

# Plato Learning Academy News!

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## *Plato Learning Academy*

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

## It's Time to Choose!

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8<sup>th</sup> grade families this one is for you!

According to CPS, you should be notified of your high school application status on **Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**. Families should receive an email (via the email used to complete the online application) and a robocall (via the phone number used to complete the online application) that will provide information on how to access their offer(s).

Students will need to complete their decision process online via the GoCPS website by **Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. Failure to do so may result in students being projected to their neighborhood school.

To help our families better understand and navigate this process, we invite you to attend the upcoming Parent Meeting on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and a working session on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you are unable to attend the meetings or feel uncomfortable completing this confusing application process, you are welcome to complete the proxy form (if you have not yet done so) that will allow the school to finalize the application process with your child on your behalf. We have a team of experts who have been working with our students and are willing to complete this step as well.

Best of luck to all of our students!

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 3/2  
Dress Down Day
- ◆ 3/8  
Title I Parent Meeting
- ◆ 3/11  
Daylight Savings
- ◆ 3/14  
Pi Day
- ◆ 3/23  
End of Quarter 3
- ◆ 3/28  
Parent Conferences
- ◆ 3/29  
No School - TWD
- ◆ 3/30  
No School - Spring Break Begins

## Quarter 3 and Parent Conferences

The third quarter will end on March 23<sup>rd</sup> ... less than a month away!

Quarter 3 is an important benchmark because it will provide the school and families with an idea regarding students' potential promotion/retention status. Remember that students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade need to meet criteria in both NWEA and grades in order to be promoted to the subsequent grade level without attending summer school.

Students in jeopardy due to their Winter NWEA scores have already been notified of their potential retention status and

students who meet the criteria following Quarter 3 will also be notified.

In addition, Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. We will follow the same format as we did for the first quarter meaning that the conferences will be held after students are dismissed and will conclude in the evening. Additional details will be released as the date gets closer.



## Title I Parent Meeting

Our January Title I Parent Meeting was cancelled due to an unforeseen emergency and we attempted to reschedule it on several occasions but were unsuccessful. For that I apologize.

We will be having our March Title I Parent Meeting on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. As usual, we will have two meetings - one at 8:30 AM and one at 6:00 PM.

There will be much to discuss but the focal points will include 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation activities, our current status and future plans with CPS, the formulation of a Parent Action Committee, and a guest speaker.

Please plan to be in attendance as your ongoing participation and voice play an important role in your child's educational experience.

## Moving in the Right Direction!



There is no secret that we have struggled academically. It is one of the primary reasons the school has remained a level 2 for the past several years. In fact, last year we were disappointed to share that our growth percentiles in Math and ELA on the NWEA was only 18% and 29% respectively.

This year, one of our goals is to reach the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile in both

of these areas. We know that this is a lofty goal but it is necessary as we strive for a goal of obtaining a score of 2+.

We are happy to announce that as of our winter scores, our growth percentiles for both Math and ELA on the NWEA have exceeded 50%!

Way to go Plato staff and students!

## Same Place ... New Look



We know that our website has needed some improvements and we have attempted to make those updates in a variety of ways. Unfortunately, our efforts always seemed unsuccessful so we decided to do something drastic ... build an entirely new website.

Very soon you will notice a completely revamped website when you visit our site. We hope that you will take the time to look around and provide us with feedback so that we can continue to make improvements to better fit your needs.

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