

# THE CHOICE Weekly News



April 29,  
2009

*Happy May Day*

**ADSTG:** All Day Spring Trip Groups!

*Our second training day is this Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>.*

Please remember to come to school **PREPARED** for hiking, biking or climbing. It should be a balmy day so *remember **SUNSCREEN, lots of WATER, and a hearty sack LUNCH!*** Students will need specific supplies depending on their trip so be sure to think it through **BEFORE** you come to school Friday. Rock Stars will be climbing at The Spot Climbing Gym and hiking Sanitas so must be prepared for indoors and outdoors.



**Author's Night:** *This Thursday night April 30<sup>th</sup>* at 6pm in their language arts teachers' room is your student's final chance to share their written work. Students should have already signed up with their teachers.

**2009 Annual Spring Trip:**

WOW! Only one and a half more weeks of preparation!! Gettin' ready? And still eagerly seeking parent involvement.



**Spring Trip Dates:**

*May 1:* Spring Trip Training

*May 8:* Spring Trip Training

*May 11 - 15:* SPRING TRIP

**Spring Trip Kokopedal *HELP:***

***A DESPERATE PLEA FOR MORE DRIVERS!!!*** The biking trip is still seeking parent drivers to transport students for our Spring Trip. We don't yet have enough seats for all students. If you are able to help, please contact Seth Waldman.

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**Important Dates:**

**Apr 30** Author's Night

**May 1** ST Training

**May 8** ST Training

**May 11-15** Spring Trip!!



**In this week's folder:**

**Selection of 360 Leaders:** A notice was sent out to all 7th grade students about Platt's new 360 Program. During Connect/Coop periods Karen Keeler and Justin Oberndorf, our Staff 360 Leaders, explained the program, the qualities the school is looking for in 360 Leaders and the April 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline for submitting the application. **1)** After students applied, an applicant list is generated and given to ALL the faculty and staff at Platt. The adults have one week to give Mr. O and Ms. Keeler feedback, **2)** Feedback is received from the 6th grade team, 7th grade team, elective team, CHOICE team, lunch room staff, and administration, **3)** All comments are reviewed, **4)** Mr. O and Ms. Keeler compile the results, **5)** Students are selected based on the following criteria provided by the 360 Program:

- Strong communication skills
- Willingness to lead others
- Demonstrated a willingness to help peers in their classes over the past two years
- Thoughtfulness and demonstrates a "put others first" attitude
- Positive role model (treats peers, adults and rules of the school with respect)
- Accountable to show up throughout all phases of the program during the year
- Demonstrates respect for diverse ideas and personalities
- Ability to speak in front of group
- Responsible to manage a group
- Willing to take risks
- Dedicated
- Self-confident and self-directed
- Conscientious student
- Attends school regularly
- Enthusiastic
- Free of disciplinary referrals

**6)** Students are chosen from both Traditional Platt and the CHOICE program.

