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# PTO NEWSLETTER

## Volunteering Makes a Difference!

Dear Parents, Teachers and Administrators,

With Thanksgiving coming up we felt November would be the perfect month to make sure that we have thanked all of our volunteers! From Open House to now we have had so many incredible volunteers, and because of your dedication and hard work, all of our events have been a great success. **Thank you so much for your commitment of time and energy to our school and students!**

September and October were busy months for the PTO. We sponsored the **Grandparents Luncheon** which brought in over 300 guests! We want to give a HUGE shout out to all the volunteers that day that made the lunch periods run smoothly. The entire event was so easy from set-up to helping the guests find their seats to hand out drinks all due to our volunteers. Then there was our **PTO Meeting** with Mildred Hood running the show managing our PTO information table and overseeing our Childcare rooms, we can't thank each of the volunteers that night enough. We know it was a little overwhelming with the number of attendees and children who were there but the Board and parents who attended the meeting are truly grateful for each and every one of you. **Character Enrichment Breakfasts** have been amazing this year due to our Co-chairs who not only get up early on a Monday morning but take the time to set-up the room so the kids can truly enjoy the experience! And **Trunk-a-Treat**, along with our Student Council we want to thank all the parents who decorated their trunks, walked with the classes during the event and handed out water. This is a big event for the kids and from the smiles on their faces I think it was a huge success! And of course, **BoxTops!** Thank you to our Co-Chairs, Christy & Leslie and to all the volunteers who spent endless hours cutting & counting!

Volunteering with the PTO is a great way to show your commitment to our community. And it gives you a chance to have a lasting impact on your child's education while making good friends and having fun along the way. There are many ways to get involved with the PTO based on your available time and interests. Contact us at [storm@platoacademy.net](mailto:storm@platoacademy.net) today and let us know we can count on you. We have MANY positions available and **we need help right now**. We appreciate any time that you can give us!

It's easy to think another parent will step forward to help provide the many services, events, and funding provided by the PTO and depended upon by the school. But the reality is we really need parents to take the lead on many events. Without parents to chair these events, we will not be able to fulfill our goals and give the children that amazing experience they deserve.

Keep an eye open for our Sign-Up Genius's that will come directly from Ms. West! We will be looking for quite a few volunteers for our November & December event/programs starting with our **Fundraiser Pick-up on November 28th!**

Plato Academy St Petersburg PTO



### PTO Meeting

Our next PTO meeting is being held on **November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**. We look forward to seeing all of our families. Our guest speakers for the evening will be our very own, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council members.

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

## FALL FUNDRAISER

And the winner is...**OUR SCHOOL!** We had a great Fall Fundraiser and want to thank all the families who participated whether it was one roll of wrapping paper or a big start on your holiday shopping.

Our Top 10 sellers will receive a pizza/ice cream party with Ms. West on **November 13<sup>th</sup>** along with the Top 5 receiving Free Uniform Passes and Top 2 receiving special prices!

1. **Thomas Nguyen**
2. **Gabriella Guadagno**
3. **Kaden Narron**
4. **Anthony Harnen**
5. **Deanna McMullen**
6. **Kimberly Ngo**
7. **Josalyn Goudy**
8. **Maliyah Sacchetti**
9. **Audrey Isong**
10. **Keiran Powery**

VPK- **Shane Rubin & Clayton Foss**

Top selling class in each grade will get a Popsicle Party on **November 10<sup>th</sup>!**

Kindergarten - **Jines**

1st- **Campbell**

2nd- **Glazner**

3rd- **Thayer**

4th- **Pampena**

5th- **Lazaris**

6th- **Viski**

## FOOD DRIVE

Our **Fall Pantry Food Drive** is starting soon with the help of our Student Council, Each month, our partners, Park Street Church's Food Pantry provides food to hundreds people who are in need and struggling to put food on their table.



You can do your part by simply adding a few cans or boxed food items to your grocery cart when you shop, and send them into school with your student between **Nov 13<sup>th</sup> and Nov 17<sup>th</sup>**

### Committee Chairs Needed

We still **NEED TO FILL** 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 the information table at the PTO meeting to discuss the details or contact Emma Bryan** to see if one of these openings is a good fit for you!

- **Family Fun Night: Dance** – Co-Chair - February
- **Book Fair** – March
- **Nomination Committee** - March
- **Field Day** - May

#### 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

**Mildred Hood** - PTO Hospitality

**Carrie Sinwelski & Chaleeta Mullins** - Character Enrichment Breakfasts

**Tracy Henry** – Grandparent Luncheon

**Jennifer Griffith** - Teacher Appreciation - Luncheons/Week

### DATES TO REMEMBER



11/9	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	PTO General Meeting
11/10		Fall Fundraiser Winning Class Parties
11/13		Fall Fundraiser Top 10 Pizza Party
11/13-11/17		Food Collection Drive
11/14	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Veterans/Oxi Day Celebration
11/16		Rita's Ice (\$3.00)
11/17		Box Top Rewards Party
11/20 – 11/24		NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
11/28	3:40 pm – 5:30 pm	Fall Fundraiser Pick-Up (tentatively)
12/15		Holiday Gift Shop
12/23 – 1/5		NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

### 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](mailto: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 Winners

Our total turned in BoxTops was 6,848! WOW - great job to everyone who participated.

#### Top Class Winners:

- K-Jines**  
**1- Campbell**  
**2-Wilson**  
**3- Thayer**  
**4- Pampena**  
**5- Lazaris**



Don't forget to download the BTFE app and register on the BTFE website for more chances to collect for our school!

### PTO November Raffle!

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

**4 Disney Park Hopper Passes!**

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 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](mailto: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](mailto:storm@platoacademy.net)

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