan & Mar Meetings

2017/2018 Chairperson Committee

Chaleeta Mullins & Marie Stever - Food Drive

Deborah Goudy - Holiday Gift Shop

Karen Agamie - Family Fun Night: Dance

Andrea Bevan- Recycling

Christie Cambut & Leslie Weller – Box Tops

Carrie Sinwelski & Chaleeta Mullins - Character Enrichment Breakfasts

Tracy Henry – Grandparent Luncheon

Jennifer Griffith - Teacher Appreciation - Luncheons/Week

Melissa Kieffer - Nomination Committee

Chaleeta Mullins & Karen Agamie - Family Fun Night: Dance

Michael Hally & Jody Sepulveda – Audit Committee

DATES TO REMEMBER



12/4	8:15 am	Character Enrichment Breakfast
12/5	6:00 pm	All Pro Dad's Spaghetti Dinner
12/8		Jingle Bell Jog
12/15		Holiday Gift Shop
12/18	6:30 pm	Pre-School Holiday Concert
12/19	5:30 pm	Holiday Concert
12/21		Rita's Ice (\$3.00)
12/23 – 1/5		NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
1/8		Hurricane Makeup Day
1/15		NO SCHOOL - MLK
1/18		PTO General Meeting

Volunteers Corner



The PTO is always 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.**

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

BoxTops



PTO January Raffle!

Come to the meeting for a chance to win...
"Wine Tasting and Class for 20!"

Calling all staff, families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, everyone! Our school is participating in the **AmazonSmile** program. At this time we only have a limited number of families who have signed up so our earnings are relatively small so far this year. If you have not already started using Smile please do so!

Sign up for AmazonSmile using the following link. When asked "which charity to support" please choose: **Parent Booster USA Inc.**

Our unique charity link:
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-3913060>



Check out our unofficial FaceBook Group page for the latest updates and information share with other parents! **Plato People**

Have a Question?

We want all of our Plato Families to feel comfortable asking questions. Our Board is here to not only support our school and students but to support our parents.

If you have a question that you would like addressed at one of our General Meetings or a suggestion for a guest speaker please take a moment to send an email to storm@platoacademy.net . As long as we receive the request via email in a reasonable amount of time we will be sure to add it the agenda and/or try to get that person to attend the meeting.



SPIRIT NIGHTS

Our next Spirit Night is scheduled for **Friday, January 26th** at Chuck E Cheese! Mark your calendars and tell your friends!

And thank you to all the families who came to **BurgerFi**, we earned **\$422.49** for our students & school.

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.



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

President, Rose Harnen · Vice President, Emma Bryan · Secretary, Julie Hally
Treasurer of Bookkeeper, Idi Idiong · Treasurer of Fundraising, Tressy Guadagno

Happy Holidays to all of our families!



Enjoy the winter break.
We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Winter Break

