



YOU are the Key to a Drug-free America
Support National RED RIBBON WEEK: October 23-31!

Across the country, parents and youth in the community wear Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America. During this week, please join the Agora family in educating our students and encouraging participation in drug prevention with the pledge below and an activity in their homerooms.

The Statistics Tell the Story:

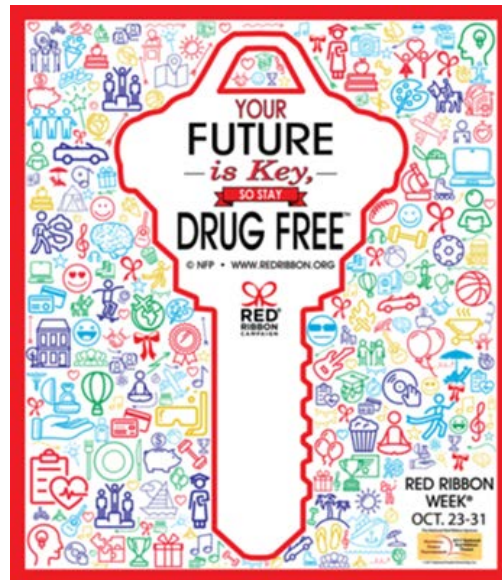
Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't, yet only a quarter of teens report having these conversations.

Take the Pledge TODAY!

Follow the link to take the National Red Ribbon Campaign Pledge.

You can sign this pledge online and be a part of the creation of a drug-free America.

<http://redribbon.org/pledge/>



A PHILLY AREA FAMILIES: Free Eye Care!

October 21 from 8:30am - 1:30pm

This is a great opportunity for children 17 years and younger, from Philadelphia and surrounding counties, who have not had or who have not passed, an eye screening and/or who are uninsured. No appointment necessary - just walk into Jefferson Alumni Hall, 10th and Locust Streets, Philadelphia 19107 on Saturday, October 21!

For more information, visit their website at <http://www.pccy.org/resource/give-kids-sight-day/> or send an email to gksd@pccy.org or call 215-563-5848, xt. 21.



Parents are the KEY to School Success - Get Involved!

Agora Parent Teacher Organization (APTO)

You may have heard about our Agora Parent Teacher Organization (APTO). There's no dues or process to join. If you have a currently enrolled student with Agora, you're in! In addition to quarterly virtual meetings, the APTO will use a closed Facebook group to continuously share ideas and work on Organization business. For the 2017-18 school year, we're working on creating a scholarship, hosting open forums with administrators, and creating more open channels of communication and cooperation between staff and families.

If you'd like to get involved, you can visit the APTO home page by clicking here: <https://agora.org/pupil-parent-services/pto/>

FANs Facebook Groups

Another way to connect with other active families is through our FANs Facebook

groups. FANs stands for Families, Activities, and Networking. We have a statewide group which is public and easy to join, along with regional closed groups to help connect you with other Agora families that may live close to you. Regional events, ridesharing, and impromptu play dates are just some ways that our families use these groups. Check out our Social Media page on Agora.org to get more information or to connect directly to these groups: <https://agora.org/pupil-parent-services/social-media/>

ADOs or Agora Days Out

One of our families' favorite things about Agora is ADOs or Agora Days Out. These are trips and events throughout the state which are open to Agora students and their families.

Our Event Calendar has been moved to the announcement section of your OLS. Once you are logged into the online school look for Agora Events Calendar on the left-hand side of the OLS under Announcements. Check back frequently as new events are added each month.

Workshops

Finally, Agora provides a wide variety of workshops not only for students but for parents as well. These sessions are a great place to connect with other families and staff that share a common interest. If you missed a previous workshop, you can always view the recording. The calendar of events, along with recordings can be found here: <https://agora.org/pupil-parent-services/parent-workshops/>

Make A Choice: Choose Healthy!

The Make a Choice Wellness Challenges featuring fitness celebrity Shaun T will connect participants with programs and resources to help them fight diabetes and live healthier. The Challenges will include informational displays by program partners, samples by healthy food vendors, motivational speeches by local leaders and a workout with Shaun T.



Two FREE Events in Pennsylvania!

Thursday, November 2

5 - 8 pm

David L. Lawrence Convention
Center

Pittsburgh, PA

Saturday, November 4

11am - 2pm

Pennsylvania Convention Center
Philadelphia, PA

For additional info or to register for one of the free events, visit their website at <https://www.makeachoice.org/events>

No Effort Fundraisers that Benefit Agora All Year Long!

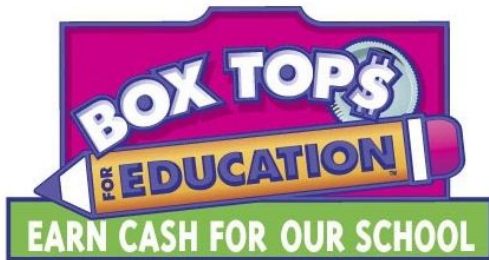
At a time when school funding is being debated - and cut - here are a few easy ways to earn money for Agora and the special services we provide for your students. For additional details visit our website <https://agora.org/pupil-parent-services/pto/box-tops-4-education-and-other-fundraisers/>

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.



