



Plew's Newsletter



Calendar of Events

September

9/5-9/9~National Substitute Appreciation Week

9/8~Lunch with Parents Starts (seating at café tables on Patio)

9/8~World Physical Therapy Day

9/13~K-2 and 3-5 FAST PM1 ELA

9/15~K-2 AND 3-5 FAST PM1 Math

What is F.A.S.T.?

<https://mailchi.mp/okaloosaschools/bonus-edition-of-catch-the-wave-fast>



9/20~National IT Professional Day

9/20~PLA Meeting, Media Center 6p.m.

9/24~PLA Garden Beautification Day 7:30-11a.m.

9/26~SAC Meeting, Media Center 3:15p.m.

9/26-9/30~BOOK FAIR

9/27~OPEN HOUSE 5-6:30 p.m.



9/29~ FLU SHOT CLINIC

10/3~Be Kind Day (Bullying Awareness) Wear Blue

10/4~PLA Spirit Night @ McAlister's Deli

10/7~End of 1st 9 Weeks

10/10~Teacher Work Day—NO SCHOOL

10/13~PLA Tailgate Party @ 5-7 p.m.

10/23-10/31~ Red Ribbon Week

10/28~ Not So Spooky Fun Run

Welcome back to school!

Our theme this year is ROARing into 2022-2023! Please take a moment to ask your child what R.O.A.R. stands for at Plew Elementary.

I hope you enjoyed the summer! Here are a few other new faces to Plew:

1st—Mrs. Fraley and Ms. Needham
2nd—Mrs. Covington, Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Cotterman
3rd—Mrs. Miller
4th— Ms. LeHardy, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Cortez
5th— Mrs. Loken, Mrs. Brown
ESE Teacher— Mrs. Bruzek
Daycare Coordinator—Mrs. Sansone
School Counselor—Lindsay Pritchett

ROAR Honor Code



I am a Panther
Hear me ROAR
I am a Panther
I stand For:
R- Responsibility
O- Organization
A- Achieving Goals
R- Respect
Panthers ROAR!

Plew hired some amazing staff this summer and we can't wait for you to meet them!

Faculty and Staff had a great first day of school, we sure missed our students! It is exciting to have our families back on campus! We have had great attendance at our PLA (Parent Leadership Association) meetings. Please feel free to join us, the next one is September 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Parents may join us for lunch on Thursdays this year. Our first day for family lunch is Thursday, September 8th! Reminder, this lunch time is for you and your child only.

~Tammy Matz, Principal

Welcome back Panthers; it's great to be back for another school year. I am especially happy to have my first year at Plew under my belt Now when I see you around, I'm likely to know you and your sweet child. I start each day on the bus ramp, and I love getting hugs and high fives from the students.

This year we had a ROAR boot camp for each grade level to train the students on how to exemplify the ROAR Honor Code in all areas of the school. The students contributed to brainstorming examples and non-examples of proper behavior at lunch, on the bus, on the ramps, and at recess. The year has started off positively and I've already recognized several students for showing exceptional behavior. Thank you for your support at home as we teach these young leaders how to shine.

~Heather Phillips, Assistant Principal



PARENTS NEED TO KNOW...



* Attendance

If your child is absent, and you have signed up for FOCUS Parent Portal, you will receive a notification at 10:30 a.m. You do not need to call the office if your child was out of town, etc. Send a note in with student upon their return. We recently transitioned to a new attendance system, so please be patient with us.

* Carline change

Parents are asked to turn off their vehicles and not idle while waiting in car line for our student's safety.

* Dress Code

Remember we are stretching, running and moving all day. Clothing should always adequately cover sensitive areas

* Oversized t-shirt is needed for students' Art Class.



If you are interested in volunteering at Plew, go to our website:

okaloosaschools.com/plew click on Parent and then choose "Sign up to Volunteer Here" *This online application is not cellphone friendly so try to use a PC when possible, or rotate your phone screen.

Questions?
Call 850-833-5856

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

My name is Lindsay Pritchett and I am honored to be your school counselor! As your school counselor my goal is to support and empower ALL students to reach their full academic and social/emotional potential. I am committed to being an advocate for students, a collaborator, and an educational leader on our campus. I believe that when we work together to create a positive and motivating learning environment where diversity is embraced and celebrated, we can make the biggest difference in student well-being and academic achievement. I look forward to a great school year together, go Panthers!

