

Plato Learning Academy News!

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“Working Collaboratively, Thinking Critically, Achieving Academically”

NWEA & Promotion

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The final and most important NWEA test of the year is only a few weeks away. The Spring EOY will begin on Tuesday, May 15th and will take place at both campuses simultaneously.

This test is used for two purposes.

The first is for the school's annual SQRP score. This is only one metric, or measure, for the score but it is a considerable one. We are excited to share that we are closer than ever to reaching our goals! If we average 4 points in growth for Reading and 5 points in growth for Math, then we will be successful!

The second is for student promotion in grades 3, 6, and 8. We do follow the student promotion guidelines

created by CPS so please see those should you have any questions. Simply put, students need to achieve a combination of NWEA scores AND grades throughout the year to be eligible for promotion. Otherwise, they will need to attend summer school for an additional opportunity to avoid retention.

This will be a topic of conversation at our upcoming meeting on Thursday, May 10th. We have already sent out warning letters to students who are in danger of being retained and will send out final confirmation letters no later than May 25th.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 5/4 Dress Down Day - Purple
- ◆ 5/7 - 5/11 Teacher Appreciation Week
- ◆ 5/9 - 5/11 NWEA Spirit Week
- ◆ 5/10 Parent Meeting
- ◆ 5/15 NWEA Testing Begins
- ◆ 5/23 Staff v Student Game
- ◆ 5/28 No School - Memorial Day
- ◆ 6/6 Commencements
- ◆ 6/7 Last Day of School

First PAC Meeting / Last Title I Meeting

One of our initiatives next year is the creation of a Parent Action Committee (PAC). We are looking for a few dedicated, impactful parents who are willing to not only be in attendance at these meetings but who are also willing to be a voice of both the school and the parents of our students.

If you are interested we ask that you please come to our first meeting on Thursday, May 10th. As usual, we will host two sessions - one at 8:30 AM and one at 6:00 PM.

This meeting will address multiple items

in addition to the formation of the Parent Action Committee including the newly voted upon Building Consolidation, upcoming graduation for both 8th grade and Kindergarten, promotion & retention for 3rd, 6th, and 8th graders, and other topics of interest.

We hope that you will be in attendance!

Let's Get Together!

On Wednesday, April 25th, the CPS Board voted in approval of a proposed amendment to consolidate the two Plato Campuses into one location.

While we know that the decision will not be agreed upon by all, we are happy to announce that more than 2/3rds of those who responded to the online survey were in favor and after discussing the move with those who were initially against the move, that

number has increased.

We will be having multiple meetings surrounding this move with the first being on Thursday, May 10th. If you have questions or concerns, I would encourage you to be in attendance.



Commencement!

We have just about reached the conclusion of the school year. That means that graduation, or commencement, ceremonies are quickly approaching.

This year, both ceremonies will take place on the same day, Wednesday, June 6th.

Kindergarten Commencement will take place at the Primary Campus at 9:00 AM.

8th Grade Commencement will take place at St. Martin de Porres (the school next to the Middle School Campus) at 3:00 PM.

Tickets will be issued for both ceremonies to ensure adequate space for families and friends.



Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week begins on Monday, May 7th.

We encourage you to take some time during this week to show your appreciation towards your teacher(s). Some suggestions include gift cards, favorite treats, or simply a heartfelt note.

Plato will be celebrating its teachers and staff all week long to show them how appreciated they are!

Thank you for all that you do!

