Plew's Spring Newsletter

Calendar of Events

March

3/8~Science Night—Kindergarten-2nd grades, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

3/13~Don't forget to set your clocks ahead.

3/14~Pi Day Pie in the Face

3/14~SAC Meeting, Media Center or via Zoom 3:15p.m.

(*See Field Day Schedule on next page)

3/15~FIELD DAY K-2nd Grades

3/16~FIELD DAY 3rd-5th Grades

3/18~End of 3rd 9 Wks

3/21-3/25~ SPRING BREAK!

3/28~Teacher Work Day—NO SCHOOL

3/29~PLA Meeting, Cafeteria 6p.m.

3/31~Spring Individual Pictures

April

4/1~Wear BLUE for Autism Awareness

4/5~Spirit Night at McAlister's Deli

4/15~PURPLE UP—Wear purple for our military children

4/18~SAC Meeting, Media Center 3:15p.m.

4/22~Progress Reports And Earth Day

4/23~Plew Planter Work Day, 7-11a.m.

4/26~PLA Meeting, Café 6p.m. *Don't Miss It!

4/28~ 12th Annual Evening of the Arts 5-7p.m.

4/29~ "Boot Scootin Boogie Fun Run"

Happy Spring!

I am ready for warmer weather! I know our PE department is too! Continue to send your child in layers so we can navigate this crazy weather together!

The first portion of our FSA testing will take place at the beginning of April, students in fourth and fifth grade will show what they have learned when writing an opinion or informational paper.

The results of FSA and iReady play an important role in programming for the next school year.

Please have motivating, "can do" conversations at home with your child. We know they have the tools to be successful! We just want to make sure they use them!

Thank you for your continued support.

~Tammy Matz, Principal

FSA Plew Spring 2022

*Daily Session**

Grade 3

April 5 Reading 1

April 6 Reading 2

May 4 Math 1

May 5 Math 2

Grade 4 & 5

April 6 Writing

May 3 Reading 1

May 4 Reading 2

May 9 Math 1

May 10 Math 2

Grade 5 only

May 16 Science 1

May 17 Science 2

Student safety is our top priority. A walker is a student that walks to and from school due to their home address being within a one mile radius of Plew Elementary. In the event an emergency arises and your walker needs to be picked up, please park at Rosemont Church parking lot or on Wise Avenue, and walk to the walker gate to pick up your child. Also, remember to hang your car tags from your rear view mirror when coming through the car rider line. If your phone numbers, home address, or email changes, please update it with your child's teacher or the front office. Please ensure your voicemail is setup and has room for new voicemails. Thanks for your continued support ensuring the safety of all of our Plew Panthers.

~Heather Phillips, Assistant Principal

PARENTS NEED TO KNOW...

Cafeteria News

- National School Breakfast Week, March 7-11 Theme is: **Take Off with School Breakfast**
- Lunch and Breakfast is FREE to Students. *Please note: Second servings are not free, however.

To prevent your child from purchasing more than one item for al-la-carte, you may come in and fill out a form or I can email it to you.
You also may go on any of these websites and look up our policies and procedures:
www.myschoolbucks.com/
www.okaloosaschools.com/foodservices
Or call me at 850-833-4100 and ask for Cafeteria Manager, Mary Sheheane

REMINDER for 4th Grade Parents/Guardians:

Safety Patrol applications will be going home within the next 2 weeks. Please have these applications completely filled out and returned to teachers by the due date.

~SRO, Deputy Vause

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

April is the month of the military child. This is a time to honor our military families. On **April 15th** our Plew Panthers will Purple Up to recognize and show support for our military children. Please wear purple on 4/15! Our CYB-MFLC is available to help our military children to adapt and increase their resiliency to the uniqueness of being part of the military family. Mrs. Garcia goes above and beyond to welcome students and support teachers.

Thank you, Mrs. Garcia! The CYB-MFLC, Shannon Garcia can be reached at 850-598-2734.

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~Mrs. McClaren, School Counselor

PE

Field Day Schedule

March 15th	**March 16th**
KDG 8:30-10:15	4th Grade 8:30-10:15
2nd Grade 10:20-12:05	3rd Grade 10:20-12:05
1st Grade 12:35-2:20	5th Grade 12:35-2:20

Parents please join us for this year's field day events!! More information to come about where to enter and exit Field Day. We look forward to seeing you!!

Due to Field Day there is NO FUN RUN in March. Happy Spring Break Panthers!

~Coach Bristol

ART

* We are in need of Baby Wipes in the Art classroom. Please consider donating.

* Volunteers needed for Evening of the Arts. You can email me at: wilbournea@okaloosaschools.com

~Mrs. Wilbourne

SPEECH

Suggestions to improve speech/language skills for parents: **https://www.asha.org/public/speech/development/suggestions/**.
~Anita DeVuyst, M.S., CCC/SLP

Parents, Please take a moment to complete the parent survey located www.okaloosaschools.com/plew or go to this link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/9GQQCBJ

We rely on your feedback to continuously improve our schools!

Relay for Life

The Relay for Life Team will be selling Purple Relay Feet to be displayed in the cafeteria. Look for the "purple flyer" that will be coming home with your student. Return it, along with your donation (cash or check made payable to Plew.) We, along with the American Cancer Society appreciate your support in helping us "Finish the Fight!"
~Kim Wendt, R4L Team Captain

PLEW PLANTERS

Security measures have helped keep our students safer, but have not been good for our beautiful Plew gardens in the least! If you have time during the school day to come up and help us get them weeded and trimmed for our upcoming Evening of the Arts, we would be so grateful. No power tools can be used during the school day to avoid classroom interruptions.

There is now an area in the Front Office lobby to collect grocery store receipts. The Box Top Grannies will scan them for you and then destroy them. Remember that they need to scanned within 14 days of purchase. This is FREE money for Plew!!
~The Box Top Grannies

PLA

Nominations for next year's board positions may be placed in the box in the front office until March 29th. A ballot with nominees will be voted on at the **April 26th meeting**

MEDIA CENTER

ALL library books are due **March 17th**, BEFORE Spring Break. It will be my good luck to have them all returned before the break. We were SO fortunate when the pandemic hit because we have had this procedure in place for several years, and our losses were minimal when schools closed. Our books also want to have some down time from getting knocked around in backpacks and sniffed by our 4 legged friends, so remember to return them before the break. BUT don't stop reading!! You can only get better with practice, so we have a little lending library by the bus ramp and you can get as many books from there as you care to read!

Ongoing collections and ways to make a difference…

- Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Pensacola
- Coke caps and carton codes from any Coca Cola product
- Box Tops for Education – help our Box Top Grannies with your receipts
- Gently used children's books for our end of the year Perused Pages Sale
- Donors Choose projects – Book Vending machine
- Amazon Smile – sign up and Amazon will send us ½% of your total purchase and it doesn't cost you anything extra!!

Make a difference with no additional expense to you!! I'm an Amazon shopper and I'm sure most of you are, too. But do you use Amazon Smile? Go to your Amazon app, tap the 3 lines in the bottom right corner. Touching the top half of your screen, scroll down to the settings. Tap settings, scroll down to Amazon smile, tap and type in Plew Elementary and then search. After choosing Plew Parent Leadership Association, just follow the prompts from there. Yippee...now a 1/2 percent of your total purchases will benefit our Plew students. This small step adds up quite quickly!! Thank you for making a difference ♡

~Mrs. Crist

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