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REMINDER: Tuesday, November 7, is Election Day!

Voting is important because it helps decide who runs the government, both at a local and national level. It allows citizens to choose their representatives and helps to decide if local referendums pass, such as new taxes or **education reforms**.

Vote and be heard!



Need help finding your polling place? Use this link:

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx>

School Performance Profile Scores

SPP Scores are In! Let's Celebrate Our Success!

Agora is on the rise, making significant improvements during the 2016-17 school year. In just about every indicator, there was a positive improvement in our School Performance Profile score. Now at 47.9, we've improved by over 10 points in just one year!

Overall, there is modest growth in the percentage of students who achieved scores of proficient or higher in math, English language arts, and science. Some of our more significant gains came in the area of students who met or exceeded a year's worth of growth, based on the PVAAS data:

- More than 80% of our students demonstrate growth in SCIENCE
- More than 70% of our students demonstrate growth in Math
- More than 60% demonstrate growth in English Language Arts

This is one of the **best scores** Agora has had since the SPP metric was introduced and a 28% increase over last year. Job well done to all of our students who are working so hard in class every day!

Student Spotlight: IAN FLYNN Readers are Leaders!

Agora 10th grader, Ian Flynn, is an asynchronous Honors student who races dirt bikes on a national circuit, The Grand National Cross Country Series. The circuit provides opportunities for community service in the towns around the country where they travel.



Most recently, Ian (pictured in the blue and white cap) and his teammates were invited to read aloud to elementary students at a recent Literacy Night at the local school.

This past Sunday, in Crawfordsville, Indiana, Ian won the 2017 National Championship in his class!

Keep up the good work Champ!



Title I Workshop and Survey - Your Input is Important!

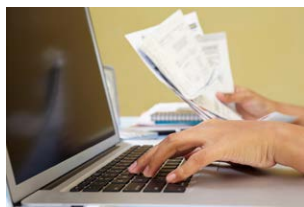
Agora provides Title I supplemental support as a school-wide program. Our mission is that all students will achieve academic excellence and

reach extraordinary heights! Your child's academic success is directly related to your involvement in his or her education and communication with our staff. By working together, we can provide the best possible educational experience for your child. We recently held our Annual Title I meeting. If you were unable to attend please view the recording at your convenience. Click [HERE](#) to view the meeting.

Your feedback and input are important. Provide feedback by taking a brief Title I survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/y4rTGULRmi0W6GiE2>

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

January 5 is the Deadline for Fall ISP Rebate Submissions!



Internet Service Provider (ISP) rebate checks are issued per household twice per year (Fall and Spring). The deadline to submit an internet bill for the fall is JANUARY 5, 2018 so your rebate will be mailed January 31, 2018. ***ISP rebate requests submitted after the January 5 deadline will NOT be mailed until March 31.*** Each family will receive their actual cost of internet up to and not to exceed \$35 per month for each month their student attends Agora. The Legal Guardian is required to fill out one ISP submission form per family and attach one Internet bill that shows service dates for one month (September, October, November, OR December 2017). Submissions must be made through the Sapphire Community Web Portal.

Additional info and instructions 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/>

Nov. 14 - Special Education Parent Forum

Agora is committed to helping our Special Education students succeed and have created a variety of resources for parents including the Parent Forum workshops that are held throughout the year. Please mark your calendar now and attend one - or more - of these forums to help you help your student:

Tues., Nov. 14 @ 12 noon: **Assistive Technology**, led by Melissa Dalesandri

To join this workshop, use this classroom link:

<https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?password=M.F350389E2BBA6F689BD313AA61AE0F&sid=559>

Please note that this schedule is tentative and could be subject to change. If you have any questions please contact Jen Fisher for K-8 at jclark@agora.org or Erinn Hunt for 9-12 ehunt@agora.org.

Nov. 16 at 3 and 7pm - Agora Community Roundtable

Parents, as well as staff, are invited to attend our first Agora Community Roundtable. This open forum, sponsored by the Agora Parent Teacher Organization, is a chance to chat with key Agora figures about topics that impact our entire school community.

