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REMINDER: National School Choice Events start next week!

Parents at Agora know that school choice is one of the most important decisions you'll make for your child so we are joining with schools all across this country to celebrate!

During the last week in January and into early February, Agora will be part of these special events to raise public awareness of the different K-12 education options available to children and families, while spotlighting the benefits of school choice.

Every student who attends an event will receive an Agora t-shirt, so please click this link to view all of the wonderful NSCW events we have planned for you and mark your calendar today:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeASUxSN2NpDLvIn9nzUNwvVD7-4h-T68e1rqviR6B43qZkGw/viewform>



January 25: A Day in the Life of Agora on Instagram

As part of our National School Choice Week celebrations, you can follow us on [Instagram](#) on Thursday, January 25, for "A Day in the Life of Agora!" Hear from students, parents, teachers, and staff on what its like to be part of a cyber school! Be part of the conversation, too, by adding your post and pictures. Show us your school spirit and tell us why you choose Agora!



Elementary Schedule Changes!

Please note the following changes to the Elementary School Calendar:

Monday, **January 29** - will be an Asynchronous Day

Monday, **February 26** - will be a regular instructional day, NOT an Asynchronous Day

If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's teacher, family coach or a [K-5 Administrator](#).

IMPORTANT: Graduation Information
June 13 at Hershey's Giant Center



Save the date! Agora's graduation will take place on **Wednesday, June 13 at 4:00 PM** at the [Hershey Giant Center](#)

Please visit the Agora website for updates and additional information on Graduation: <https://agora.org/our-school/high-school/graduation/>



It's All About The Trades!
Career Workshop

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE TRADES ... Students, have you ever considered becoming a Carpenter, Electrician, Cosmetologist, Ironworker, Plumber, or possibly a Welder in the future? Did you know that many of the highest paying trades in America are filled with people who began their careers with a short skills-based education from a vocational or technical college?

If you're curious to learn more, join Agora School Counselors, Mrs. Whitney Patterson and Mr. Barron Whited for the second part of the "It's All About the Trades!" workshop on **Tuesday, January 23 from 12noon - 1pm. Please fill out this quick survey to be invited to the session:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VPX69M6>.

The first session was held on December 12. Click here to listen to the workshop recording <https://tinyurl.com/All-About-The-Trades-Part1>



K12 Virtual Field Trip

Popsicle Stick Catapult

Thursday, January 18th
2:30 PM ET



Combine engineering with hot chocolate and what do you have? A Popsicle Stick Catapult for mini marshmallows! Click [HERE](#) to join the virtual session on Thursday, January 18 at 2:30pm.

Mark Your Calendars for 2018 Learning Coach Workshops!

Our staff is working with our mighty Learning Coaches to create a series of parent workshops that will offer tips to help our students and their families get the most out of their education at Agora. Kicking off in January, we will be hosting workshops listed below. We hope you can join us for these valuable learning experiences!

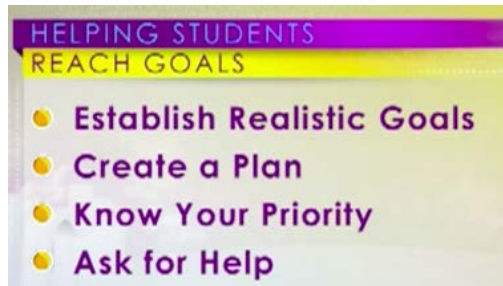
- February 13, 2018 - Teaching Tips for the Home
- March 13, 2018 - Improving Your Child's Self-Image
- May 8, 2018 - Hitting The Wall (Teaching your child to overcome obstacles and conquer adversity)

To join any or all of the sessions starting at 3pm, please click here:

<http://tinyurl.com/FamilyLCTraining>

In The News!

Agora guidance counselor, Barron Whited, shares his tips for parents to help their students set and achieve goals. Please click [HERE](#) to view this very helpful segment.



Three Cheers for Our Students Helping Others!

Throughout the month of December, our NHS and NJHS Members collected money and gift cards for victims of the devastating hurricanes that hit Puerto Rico this summer. Many students have migrated to Pennsylvania with their families and are not prepared for our very cold winter weather. Agora NHS partnered with the Allentown School District Homeless Liaison and donated \$225 dollars for shoes for the families from Puerto Rico who have moved to the area. Job "well done" to our NHS and NJHS students!