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 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>



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/>

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





College Tours and Career Planning

October 25, 2017 - Community College of Philadelphia

Address: 1700 Spring Garden Street, Phila, PA

Schedule of Events:

9:30 am to 10:00 am: Meet Ms. King at the Pavilion Building Welcome Center

10:00 AM – Arrive at Welcome Center, Main Campus – Greeted by J. Corso

10:05 AM – General Presentation – Programs, Financial Aid, Etc

10:40 AM – Tour of Main Campus

11:30 AM – Return to Welcome Center

11:35 AM – Depart Campus

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

Oct 27, 2017

HACC Gettysburg Campus Health Career Science Day

Time: 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Address: 731 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA

To RSVP for the Health Career Day [Please Click Here.](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



October 24, 2017 1 - 4pm

Open Door Ministry - 350 Main Street, Royersford, PA

The mission at Open Door Ministry is to be an open door, a nurturing, faith-based organization that welcomes those in need and offers community-based programs, including a food pantry, a thrift shop and volunteer opportunities. On October 24, from 1-4pm, Agora students are invited to volunteer and offer their good-will at Open Door Ministry.

This event is for middle and high school students. Students will receive community service hours for participating in this event.

Parking: Please Park in the back of the building.

12:45: Meet Ms. King to sign. The entrance for volunteers is also located there. Ring the bell for entrance.

Volunteer duties will include putting together seasonal items, working in the food pantry, stocking shelves, and assorting and hanging clothes.

To RSVP for this event [Please click here](#) and remember to bring a completed Permission Slip with you.

Questions? Please feel free to contact Ms. King via email at iking@agora.org or phone at 610-952-2634



K12's 12th Annual Art Contest - CELEBRATE CULTURE!

How do you celebrate culture? We invite you to use any artistic medium—drawing, painting, digital illustration, collage, sculpture, etc.—to explore this year's 12th Annual Art Contest theme: CELEBRATE CULTURE. Illustrate a customary dance you perform, a food you eat on special occasions, the flag that represents where your ancestors are from, the games your family plays on Friday nights, or something else entirely, and let us see your creative powers at work! Students in kindergarten through 12th grade may participate. And you can submit as many entries as you'd like.

What can you win?

The top three winners from each grade level and the overall "Best-in-Show" winner will receive:

- A canvas of their artwork
- A plaque of recognition
- A sketch book

View the full contest guidelines, and start crafting your work of art today! Contest Ends at 5 PM (ET) on October 31, 2017. Visit the K12 website for additional info and to view the entries from across the country: <http://stories.k12.com/>

K12 Virtual Field Trips

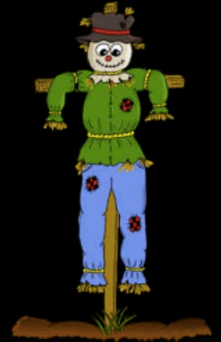
Open to all Agora students, K12 provides a variety of field trips that take place at your computer!

October 25, 12 noon: Virtual Tour of the Eric Carle Museum with a cool digital art project. Click [HERE](#) to join the session.

October 31, 2:30 pm: Spook-Tacular Halloween for Kindergarten-5th Grade students. Learn fun facts about Halloween and how to make Scarecrow Crunch. You will need the following ingredients. Click [HERE](#) to join the session on Halloween!

Scarecrow Crunch

4 cups Cinnamon Chex cereal
1 cup mini marshmallows
1 cup pretzels
½ cup raisins
½ cup candy corn
½ cup chocolate chips
½ cup peanuts (if desired)



**HersheyPark In the Dark: Scaring Up
Halloween Savings for Agora Families this Fall**



Adult ages 9-54: **\$33.85** (\$5 savings)

Jr/Sr ages 3-8; 55+: **\$23.85** (\$5 savings)

Valid for 1-day visit on: Oct 13-15; 20-22; 27-29

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-  5 - 10 PM
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-  12 - 9 PM
-  CLOSED

Purchase your tickets online through this special website: <http://tinyurl.com/amazonhptkts>

Remember to enter promo code: **21420**

KIDS IN CRISIS - Help is Just a Text Away!

Text 741741 if you feel depressed, anxious, suicidal, and/or just needing someone to talk to. A live crisis counselor will text you until you feel the crisis is resolved. Everyone doesn't like talking on the phone or might be in a situation where talking



Crisis Text Line

is a free, 24/7 emotional support for those in crisis.

Anyone can use this service by texting the number

741741

Texters remain anonymous.

Learn more: <http://www.crisistextline.org/>

is not possible. It's a free and confidential service.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 24: United Nations Day
- October 27: Morning Half-day for Students / Afternoon PD for Staff
- October 30: Asynchronous Day for Students / Student Data Review Day
- October 31: Happy Halloween!

Agora **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** and

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



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