



Plew's Newsletter



Calendar of Events

April

4/1~ Plew Pizza Night— Hungry Howie's 4-10 p.m.

4/2~ Wear Blue for Autism Awareness

4/9~ Wear Purple for the Military Child

4/12~ SAC Meeting 3:20p.m.

4/14~ K-5th Field Day— Day 1

4/15~ K-5th Field Day— Day 2



4/15~ **ALL Library books are due back BEFORE Spring Break**

4/16~ Wear camouflage for the Military Child

4/19-4/23 **SPRING BREAK!**

4/26~ PLA Meeting 7:00p.m.

4/29-5/2~ Evening of the Arts Silent Auction

4/30~ Wear Red, White, and Blue for the Military Child

May

5/6~ Plew Pizza Night— Hungry Howie's 4-10p.m.

5/3-5/7~ Teacher Appreciation Week
5/7~ Progress Reports



April will prove to be a busy month here at Plew Elementary! April 2nd is Wear Blue for recognition of World Autism Awareness Month. The month is designated to increase understanding and acceptance of people who have autism, fostering world-wide support. #Lightupwithkindness

April 9th, we ask our Plew families to "Purple Up!" as a visible way to show support and thank military children. Purple symbolizes all branches of the military. April is also the month that we start our FSA testing. Please check your child's FSA schedule to avoid absences. We know our Plew Panthers are ready to show what they know on their statewide assessment. Teachers and students have been working hard to fill gaps from the previous year and move forward with on grade level material. The week of the 19th is Spring Break! We are all ready for a recharge. Have a safe and fun week with your families!



~Tammy Matz, Principal



We are looking for your input on our school climate. What are we doing well? How can we make things better? Please consider taking a few minutes to complete the 2020-2021 OCSD Parent Survey by visiting: www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCSDSurvey As always, we thank you for your continued support.

On April 5th OCSD will begin sending notifications regarding unexpected delays or schedule changes involving your child's bus. Families may sign up for notifications at www.BusBulletin.com/parents. Notifications will begin April 5th.

~Laura King, Assistant Principal

We are fully into the safety updates on our front office. Please excuse our mess! The temporary entrance is located to the right of our main office entrance. Follow the signs, and press the Ring doorbell when you arrive. Office Hours are M-F 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



~Plew Administration

Plew FSA 2021

Testing Schedule

3rd Grade

Subjects:

April 7th & 8th ELA Reading
May 4th & 5th Math

4th Grade

April 6th ELA Writing
May 4th & 5th ELA Reading
May 11th & 12th Math

5th Grade

April 6th ELA Writing
May 4th & 5th ELA Reading
May 11th & 12th Math
May 18th & 19th Science



Star Staff Shout Out



Mrs. Gorton

"She is super helpful and will do things for you without even being asked!"
~Teresa Williams

Mrs. McEvoy

"Awesome in every way."
~Sherri Contento



Mrs. Sekas

"She makes learning FUN and is so creative!"
~Kennedy Clay

Mrs. Tracy

"She is the teacher we never knew we needed in our lives! She is fantastic and easy to connect with. She makes all her students feel important and is the kindest teacher I ever met. She has made my kid want to come to school each day and be a better person because of her."
~Natasha Demby

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD:

As we begin the month of April, we would like to take a moment to honor and recognize our military children. Here at Plew, we are aware of the challenges that our military families face. Mrs. Garcia, our CYB-MFLC, has been working diligently with our military children all year to support and facilitate their needs. The CYB-MFLC is here to help our students adapt and increase their resiliency to the uniqueness of being part of a military family. The Child & Youth Behavioral Military & Family Life Counselor, **Shannon Garcia**, can be reached at **(850) 598-2734**. We are so fortunate to have Mrs. Garcia working with our students to ensure their academic and social/emotional well-being! Thank you, Mrs. Garcia for all you do for our Plew Panthers!



~Mrs. McClaren

THANK YOU Plew Panthers for your extreme generosity! In less than 2 weeks, \$1353 was raised for the American Cancer Society & Relay For Life with our Purple Feet campaign! Be ready for our annual Dime Challenge details available soon; details to follow. Thank you Panthers for helping us to "Finish the Fight!"



~Kim Wendt, Team Captain

SPEECH

Concerned about your child's hearing or the hearing of another family member? Call into this free hearing test. <https://www.resound.com/en-us/online-hearing-test>

~Anita DeVuyst, M.S., CCC/SLP

PLA

Upcoming Plew Spirit Nights:

- ◆ Panera Bread, 4 p.m.– 8 p.m. Thursday, April 1st
- ◆ Evening of the Arts Silent Auction, April 29—May 2nd.

We will be auctioning themed gift baskets.

Don't forget the PLA Write a Check campaign from the beginning of the year...you may still donate! We welcome your generosity ANY time!

F.Y.I.

CAR RIDERS...

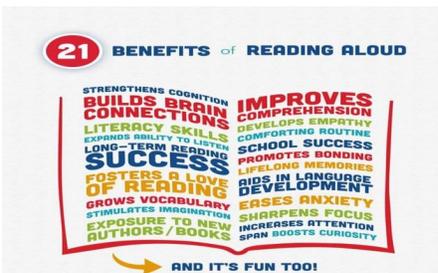
K-1 car ramp changes...

We are only able to load 5 cars at a time with the new security fencing. Please be sure to pull to the opening where your child is waiting for you. They are not allowed to walk down the yellow curbing to your car for safety reasons.

PE

Field Day April 14th and 15th
*No Fun Run this month due to Spring Break

Get Up. Get Out. Get Active
~Coach Bristol



MEDIA CENTER

We continue to collect gently used children's book for our upcoming Perused Pages Sale at the end of the school year. You are welcome to drop them off anytime! Also, if your readers have outgrown their "board" books (cardboard toddler books) we are collecting these for a special project in collaboration with Mrs. DeVuyst.

In connection with Read Across America Day, Plew set a goal to read **25,525,525** words before the end of March. Our AMAZING readers rose to the challenge and ended with **33,176,816** which equated to **5,044** AR tests being taken and passed. I just can't say what an extraordinary feat this was for our readers...I am SOOO proud!

Clarification on previous newsletter item...

Store receipts are for GROCERY store receipts. These receipts need to be sent to school within 2 weeks from the date of purchase. Grocery store receipts help us with our Box Tops for Schools collections. If you already scan your receipt, YEAH, but if you don't and want to contribute to Plew without spending anything extra, this is a great way to help! ~Mrs. Crist

MUSIC

Welcome to Plew's Music News!

Hi, Plew Families! Music was a blast during the month of March! We celebrated and talked a lot about why music is so important in our schools. Did you know that music parallels with most subjects taught in your student's classroom? Not only is it fun, but it is also educational. Here are just a few of the amazing reasons why our students love and appreciate music in their lives...

"Music is a work of art in many ways. You can express yourself by listening to jazz, country (my favorite), rock, hip hop, and many more. You can dance to express how you feel. You can sing when you feel sad, happy, or mad. As you can see, there are many ways you can express yourself with music." ~Taylor, 4th grade

"Music makes me feel better when I am down, and feel like something is blocking my way. Music is a way for me to escape."

-Plew Student

"Music is important because you get to express yourself and you get to dance and be free. Lastly, you get to play instruments." -Tristan, 5th grade

"Car rides would be boring without music. I also have a lot more fun at school because of Ms. Dornbos' music class. I wouldn't have my favorite song without music."

-Plew Student

~Ms. Dornbos