Pittsburgh Area Students and Parents: Attend the Construction Trades Careers Expo at the PPG Paints Arena on January 27!

Pittsburgh's commercial construction is at historic highs and continues to grow. The need for skilled construction workers has never been greater. Join representatives of the [Pittsburgh Region Construction Trades](#) organization on Saturday, January 27, from 10am to 3pm at the PPG Paints Arena. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



College Tours and Career Planning

January 18, 2018 Annville: Fort Indiantown Gap Army Base Tour

Times for 2 Tours: (Tour 1) 12 noon to 2:00 pm; (Tour 2) 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: 117-119 Range Road, Annville, PA 17003

To RSVP [Please Click Here](#)

January 23, 2018 Philadelphia: Celebrate School Choice Week and SUPER SCIENCE CYBER SCHOOL DAY

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: The Academy of Natural Science, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA

To RSVP [Please Click Here.](#)

Montgomery County Residents: No Cost Flu Vaccines Available!

It's not too late! Influenza can occur at any time. In recent seasons, most infections have occurred in January and February. Everyone 6 months of age and older should get the flu vaccine every year! For anyone who wishes to reduce their risk of getting the flu, free vaccines are available January 3 - June 29, 2018! Please see the schedule below for dates, times, and locations:

NORRISTOWN Health Center, 1430 DeKalb Street, Norristown 19404 (Phone: 610-278-5145)

Mondays — children under 19 years old by appointment only (times vary), please call for an appointment**

Tuesdays — all ages on a walk-in basis from 9:00am-3:00pm

POTTSTOWN Health Center, 364 King Street, Pottstown 19464 (Phone: 610-970-5040)

Mondays -- all ages on a walk-in basis from 9:00am-3:00pm**

Wednesdays—children under 19 years old by appointment only from 2:30pm-6:00pm

Please call for an appointment

WILLOW GROVE Health Center, 102 York Road, Suite 401, Willow Grove 19090 (Phone: 215-784-5415)

Wednesdays— all ages on a walk-in basis from 9:00am-3:00pm

Thursdays— children under 19 years old by appointment only from 9:00am-12:00pm,
Please call for an appointment

For additional locations providing flu vaccinations, ANYWHERE IN THE USA, please visit <http://flushot.healthmap.org>

**Clinics will be closed on all federal holiday

Join Agora Families at Great Wolf Lodge this Spring!

Once again, Agora families are invited to [Great Wolf Lodge](#)-- the Northeast's largest, year-round indoor waterpark resort! Below you will find details on our group trip including important information and instructions how to make your family's reservation.

Here is the key information. **Note the *time sensitive* dates.**

Group Name is: Agora Cyber Charter School

Group Date(s) is: March 24, 2018

Group Code is: 1801AGOR

***Group Rate: \$259.00**

Suite Type: Family Suites (up to 6 passes per room)

Reservation Cutoff Date is: 2/24/18

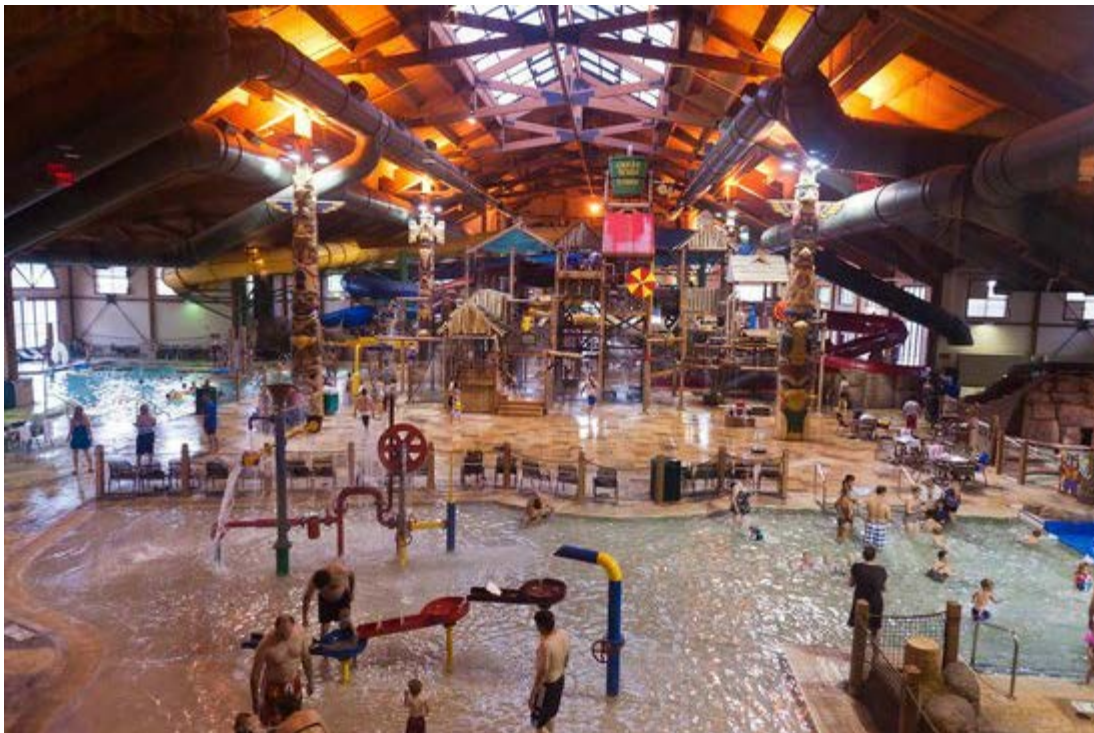
*Rate shown above does not include 9% tax and \$29.99 Resort Fee

