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PTO NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents, Teachers and Administrators,

Welcome to 2018! We hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing, and enjoyable Winter Break as you celebrated the holidays with your family and friends. The PTO is excited to start the year out strong! We have some great events scheduled over the next few months and have been planning away during the break. We will be announcing all the upcoming events at our meeting on **January 18th at 6:00 pm** and would love to have you join us. Don't forget, everyone who attends receives a **Free Uniform Pass** for each of your students.

We would like to thank **Deborah Goudy** who did an amazing job of chairing The Holiday Shop in December along with every parent and grandparent who worked the event. It was a long day, but we got through it (despite the weather) and the students all left with a huge smile on their faces. We hope you all loved the gifts your students choose for you and are already planning next years shop. Our plan is to do a multi-day event, indoors, to give the kids more time to shop and have additional items to choose from.

We are still looking for parents who are excited about the good things that are happening at our campus and who want to ensure those good things keep happening. If you are one of those parents, please let one of our PTO Board members know that you are interested in participating in PTO, and maybe even in running for a Board position for the 2018/2019 school year. Our **elections are in March** and we will be starting the nomination process middle of February.

Superior Schools will be hosting a Plato Academy School Board meeting on Friday, **January 12th** at the Tampa location. They have arranged a satellite location for all Plato Academy board meetings being held at **Superior Schools Corporation, 861 N. Hercules Avenue Clearwater, FL 33765** (next to the Clearwater campus). A representative of our PTO Board will be at the meeting at the satellite location to ask questions regarding the new school location and we would like to invite **all parents** who can to attend the meeting at **12:30 pm** to join us. The meetings generally last about 1 hour and in attendance are Board Members, principals, executives from Superior, and parents. We are encouraging our families to attend this open school board meeting, and have their voice be heard. There are established procedures for people who wish to speak or ask questions during the public comment period (this is at the beginning of the meeting) so please try to get there a little early if you would like to ask a question or make a statement.

Here's to a happy and healthy 2018,
Plato Academy St Petersburg PTO



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 are still being confirmed.

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

Friendship Dance

Our school is hosting its first School Dance. Co-Chairs **Chaleeta Mullins & Karen Agamie** have already got the ball rolling but are asking for parent volunteers to make this happen. We will be sending out a Sign-Up Genius this week for help setting up, chaperoning and clean up.

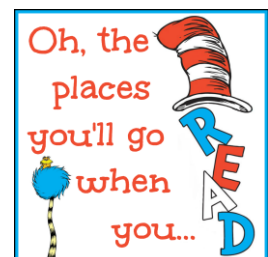
The dances will be on **Friday, February 9th**. We will be doing two sessions. A daytime event for K-3 and an evening event for 4-6. This is a student only event. Parents can come if they volunteer to chaperone.

More details will be coming but we are reaching out now to get a committee together for the prep work. Feel free to contact the Co-Chairs if you're interested in helping.



Book Fair/Read-a-Thon

We will be hosting a Book Fair and Read-a-Thon in February and need Volunteers.



All proceeds we earn will go to creating a library cart for the new location!

Committee Chairs Needed

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

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

2017/2018 Chairperson Committees

Chaleeta Mullins & Marie Strever - 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 – Student Friendship Dance

Jennifer Ross - Book Fair

DATES TO REMEMBER



1/12	12:30 pm	Superior Board Meeting
1/15		NO SCHOOL – MLK Day
1/16	8:15 am	Character Enrichment Breakfast
1/18		Rita's Ice (\$3.00)
1/18	6:00 pm	PTO General Meeting
1/23	7:00 am	All Pro Dad's Breakfast
1/24		Class Pictures
1/26	6:00 pm	Spirit Night – Chuck E Cheese
2/15		Rita's Ice (\$3.00)
2/19		NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day
3/8		PTO General Election 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 the various opportunities we have that can fit your schedule and help your family fulfill the annual 30 volunteer hours.

BoxTops – FEBRUARY DUE DATE



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visit boxtops4education.com for more great ideas to earn cash for our school!

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>



PTO January Raffle!

Come to the meeting for a chance to win....

Total Wine Class for 20!

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



SPIRIT NIGHT

Thank you to all of the families who attended our Spirit Night at BurgerFi! It was a fun night for all and the food was amazing! The manager, Michael was super kind and gave us 15% of the entire night! Can't wait to go back!

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.

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

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