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**5th Grade Space Camp** (Huntsville, AL); May 16-18

**USED BOOK SALE**; Tues., May 22nd (Media Center)

**5th Grade Field Trip**; Wed., May 23rd (Hurricane Lanes & Henderson Beach) @9am

**5th Grade Transition Ceremony**; Fri., May 25th @8:30am (Cafeteria)

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**; Fri., May 25th

We are so close to the end of the school year with so many exciting events: Evening of the Arts, 5th grade matriculation ceremony, 5th grade rocket launch, robotics, 4th grade Tallahassee trip, and so many other end-of-the-year activities. It has been a rewarding year for our teachers, staff, and students, and we end this year with the promise of another great year to come this August.

I want to thank all the parents and families who supported Plew this year. We are a community where teamwork provides the very best for our students.

As always, during the summer we will be doing routine maintenance to keep our facility in top shape. In addition, we are hosting summer school for the central zone. This will run the full month of June.

I wish all of you a very happy and safe summer. **Remember school begins on August 13th**. Please let us know if you are moving or leaving the area. **Carolyn McAllister, Principal**

**Plew Elementary is hosting a Dime Challenge to support Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. Students are asked to bring in DIMES ONLY and we will see which class fills up their water bottle first. Did you know an empty water bottle filled with dimes is equal to $100?! The 3 classes to fill up their bottles first will win a prize; the challenge is being held May 2nd-May 16th.**

**Also, be sure to come out and support Team Plew at the Niceville-Valparaiso Relay for Life event which is being held on Friday, May 11th at the Mullet Festival site. It is a fun night for a great cause; gates open at 6pm. Hope to see you there so you can help us “Finish the Fight!”**

We are very excited at Plew elementary that a small group of teachers are taking a course through Mindful schools. This online course is for 6 weeks and based out of Oakland, California. The objective of mindful schools is to support the well-being of students and teachers. We are so grateful for all the work that our teachers do on a daily basis and feel that the acquired knowledge will benefit our school. If you are interested in taking a course, please visit the website at [www.mindfulschools.org](http://www.mindfulschools.org).

**Mary Peterson, Assistant Principal**
MEDIA CENTER

Important Media Center Dates...

May 3rd is the last day to check out books from the Media Center

May 8th All library books are due

If your child has a lost/damaged library book, please make payment on/before May 11th

May 18th is the last day to take AR tests for 2017-18 school year

Used Book Sale

Our Used Book Sale will be on May 22nd (and 23rd if there are any books left) in the Media Center. This sale is for our students only! Books are 50 cents each or 3 for $1. All the money raised from this event will be used to purchase new books for our growing library. We welcome your donations of gently used children’s books any time!

Keep collecting and saving those Coca Cola product caps (including Powerade) ALL summer long!!

General Mills Box tops, too!! Aluminum can pull tabs, too!!

Don’t get out of the saving habit and they will give us a great head start when school begins in the fall! Each Coke cap is worth 5 cents and they really add up quickly! Those box tops are an even better deal at 10 cents each! This is a great way to make money for our school from things that are frequently tossed into a trashcan.

Our Media Center will not be open during summer vacation, but that is where our wonderful lending library comes in! The Lending Library will be open ALL summer for your use. I will be checking it frequently to be sure there are plenty of books. So keep reading, Panthers!!

Many of my summer days will be spent searching for the best children’s books to make our collection even grander and more enjoyable. Wear sunscreen, be safe, read and know I will miss your smiles and hugs!

If you participated in the Six Flags Reading Challenge, those tickets should be arriving before the end of school. They will be sent home with your student.

~Mrs. Crist, Keeper of the Books

NEW BUS INFORMATION:

Parents of BUS RIDERS:

Bus safety is important!

ALL students must remain in their seats with a seat belt on while the bus is moving. Bus drivers will send a bus referral to the office when a student does not comply with a directive to sit down.

- First referral: A warning and a documented call to the parent letting the parent know that further incidences will result in a bus suspension.
- Second and subsequent referrals: Each referral after the first warning will be a one day bus suspension for each referral.

PE NEWS

Last Mile Club is MAY 4th.

Final Mile Club Tokens & Mile Club Awards will be given out on May 18th for grades KG – 4th (Regular PE Times)

May 21st for 5th grade (due to Space Camp) ALL 5th Grade classes will come to PE from 10:40-11:20 for Awards.

MUSIC

4th and 5th Grade

Chorus Concert on May 3rd at 6 pm – Cafeteria.

ART

Art News...Amazing art work displayed at the District Art Show. Swing by the art room on the night of Evening of The Arts to see this and other amazing art displayed. Can’t wait to see ALL of Y’all.

Thanks,

Mrs. Wilbourne
**COUNSELOR’S CORNER**

A big thank you to all the Proctors and mentors around Plew. We appreciate you.

Plew will host summer school but it is for **invited students only**. Your classroom teacher will give you all the details you need if your child qualifies.

From ReadingRockets.org...

“The research is clear that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect. The following resources and articles provide information about summer reading and summer learning loss. Plus you'll discover great activities to encourage kids to learn, read, and have fun in the summer sun.”

Copy and paste this link for great tips

[http://www.readingrockets.org/calendar/summer](http://www.readingrockets.org/calendar/summer)

~Heather McClaren  
Guidance Counselor

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**Friendly Reminder:**

Kindergarten – 4th Grade parents: If your child will not be returning to Plew for the 2018-2019 school year and you have not yet notified us, please call the office at 833-4100.