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Plew Elementary is excited to have a valuable resource on our campus, Shannon Garcia, a Child & Youth Behavioral Military & Family Life Counselor (CYB-MFLC). The CYB-MFLC services are designed to offer extra support to assist with the unique challenges faced by military families. Mrs. Garcia can provide support in a variety of different ways: through individual meetings with children, lunch bunch groups, presentations about life skills issues, skill-building group discussions, and meeting with parents and families at their request. If you would like more information about the CYB-MFLC program, Mrs. Garcia can be reached at (850) 598-2734.

Thank you,

*Shannon Garcia, LCSW
CYB-Military & Family Life Counselor
Supporting: Plew Elementary*

ART

K- Has been learning about types of lines and sculpture by creating a line sculpture hat (that will be displayed for viewing at open house). 1-2 grades.-Reviewing lines by drawing a portrait of the art room mascot Larry the snake.

3-5th –creating a mini abstract by rotating to 6 different stations with different mediums.

I love art and love teaching art. Thank you for sharing your most amazing artists with me. Mark your calendars,

Evening of The Arts is April 27, 2023.

~Mrs. Wilbourne

PE

Welcome back to school Panthers! We are so excited to get back outside and get our bodies moving this year. Be on the lookout for more information regarding the **Plew Panther Kids Marathon**. **Registration will take place at Open House on Sept. 27th.**

~Coach Bristol

Fundraiser Opportunities

You say there is no such thing as free money? Well, I am here to say there is!! And here are a few of them...

Amazon Smile

Do you order from Amazon like the rest of us? If you do, you can sign in through Amazon Smile which is their platform for donations. You order as usual, but once you are signed up,

Plew receives .5% of your purchase from Amazon. It costs you NOTHING!! Simply go to Plew's website:

www.okaloosaschools.com/plew; scroll toward the bottom of page and click on SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL.

Boxtops for Education

Every eligible product is 10 cents for Plew and sometimes there are even bonus tops, which means more money for our school! Those tops add up quickly and can help fund things here at school without anything to buy or sell. Just get your regular groceries and scan on your way to the car!

- Go to your app store and look for the Boxtop logo or go to: boxtops4education.com
- Within 14 days of purchase scan your grocery store receipt
- Boom...done!!
- There is a way for you online shoppers, check it out!! If you would rather not add anything more to your device, send those receipts to school with your child and we'll scan them for you!

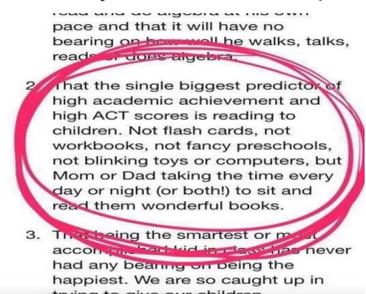
Got a couple hours in the morning to spare? We're looking for volunteers to give one or more days a week for 2 hours in the morning to help in the Copy Room where we help all the teachers by making copies for their classes. No expertise needed! We'll train you "on the job". TEXT Peggy at 814-873-2417 with your name and availability. Thank you!



MEDIA CENTER

Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!!

Our Media Center will host a book fair beginning Sept. 26th – 30th from 8:30 until 2:30 daily. We will be open during Open House on the 27th. You may pay with check, cash or card. More info to follow in your reader's backpacks!



Ongoing collections and ways to make a difference...

Mycokerewards.com Coke products earn Plew cash, too. The redeemable codes are inside the lids of bottled Coke product drinks (Coke, Sprite, Diet Coke, etc.) and the reward code appears on the cardboard containers. You can enter the codes and have your donation put towards Plew Elementary.

~Mrs. Crist

PLA

PLA is gearing up for an exciting school year! We have already hosted our annual Back to School Bash, Back to School Milk and Cookies for the staff, and our first general membership meeting of the year (which had over 30 parents in attendance!). Next General Membership Meeting is on **Tuesday, September 20th, at 6 pm in the Media Center**. If you are interested in learning more about the PLA, please email: plewplapresident@gmail.com.

PLEW PLANTERS

Our first school work day of the year is **September 24th**. We would love to have you join us to get our outdoor learning areas weeded, raked, trimmed...whatever is necessary. Bring your own gloves, water bottle and bucket for weeds. We start early to avoid the heat, **7:30 am – 11 am**. Hope to see you there~

RESILIENCE

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from stress and challenges. We tend to be highly critical of ourselves and to be quicker to show compassion to those hurting around us. Research indicates that self-compassion and humor promote resilience.

So, be a more resilient Panther by being nice to yourself and try to find something to make you laugh today.



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or follow us on Instagram @plewelementary

