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PTO NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Teachers and Administrators,

First off, thank you to ALL the families who attended the PTO meeting on the 28th, it was great to see all those faces excited to be a part of the meeting. Our guest speakers answered many questions and the board shared lots of information. **Once the minutes are approved, they will be posted to the school site under PTO tab for all families to view.** We would also like to thank our volunteers who missed the meeting to cover the childcare rooms and front office sign-in. We could not have the meeting without your help!

We truly hope all of our Plato families have recovered from the storm and things have gotten back to a normal routine. Due to Irma, **our calendar has been adjusted,** we have pushed our Fall Fundraiser out a week, and our October Family Fun Night has been moved to February. All of the changes that we made were with our families in mind hoping that by rearranging some of the dates you would feel less pressure and stressed about things happening at school. We know the kids all want to participate in the planned events and want you as parents to feel ok about saying yes to them.

We apologize to everyone who has been waiting on **Spirit Shirts.** We began handing them out Thursday at the PTO meeting. **All remaining shirts are at the front desk with Ms. Shearey.** They must be picked-up by a parent or you need to call to make other arrangements. And be on the lookout for our second design spirit shirt order form being sent home this month!

Now we want to share some amazing news. This year we have exceeded our goal for PTO membership. As of today, we have 143 families along with 25 staff members! It could not make us happier than to see so many PASP families joining the PTO and offering their time, skills and ideas. Studies show, when you are involved in your child's school, you are involved in your child's life. Children with parents involved in their school have higher attendance, higher self-esteem AND get better grades! Way to go PASP!

Communication, we heard what you said and are making every effort to get our messages to you in a timely manner using a variety of methods. As parents, we know you busy and cannot always go back through your emails to find that one piece of information you need. Therefore, after much discussion the board has decided to use the **following forms of communication: a monthly newsletter, sharing all dates/forms on the school website, hanging posters in the front office, via email with the help of our amazing teachers, handing out flyers when justified, the Remind app for PTO members and sharing everything on the Plato People Facebook page.** We hope that by covering all the bases no one will ever feel they do not know what is happening.

Happy Halloween, we are looking forward to seeing you all at Trunk-or-Treat!
Plato Academy St Petersburg PTO

P.S. Check out the attached Committee Chair Descriptions to see if you can sign-up to help at one of our events!

Spirit Night

Go PASP families! Our first Spirit Night at **Astro Skates** was a big success. Not only were we able to **raise funds to be used towards our schools Wish List** the kids got to have a blast and skate around with our Principal. Thank you to all the families who attended.



Our next Spirit Night is scheduled for **October 18th between 5-9 pm at BurgerFi in the Seminole City Center.** You must mention Plato Academy St Pete for our school to receive the credit. Thank you Laurie Fair for getting us in contact with the restaurant!

Fall Fundraiser

Our most important fundraising campaign of the year starts this week and your help is essential!

Simply put, we are asking you to reach out to your friends and family and encourage them to shop for products in our fundraising catalog. The proceeds of every purchase will make a BIG difference in our fundraising efforts this year. There's a lot of great stuff in this year's catalog; with over 1,500 great products, you can be confident that everyone you know will find something they like.



October 2nd – 13th



**DUE
Friday,
Oct 13th**

Committee Chairs Needed

Once again, we are including this in our newsletter because 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 contact Emma Bryan directly at emmacaroline@earthlink.net** to see if one of these openings is a good fit for you!

- **Holiday STEM-A-Day Fair** - December
- **Holiday Gift Shop** - December
- **Teacher Appreciation - Luncheons/Week** - May
- **Book Fair** - March
- **Field Day** - May

2017/2018 Chairperson Committees

Christie Cambut & Leslie Weller – Box Tops

Mildred Hood - PTO Hospitality

Carrie Sinwelski & Chaleeta Mullins - Character Enrichment Breakfasts

Tracy Henry – Grandparent Luncheon

Chaleeta Mullins & Marie Strever – Food Drive

Andrea Polley-Bevan & Ms. Reinders - Recycling

Sandy Stegmaier - Family Fun Night Dance

Volunteers Corner



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

Teacher Monthly Raffle Winner!

September 2017: **Ms. Stewart**
Dicks Sporting Goods & Pulix Gift Cards

DATES TO REMEMBER



10/2 – 10/13		Fall Fundraiser Drive
10/2	8:15 am	Character Enrichment Breakfast
10/10		Fall Individual Pictures (In Uniform)
10/13		BOX TOPS DUE
10/16		Hurricane Make-up Day
10/18	5:00 pm -9:00 pm	Spirit Night - BurgerFi
10/20	\$3.00	Kona's Ice
10/27		Trunk-or-Treat
11/2	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	PTO General Meeting
11/13-11/17		Food Collection Drive
11/20 – 11/24		NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

PTO Membership Benefits



Joining the PTO offers members many advantages such as **staying informed, getting connected, tapping into a network, being a role model for your child, voting and big raffles!** Join before our next meeting to be included our **BIG RAFFLE!**

Membership is only \$10.00 per family for the entire school year!

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**



Congratulations to the Herman Family on winning the September PTO Meeting Raffle!

The November meeting Raffle is:
4 Disney Park Hopper Passes

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Our donation drive ended on Friday, September 29th but we will continue to collect the first week in October.

Thank you to all of the families who donated to our school, teachers, and students. We will be keeping our Wall of Fame up for the entire first semester to show our thanks and appreciation!

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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