For the first Roundtable, Rich Jensen, Agora's Chief Academic Officer, will be on hand to discuss what parents should expect from a school that is preparing students to reach their highest potential. Mr. Jensen will take questions from parents and look for feedback from the Agora community on the topic. To join us on November 16 for either session, click here: <http://tinyurl.com/FamilyLCTraining>

This will be the first of many Roundtable discussions in the APTO's series. Be on the lookout for the full schedule in the near future.

High School Parents Session - Nov. 21 at 7:00 pm

All parents of high school students are encouraged to attend a special online Meeting on **November 21 @ 7:00 PM**. We will discuss Progress Reports, the Sapphire Web Portal access, and the important of Attendance. High school teachers will not be holding individual conferences, but parents are always encouraged to contact teachers any time to discuss a specific student's progress or issue.

To join us on November 21, please click this link:

<https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?>

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SAVE THE DATE - National School Choice Week 2018!

Agora is busily planning for many fun and educational events to celebrate National School Choice Week - January 21 - 27, 2018! Stay tuned for more details to come, but in the meantime, you can start practicing this year's special dance!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmW-z62z6Zk>





CYBER SECURITY: Keeping Your Student Safe Online

As we end October, anti-bullying month, we wanted to remind you of the dangers of our cyber world. Our children are exposed to all sorts of dangers when they go online or use social media. As a "digital parent" in this day and age, it is essential for **you** to be well-informed so you can help keep your kids safe!

The Family Online Safety Institute (FOSI) has a helpful website (<https://www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting/#>) with some great tips like how to discuss monitoring your child's screen time, talking about hate speech online, and responsible sharing online - when and how to do it safely. There's no better time than **now** to have this important safety discussion! Click here for info on how to get started: <https://www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting/short-chats-are-better-no-chats/>



College Tours and Career Planning

Please Note: The information below is a summary of the events in **November**. To view all events in greater detail go to [College and Career Calendar](#) Please feel free to join any event.

November 1, 2017

Philadelphia: Information Night at Community College of Philadelphia
1700 Spring Garden Street, Meet at the Welcome Center, Pavilion Building,
Room P1-05

To RSVP for the information night, [Please Click Here.](#)

November 3, 2017

Philadelphia: Start Your Career Engine West Regional Center Auto Facility

4725 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139

Time: 8:45 am to 12:00 noon

To RSVP for this unique tour, [Please Click Here](#)

November 10, 2017

Harrisburg Area Community College Campus

Address: **Midtown 2** Building 1500 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon

To RSVP for this event, [Please Click Here.](#)

November 15, 2017

Online: It's a Kids Place Radio Show

Time: 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Discussion: The Season of Gratitude

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

November 16, 2017

West Chester: QVC Studio Tour Explore the world of Broadcasting and more. 1200 Wilson Drive, West Chester PA.

Time: 1:30 PM: Check-in

Tour: 2:00 to 3:00 PM

Please Note: There is a fee associated with this event.

To RSVP for the tour, [Please Click Here.](#)

Volunteer Opportunity - Philadelphia



November 2, 2017

Philadelphia: Manna Volunteer Opportunity

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Preparing meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) to be delivered to people suffering from HIV, Cancer and Diabetes.

Location: 420 N. 20th St. Philadelphia, PA 19130.

To RSVP for this opportunity, [Please Click Here.](#)



REMINDER: 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. 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



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- November 6 at 5:30pm - Agora Board of Trustees Meeting
<https://agora.org/about-agora/board-of-trustees/>
- November 7 - Election Day
- November 8 - Asynchronous Day for Students / Staff PD
- November 11 - Veteran's Day
- November 22 - AM Asynchronous 1/2 Day Students / AM PD for Staff
- November 23 - Happy Thanksgiving!
- November 23, 24 & 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday: No School and Admin. Offices Closed

Agora **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** and **ADOs**:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=agoraevents2013%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York



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