

# Plato Learning Academy News!

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## *Plato Learning Academy*

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

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## Taffy Apple Sale

October is here and we are in full Fall swing! From carving pumpkins to leaves changing colors, this is easily one of the most enjoyed times of the year.

We will be launching our Fall Fundraiser with the sale of Taffy Apples.

Each Taffy Apple will sell for the low cost of \$2 and options include both the traditional Caramel Apple as well as the kid favorite Sprinkle Caramel Apple.

The sale will run from Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday October 19<sup>th</sup>. Please note that all orders will be processed on October 19<sup>th</sup> so that we can ensure delivery and distribution on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

You will be able to pick up your orders in the cafeteria from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Any remaining can be picked up during the week.

Your child will bring home an order form or you will be able to find them on our website.

The money raised will help us to continue providing your students with incentives (ie. Dojo Store) and activities (ie. Field Day) throughout the year. Our top seller will win a \$50 Visa Gift Card.

We thank you in advance for your assistance with this fundraiser.

## Family Heritage Month

Each month we are focusing on a specific theme. We hope that this will unify the school as our students continue their learning.

This month, our focus is on our families and their rich histories.

During the month, students will be encouraged to explore the stories of their ancestors as well as their current relatives. We believe that studying our past helps to better understand our present and shape

our future. Students will be engaged in a variety of exercises including family interviews, family tree investigations, and more.

We also encourage you to discuss your memories as oral traditions are an important part of cultures.

Thank you for your assistance as we launch this explorative theme and learn more about ourselves and one another.

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting



We are hosting our annual 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the cafeteria.

This important meeting will cover several topics including the high school transition process using GoCPS, reviewing the Student Code of Conduct Handbook to ensure an understanding of student expectations, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation activities and associated fees.

We understand that not all parents will be able to attend the meeting, so we are asking that those of you are unable to be present to schedule an appointment with the Dean or Principal within one week of the meeting.

Remember that playing an active role in your child's educational experience has a positive impact.

## Guardian Empowerment Series

Jabari Hall will be returning to Plato Learning Academy this year with a series of sessions designed to engage and empower parents and guardians.

He premiered these workshops at the end of last year and those in attendance were so impressed that they asked for him to return.

Mr. Hall will present one workshop every other month in the cafeteria from 5-6 PM.

October 9<sup>th</sup> - Guardian Commandments

December 11<sup>th</sup> - Mindfulness and Meal Prep

February 19<sup>th</sup> - Healthy Money, Healthy Credit

April 9<sup>th</sup> - Zumba Mania

June 11<sup>th</sup> - 3 Steps to Starting a Business



## Columbus Day

We will NOT be in session this year on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> as will be recognizing Columbus Day.

We understand that there are mixed emotions about the history behind Christopher Columbus and, in keeping with our focus of developing critically thinking

students, will do our best to present them with both sides of the debate.

We encourage you to take the time to discuss this National Holiday with your child and share your own thoughts and opinions.

