

Plato Learning Academy News!

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“Working Collaboratively, Thinking Critically, Achieving Academically”

Winter is Coming!

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We all know that the weather in Chicago can be unpredictable ... especially during the winter months. Should we have inclement weather, there will be two options - we can close for the day or we can have a two-hour delay.

Closing for the day would mean that students and staff do not report to the building for the day. We may need to make this day up at some point during the school year but we are currently exploring e-learning options that would allow students to gain access to instruction via Google Classroom for these emergency closings.

A two-hour delay, a new option for this year, would mean that school would begin at 10:00 AM. Both

campuses would open their doors at 9:30 AM (instead of 7:30 AM). Classes would begin at 3rd period and would resume as usual. Please note that we will not issue a two-hour delay on a Wednesday.

Notification for school closings or two-hour delays will be delivered to local news sources, both television and radio, and will also be sent out through our social media sources including Remind, Twitter, Facebook, and/or our website.

Stay connected!
Remind: text @platofam to 81010
Twitter: @AQS_Plato

Looking Back ... Moving Forward!

February is Black History Month and that means that our staff and students are assembling their annual Black History Program to commemorate the contributions of significant African-Americans as well as reflect how we can continue sending positive messages through our everyday lives.

This year the programs will be held on the last two Wednesdays of the month. The Middle School Program will be held on February 21st beginning and the Primary School Program will be held on February 28th. Both programs will begin

at 2:30 PM and will last approximately one hour.

This year we have also partnered with Rapper and Motivational Speaker, Lizzie G during the Middle School Program!

We welcome all friends and families as well as community members to attend what should promise to be a fun-filled event!

Achoo! Cough! Sniff!



We have often stressed the importance of attendance and urged you and your child to be at school on time, everyday. In fact, to meet the 95% goal, each student should not miss more than 8 days per year.

However, we do recognize that sometimes students get sick and it is important for parents to follow some simple guidelines to not only help their child recover but to also prevent the spread of illness to other students and even

staff members. Please keep these in mind should your child get sick.

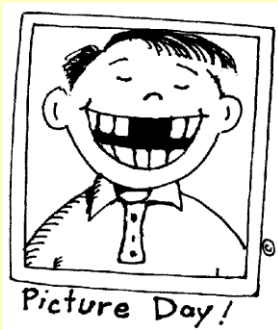
Fever - fever free (less than 100.4) for 24 hours without medication

Vomiting - free from vomiting for at least two meals

Diarrhea - diarrhea free for 24 hours

Hospital visit - released by doctor (note)

Say Cheese! Picture Day is Here!



Picture day is just around the corner!

On Thursday, February 8th all students will take their class photo. We ask that students either dress up or wear their school uniform.

On Thursday, February 22nd only Kindergarten and 8th grade students will take commencement photos. Caps and gowns will be provided.

Please do not send any money with your students as you will not be allowed to purchase pictures the same day. Instead, proofs will be sent home for you to review and you will then be able to order your pictures online or send your order with check/money order to the school.

NWEA Results Are In...



We recently completed the Winter (MOY) round of NWEA/MAP Testing and will be sending home the results shortly.

Overall, our students continue to remain behind the national norm. While this is frustrating, our students have also continued to show growth.

This year, our school needs to average approximately 8 points of growth to help us reach one of our major goals. So far, we have grown 4 points which means that we are on track.

Please continue working with your students are encouraging them to use our at-home connections like Moby Max and Khan Academy.