



Plew's Newsletter



Calendar of Events

March

3/1-3/5~ Read Across America Dress up Days:

Monday: Wear As Many Colors As You Can.

Tuesday: Wear a Fun Hat.

Wednesday: Wear Your Favorite Sports Team Attire.

Thursday: Wear Red & Blue.

Friday: Wear a Shirt That Someone Can Read.

3/4~ Plew Pizza Night— Hungry Howie's 4-10 p.m.

3/6~ Plew Garden Day Come Volunteer 7-11a.m.

3/11~ Test Taking Strategies Parent Workshop Online, 6p.m.



Sunday, March 14th

3/22~PLA Meeting 7:00p.m. 

3/26~ "Paint Plew Blue Fun Run" 

3/26~ End of 3rd 9 Weeks

3/29~ Online Book Fair begins

3/29~Teacher Work Day Student Holiday NO SCHOOL

3/31~Spring Individual Pictures 

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!

All our students have been working hard. Our 68 online learners and all our brick-and-mortar learners are ready to show what they know! 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. Third graders will be taking FSA ELA.

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 as they prepare for the test. We know they have the tools to be successful on high stake tests; we just want to make sure they use them! Thank you for your continued support.

~Tammy Matz, Principal

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.

~Laura King, Assistant Principal



★ Star Staff Shout Out! ★

Mrs. Pereira

To me, Patty is an unsung teacher! She is always on top of any task asked of her. Her students are actively engaged, and she gets it done. She is here early and frequently stays late. Patty is quiet and takes care of business. She doesn't get involved in the drama of school, you may not always notice the good she is doing each and every day. I am thankful for teachers like Patty who make a difference when no one else is watching!!

~Shawna Crist

Mrs. Richardson

She makes learning fun & is really nice!

~William Donaldson

Mrs. Leavins

She not only teaches her students, she cares about them. She keeps parents updated and checks in with her students during breaks/holidays. She's always smiling, and our family is so happy and blessed she is our kindergartner's teacher!!

~Jennifer Swanson

Mrs. Graham

She works hard before and after school daily! She makes every child feel special, and she has got my back!

~Mrs. Bivins



Our front office will be undergoing safety updates from the Okaloosa School District in the near future. Please excuse our mess! Plan ahead for a small delay if you need to check out a student during this time. Remember, 2:30 is the latest time to check out.

Thank you,
Plew Administration
and Staff

Office Hours:
M-F

7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Please join us online **Thursday, March 11th at 6 PM** for a **Test Taking Strategies** parent workshop. *How can we help our children prepare to Do their best on the TEST! The link will be sent out via ClassDojo and Facebook to register for this free online parent workshop!*

Attention: Free Tutoring for all Military and Civilian Employees and Families!

Tutor.com is a valuable resource which can provide help with K-12 and our MySchoolOnline (MSO) students. Services can be requested by going to <https://military.tutor.com/home> and clicking on the link for "tutoring". Access is provided free to all military and DoD civilian employees. Additionally, the Federal Education and Emergency Assistance program (FEEA.org) has scholarships, emergency hardship loans, disaster relief and discounted activities that civilian employees and their families can apply for.

I am happy to help in any way I can! Please email me at:

Heather.mcclaren@okaloosaschools.com

I love helping our Plew Panthers and their families!

~Mrs. McClaren

Plew Relay for Life Team will be selling purple feet. Be looking for a purple note to come home with more information. Let's "Finish the fight!"



~Kim Wendt, Team Captain

SPEECH

Check out this helpful link: <https://lovetalkread.com/increasing-your-childs-phonological-awareness-skills/>

Please consider donating gently used pre-school books to our Plew preschool book drive coming soon. You can drop them off in the office anytime.

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



PLA

Upcoming Plew Spirit Nights:

- ◆ Hungry Howie's, 4 p.m.-close Thursday, March 4th
- ◆ Panera Bread, 4 p.m.- 8 p.m. Thursday, April 1st

CAR RIDERS...

As soon as your child enters your vehicle, please have him/her buckle.



LABEL, LABEL, LABEL Please remember to label your children's clothing with their first initial and last name. If it can be removed, it probably will be, and it is a shame to see so many coats not make it to their rightful homes.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS...

Our collections continue for ...

- ◆ Coke cap and carton codes
- ◆ Aluminum pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House



COKE CAPS

Please do NOT send caps that have already been entered. If you are entering the codes and donating the points to Plew, we do not need those caps and they may be discarded. Don't forget if you have a Coke machine in your office, to ask your co-workers to save those caps for our school. Thank you for your continued support of this easy fundraiser.

BOX TOPS

Thanks to those of you who have sent in Box Tops or grocery receipts to scan. One thing to remember is that grocery receipts need to be scanned within 2 weeks of purchase. Thanks for your help on this project.



MUSIC

Hello Plew Families!



We have had a fabulous February in music! Throughout February, K-2nd grade classes have been using percussion instruments, dancing ribbons, and singing to help books come to life in a musical format. Our 3rd-5th grade students have been using percussion instruments (drum sticks & buckets) and incorporating them into a variety of musical genres. Some highlights for this month: in honor of Black History, we sang the song "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and learned about the famous jazz musician, Louis Armstrong. Stay tuned for March... it's **MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS (MIOSM)** month! Your student and I look forward to celebrating the gift of music together!
~Ms. Dornbos

MEDIA CENTER

Junior Library Guild Online Book Fair coming in March.

Our online book fair will begin March 29th and offers a wonderful selection of children's books...mark your calendar now and be on the lookout for more information as it gets closer.

~Mrs. Crist

PLEW PLANTERS

I know it has been rainy and cold the last few weeks, but we are looking ahead to warmer days! Let's get our grounds back on track and looking ready for spring. I will be at the school spreading pine straw on Saturday, March 6th. If you have some time, need some fresh air, want to get outside, or just make a difference you are encouraged to join me. You will be blessed and so will our students and faculty.

~Mrs. Crist

ART

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. Right now, children are busy creating colorful, fun artwork, and soon you will receive a personalized order form.

Here's what you can expect:

- Many of the products are less than \$15
- A percentage of every order goes right back to our school art program.
- Safe, secure online ordering at **ArtToRemember.com** You can even share your order code with other family members and invite them to place an order!

~Thanks, Mrs. Wilbourne

PE

March 26th ~Paint Plew Blue Fun Run (wear as much blue as possible)

Mark your calendars:

April 14th-15th Field Day 😊

More information coming soon.

Please continue to encourage students to wear athletic shoes and label water bottles/jackets with first and last names.

~ Coach Bristol

