

# Plato Learning Academy News!

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## Plato Learning Academy

*“Working Collaboratively, Thinking Critically, Achieving Academically”*

### Spring is in the Air

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One of the most anticipated times of the year is just around the corner ... Spring Break!

On Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, students will begin an eleven (11) day vacation returning to school on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

While this break is welcomed by students (and teachers!) it is important that students do not fall behind during their short time away from school. Immediately after we return, students will begin intensely preparing for the final NWEA. This exam serves as a determinant of promotion for students in key grades and is a critical part of the school's SQRP score.

How can you help?

Most teachers will be assigning tasks in MobyMax so please make sure that you make time for your child to get online to complete those assignments.

Khan Academy offers excellent help and individualized learning plans if you simply enter your child's NWEA score.

If nothing else, have your child spend at least 20 minutes per day reading about his/her favorite subject and then talk to them about it.

Please have a safe and enjoyable Spring Break!

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ 3/29 - 4/9 Spring Break
- ◆ 4/13 Dress Down Day (Blue)
- ◆ 4/24 Teach +1 Session 4
- ◆ 4/25 Administrative Assistant's Day

### Final Teach +1 Session

Last year we heard from many of our parents and students that Plato Learning Academy did not offer enough extracurricular and/or after-school opportunities. While we did partner with several clubs and organizations, we wanted to make a change and provide in-house options for our students.

So we developed the Teach +1 Program which has staff members hosting a variety of after-school activities throughout the year. Thus far we have had cooking classes, homework clubs, female empowerment groups, stepping

club, financial class, and more. Unfortunately some of these classes go unfilled or lack any participants and do not take place.

The final Teach +1 session will begin on April 24<sup>th</sup> and will run for five weeks. Permission slips will go home when we return from Spring Break.

Topics for the final session may include: Poetry, Photography, Girl Power, and others.

## Administrative Assistant's Day (4/25)



Started in 1952, this day was originally designated to honor the work done by secretaries. Over the years, the holiday and term has evolved to recognize the wide range of work these individuals do on a daily basis.

We know that you often do already but please make sure that you take a moment to show some special appreciation to our very own amazing Administrative Assistants.

Primary - Ms. Frazier

Middle - Mrs. Owens

Thank you for all that you do!

## National Poetry Month

For the most part, students dislike poetry. Maybe because they feel that they have to consistently decode indecipherable meanings in some ancient language.

This month, why not help change your child's perception of poetry by exposing them to different forms of poetry? Not sure where to start? Try these...

- Shel Silverstein - silly poems designed for kids and young adults
- The Rose That Grew From Concrete - Tupac's (yes ... the rapper) book of poetry
- YouTube: Hip-Hop & Shakespeare - try to guess which is which

## Same Place ... New Look

Our website is up and running! If you have not visited it yet please do so.

We are continuing to make changes here and there to make the site easier to navigate and to add content that you may find useful so we are seeking feedback.

Please call the school, email us, or simply chat with one of when we see you.

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