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**FROM THE SLP**

**Correcting R over the summer:**

Clients with persistent /r/ problems often benefit from the introduction of the retroflex /r/. Teach the retroflex /r/ (curled) which includes placing the tongue tip behind the upper front teeth; curling the tongue tip backward without touching the roof of the mouth; the lateral sides of the tongue should touch the insides of the upper back molars; and the jaw should be slightly lowered. The retroflex /r/ can also be facilitated by producing an /l/ with a slightly lowered jaw and sliding the tongue tip back farther and farther until you hear an /r/ production. Frequently, in time, the retroflex /r/ naturally changes to a high back /r/.

Anita DeVuyst, M.S., CCC/SLP
If any Military children are moving to another school over the summer and need assistance with the transition please contact Mrs. Janice Smith (to provide school liaison information as well as a possible new MFLC at the school).

MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH!!!

Janice O. Smith, LCSW
Military & Family Life Counseling
Magellan Health Services, Inc.
josmith@magellanhealth.com

DEADLINE IS MAY 15TH!

Eglin AFB CGOC
Troop Care Drive

**We ask that you please drop items in the designated box in Plew cafeteria. Thank you!**

The CGOC Troop Care Drive is a committee dedicated to sending packages with a personal touch to Eglin AFB’s deployed personnel.

Items Needed:
- Blister care, foot powder
- Lip balm, sunscreen
- Baby wipes (small packs)
- Hand sanitizer (small bottles)
- Washcloths
- Coffee & Creamers
- Non-melting candy & gum**
- Chips, cookies, granola bars**
- Protein Bars, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims
- Nuts, pretzels, microwave popcorn**
- Non-perishable food**
- Microwaveable soups and meals
- Drink mixes, 5-hour energy
- CDs, DVDs, puzzle books
- Playing cards, card games
- Games, books
- Personal letters!! The more the better!!
  (please no last names)

** Please make sure all food is individually wrapped if in big containers. Must fit in 11”x8.5”x5.5” box**

Eglin CGOC is a non-profit organization which is neither part of Eglin AFB nor an official part of the Department of the Air Force

Volunteer News

ALL Volunteers must complete the Volunteer Application online at okaloosaschools.com one week prior to volunteering (this includes class parties, chaperoning, field trips, PLA, etc).

Please note: Younger siblings are not permitted at classroom parties or activities.
Hello, Plew Family!

Wow. It’s May… and time for my final newsletter update as PLA president. This year I’ve had the opportunity to work with a tireless team—the PLA officers: Nichole Reed, Kim Cathell, Erin Tighe, Amy Betsinger, and Holly Gideons as well as a strong core group of committee chairs and PLA volunteers. I’d like to thank this crew for continuously sharing their time and energy with Plew. I’ve learned a lot this term—as a parent, a volunteer, and a leader. Thank you, too, for supporting Plew and the PLA this year. We held elections last month. Congratulations to the 2018-19 PLA board members: Mari Plante (president), Susan Taylor (vice president), Jaimie Woodard (secretary), and (returning co-treasurers) Amy Betsinger and Holly Gideons. After Evening of the Arts, I’ll hand the PLA reigns over to the new officers.

For my final update, I figured it would be appropriate to have a Year-in-Review to recap the PLA initiatives this past year:

- Starting in the summer, the PLA paid to remove two trees teetering dangerously next to the second grade classrooms.
- We provided funds for the new, black security fence after Plew’s entryway remodel.
- Completing the security initiative, we paid for a more-secure rolling fence on the side gate.
- We also paid for installation of the new concrete pad on the upper-level playground.
- We provided playground accessories for the students to use on the concrete (fall order & spring replacement)—balls, jump ropes, hula hoops, chalk, scoops.
- We purchased 2 large computer screens for library, so the students could have easier access to the online catalog when searching for their favorite books.
- We purchased ten picnic tables to use behind the first grade wing and on the playgrounds for students not able to run around that day.
- At the principal’s request, we purchased 20 new chromebooks to augment Plew’s mobile technology cart as we transition to computer-based testing and iReady ELA program expands.
- The PLA currently provides every Plew teacher with a back-to-school stipend to purchase miscellaneous supplies for their classroom.
- We provide extra funding for a robust art program.
- We provide extra funding for new, relevant books in the Media Center—we love our young readers and getting the books they want to read into their hands.
- We provided “science experiences” for three classrooms as an incentive prize.
- We fund the gardens (pine straw and mulch) and reimburse the Plew Planters program.

This is in addition to providing people power for our Open House, Back to School Power Breakfast for the teachers, organizing our Family Fun nights (like BINGO!), Spirit Nights at local restaurants, our Prowl with the Panther Write-a-Check campaign, counting box tops, delivering food for our backpack program, making copies and laminating for classrooms, running the school Spirit Store, organizing Teacher Appreciation Week and Read Aloud Day, coordinating Evening of the Arts and Taco & Tamale Dinner, etc. As you can see, we stay busy…and we can always use bodies!

Thank you for reading all the way to the end and, again, for your continued support of Plew Elementary. If you haven’t taken the plunge, I urge you to get involved as a volunteer at some level. One of the reasons Plew is a great school is because of the support of great families and family involvement.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this position. I wish the new board another great year!

Bobbie Goodwin

plewplapresident@gmail.com

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EVENING OF THE ARTS

Evening of the Arts: Monday May 14, 5-7:30pm

We are looking for volunteers! We need help with food, art, silent auction & set up. Want more information? Like our FB event page to keep informed about meetings & volunteer opportunities. https://www.facebook.com/PlewEOA2018/

Email mari4plante@gmail.com