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Welcome Back!



**One Last Final Reminder:
Deadline to Submit Fall ISP Rebate is January 5!**

Friday, January 5 is the deadline to submit your internet bill for the Fall ISP Rebate! Parents/legal guardians can log in to the Sapphire Community Web Portal to submit for the Fall Rebate period which covers September through December and is due by **January 5, 2018**. Fall rebate checks will be mailed January 31, 2018.

[Watch this video](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to submit your ISP rebate.

Additional information can be found on our website at <https://agora.org/pupil-parent-services/isp-rebate-program/>

PLEASE NOTE: We cannot accept Internet bills submitted by email, fax, mail or Agora Staff on behalf of families. If you need help setting up your Sapphire account, visit our Resources & Guides page on the [Agora.org website https://agora.org/resources-and-guides/](https://agora.org/resources-and-guides/)



Time to RSVP For National School Choice Events!

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>



Agora Community Roundtable

Hosted by: **Agora Parent Teacher Organization**

**Agora Community Roundtable-
January 11 at 3pm and 7pm!**

Throughout the year, the Agora Parent Teacher Organization (APTO) will host open forums for parents and learning coaches featuring some of Agora's key administrators. This will be a chance to hear what's going on at school, ask questions and give input on important topics.

The next Roundtable will focus on Community Events! To join either session at 3 or 7pm, click here: <http://tinyurl.com/FamilyLCTraining>

Want to participate but can't make the meeting? Join the APTO's new Facebook group by clicking here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AgoraPTO1718/>



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>



**Start the New Year Right and Join Our Growth
Mindset Parent Book Study**

WHEN? Semester 2 (begins January 2018)

WHERE? Online in Google Classrooms

WHO? Agora Parents with students Kindergarten through 12th grade

After we return from winter break, an awesome new group is forming, and we would love your participation in the Growth Mindset Parent Book Study!

What's in it for you? The opportunity to learn more about the trending topic of Growth Mindset, which will transform the way you approach life as well as how you connect with your children and their education.

Participation is easy... You can participate in this book study from the comfort of your own home during times that are most convenient for you. No strings attached.

Are you interested? Please save the date and attend one of the Information Sessions:

- Tuesday, January 9 @ 12:00pm
- Wednesday, January 10 @ 7:30pm
- Friday, January 12 @ 3:30pm

Send an email to Danielle Ambrose, at dambrose@agora.org to receive the link to the Info Sessions or if you have questions.

At the end of our Book Study you will

know the difference between a growth and a fixed mindset
understand that intelligence is malleable
possess strategies and resources to use at home!



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!

- January 9, 2018 - Motivating Your Student
- 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>

Smart. Girls. Rule!

Agora student Hannah F. is on her way to an amazing college start with her fabulous PSAT scores: she scored an overall 1200 which is 92nd nationally and is in the 96th percentile for Reading & Writing....pretty amazing! She is also a straight-A student at Agora, and currently taking 3 Honors courses and 2 AP courses this year. She is such a wonderful, talented young lady!

Outside of school, Hannah writes for her local newspaper's weekly edition known as "Voices", a newspaper written by teens across the county - her articles appear every Tuesday in the Reading Eagle.

Besides writing, Hannah is taking acting classes and is beginning to model.

The future is so bright, we're going to need sunglasses so watch out for Hannah!



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!



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



College Tours and Career Planning

January 9, 2018 Philadelphia: Orleans Technical Institute

Time: 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Location: 2770 Red Lion Road, Philadelphia, PA

To RSVP, [Please Click Here](#)

January 10, 2018 Online Session: Paul Varner: Agora Alumni

Time: 11:45 am to 12:30 pm

To join the session, Please [Click Here](#)

January 10, 2018 Online: It's a Kids Place Radio Show

Time: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Discussion: What year will you graduate from high school?

To join the Radio Show Please [Click Here](#)

January 11, 2018 Online: Agora's Max Catalano Presentation

Time: 11:45 am to 12:30 pm

To join Please [Click Here](#)

January 16, 2018 Online: Finishing Trade Institute

Time: 11:45 am to 12:30 pm

To join Please [Click Here](#)

January 17, 2018 Online: Triangle Technical Institute

Time: 11:45 am to 12:30 pm

To join Please [Click Here](#)

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.](#)

Join Agora Families at Great Wolf Lodge this Spring!

Once again, Agora is working [Great Wolf Lodge](#)-- the Northeast's largest, year-round indoor waterpark resort -- to offer a special discount for our families! 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!



Winter Fun at an ADO!

While staff and students are looking forward to Winter Break, Family Coach Angela Rudy hosted an ice skating ADO at the Pittsburgh Ice Arena in New Kensington to celebrate the season.

The students enjoyed candy canes and ice skating, and stopped to take this picture before hitting the ice again!



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

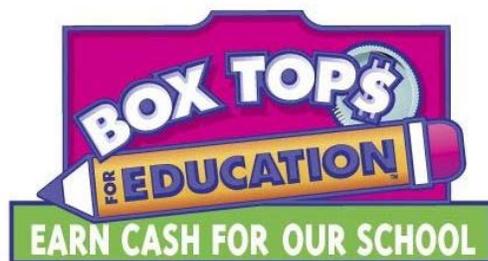


No Effort Fundraisers that Benefit Agora All Year Long!

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 7: Board of Trustees Meeting
- January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (School and Administrative Offices Closed)
- January 24: End of Semester
- January 26: Asynchronous Day for Students / Staff PD
- January 29: Benchmark Window Opens



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