

PLENTYWOOD SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome Back! The new school year is here. Classes will begin on August 23rd for students. I would like to welcome our returning students and parents as well as offer a special greeting to students and their families who are enrolling in our school district for the first time. Plentywood is a challenging academic setting with a professional group of staff members. We look forward to having a productive year of school.

Changes:

1. HS Math Teacher – Our new HS mathematics instructor is Mrs. Becky Rogenes has taught in various schools, the most recent was the past seventeen years in the Opheim school district. Becky and her husband ranch in the Larslan area. We are delighted to welcome Becky to our school and to Plentywood!
2. Gr. 7-12 P.E./Health Teacher – Joan Taylor will be our new teacher for Gr. 7-12 P.E. and Health! Joan has taught the past 32 years in the Belgrade school district and has a wealth of experience. Joan and her husband are parents of three children who are all teachers! Welcome to our team, Joan!
3. Elementary (2nd Grade) Classroom – Miss Kourtney Hanson student taught in Divide County elementary this past year and now has been hired to teach one of our 2nd grade classrooms! Kourtney hails from Chinook, MT and received her teaching degree through MSU-Billings. We are excited that Miss Hanson chose to start her teaching career in our school!
4. Elementary (5th Grade) Classroom – Ms. Stephanie Fink is taking over one of our 5th grade classroom teaching positions and we couldn't be happier! Stephanie taught for five years in the Medicine Lake school district and is a PHS alumni. We are excited to have her join our school and her students will be fortunate to have her leading their educational journeys!
5. Old Faces, New Positions ☺ - We have staff members who have made a change in title to pursue new passions. Ms. Ruth Mehl is returning to a paraprofessional position after a year of filling in as a 5th grade teacher. We are happy to have her back helping our students in need! Mrs. Tahnee Benson is making the transition from P.E. to become our new K-12 Guidance Counselor! We wish her luck in her new position and know that she will do great!

6. At the time of constructing this letter, we are in the process of finalizing some possible additions to some open teaching positions still through an Emergency Authorization. We are hopeful that we will have most positions filled before school commences.
7. Breakfast/Lunch Prices –Here is the pricing for SY 23-24:

Lunch Prices:

Student - \$3.35

Adult - \$4.65

Reduced - \$0.40

Milk only - \$.035

Breakfast Prices:

Student - \$2.00

Adult - \$2.40

Reduced - \$0.30

Milk only - \$.035

Enclosed:

Enclosed in this packet are a number of materials to provide information concerning the policies and procedures of Plentywood Schools. **Please examine all materials carefully.** Handbooks for the Elementary, Junior High, and High School will all be available online at www.plentywood.k12.mt.us.

As a reminder to all parents, the School Board Policies are available for review at the school. We keep a copy in the office and in the library should you have any concerns regarding a school policy throughout the year.

We have the following REQUIRED forms for you to read, sign and return to our school office. Please contact us if you have any concerns. These forms are also on our school website (www.plentywood.k12.mt.us). Please read, sign and return the following:

1. Free and Reduced Lunch Application – **All parents need to fill this out ON LINE this year regardless of financial status or situation!** The website link for an online application is: <https://dca.opi.mt.gov/FRAApp?sponsorNum=0828> . **Carefully review the Free and Reduced Meal Application and Guidelines** since participation in this program greatly benefits the student, their families, and the school district. Participation in the program is handled in a confidential manner under exact procedures in our office to protect your privacy. Please review this application to determine if your children qualify for participation. YOUR INFORMATION IS NEVER SHARED. Part of our school funding is based on our Free and Reduced numbers so even if you fill out the forms but do not accept the assistance the school benefits with more funding from the federal government.
2. Parent/Guardian Contact Info Sheet – PLEASE fill out and return to main office. This information is vital in our communications with parents for emergencies and reporting of information.
3. Internet/Technology Use Agreement (Grades K-12) -- your student needs this to be on the school network.
4. School/Home Device Use Agreement (Grades K-12) – your student needs this to have the ability when needed to check out a device for home use and for their use at school.
5. Student Handbook Signoff Sheet – all parents and students need to sign off that they have read and understood our student handbooks.
6. Transportation Handbook Signoff Sheet – all route bus parents and students need to sign off that they have read and understood our transportation handbook.

7. Insurance Verification Form (grades K-12)
8. Emergency Consent Form (grades 5-12) – allows the school to seek medical attention for your child should you not be present. These are for activities, field trips, etc...

Does your child need to take medication at school (this includes possessing an inhaler!)? I

would also like to remind parents/guardians that district policy requires that any students who are to receive medication dispensed from the office during the school day must have a prescription and written permission from the parent/guardian on file in the office prior to any medication being taken during school hours. Forms are available in the office.

Also included in this packet for informational purposes:

1. Wildcat August Newsletter
2. School Calendar (2)
3. Supply List
4. Superintendent/Principals Letter
5. School Food Information
6. Transportation Handbook (for route bus parents and students)

Student activity tickets are still \$100 for the year, adult activity tickets are \$150 for the year, and family activity passes are \$325 for the year.

We will be having an Open House for all interested K-12 parents on Monday, August 21st from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Feel free to stop in and visit with your child's teacher(s). Please use the main office front entrance.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the material in this packet, please feel free to call the school at 765-1803.

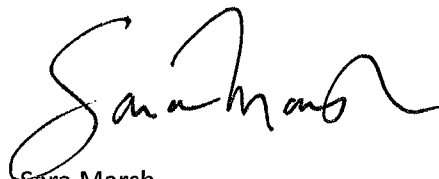
Have a Great Year!!



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Plentywood Schools will graduate citizens who value respect, responsibility, honesty, compassion, and courage.