To make your family's reservation:

1. Call Great Wolf Lodge's Call Center at **1-800-768-9653** (Or call group leader's info).
2. Provide their reservationist our Group Code: **1801AGOR**
3. Importantly: all reservations **MUST** be made by: **2/24/18**

Please remember, there is a limited amount of rooms held for our group and they are available on a first come basis. Rooms booked after our group allotment has been reached, or after our cutoff date, are subject to availability and our rate may

not apply. To ensure availability, book as soon as possible!



Math and Writing Peer Tutoring!

Agora's National Honor Society is happy to offer Math and Writing Peer Tutoring to any student in the 4th – 12th grade.

We will be able to work with your students individually in breakout rooms to help work through the problems or writing assignments that are causing difficulty. Students: Please bring some sample problems, or an essay you are struggling with. We can model how to solve, and then support you as you are solving the problems on your own!

Please use this link if you need some extra help on the days stated below

<http://tinyurl.com/Agora-NHS-tutoring>

Here is this year's tutoring schedule:

Grades 4th - 5th

TUESDAY @ 2:00 pm

Grades 6th – 8th

THURSDAY @ 3:00 pm

Grades 9th -12th

FRIDAY @ 12:00 pm

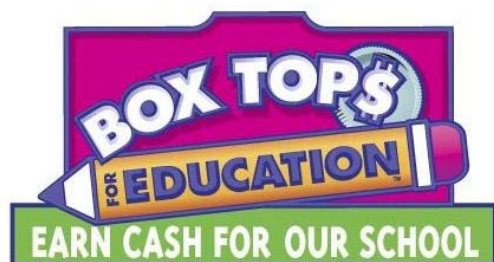


No Effort Fundraisers that Benefit Agora All Year Long!

At a time when school funding is being debated - and cut - here are a few easy ways to earn money for Agora and the special services we provide for your students. For additional details visit our website <https://agora.org/pupil-parent-services/pto/box-tops-4-education-and-other-fundraisers/>

Amazon SMILE

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Agora every time you shop, **at no cost to you**. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.



GIANT EAGLE

Every family has to eat - so why not make it pay off?! Each time you shop at Giant or Giant Eagle, Agora earns money - and at no cost to you. Simply register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card® and select Agora (school #5858). Visit their website today:

<https://schools.gianteagle.com/how-does-it-work-FAQ.aspx#q2>



For more info, visit our dedicated web page [AmazonSmile](#).

BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to raise money for our school. All those box tops add up quickly - pitch in and see how you can help our school. Every little bit helps!



GIANT A+ School Rewards

Families that shop at Giant Food Stores can register their BONUSCARD® online and select AGORA to support with every purchase(excludes items prohibited by state law). Visit their website today to register your BONUSCARD®:

<https://giantfoodstores.com/school-rewards/>



Important Dates to Remember:

- January 24: End of Semester
- January 26: Asynchronous Day for Students / Staff PD
- January 29: Benchmark Window Opens



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