Winter is a wonderful, busy season! It is a time to reflect on what has been accomplished during the year while looking forward to the arrival of the new year. This year I am especially proud of our students and staff for their generosity to give back to others in need. Kindergarten is supporting our weekly backpack program providing food items for breakfast, lunch and dinner. First grade is birthday buddies with our Twin Cities pavilion and help the residents celebrate with cards. Second grade collected school supplies to send to the village of Kamonkoli, Uganda, where the teacher is a former NHS student. Third grade raised $500.00 for the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance. Fourth grade collected supplies for PAWS and Fifth grade collected school supplies for our families affected by Hurricane Michael and wrote thank you cards for our Veterans at the local DAVs. Amazing!!

Just a reminder that our report cards will be going electronic in January. Report cards can be accessed on the parent portal on the OCSD website.

In closing, here is a favorite quote of mine, “There are exactly as many special occasions to celebrate in life as we choose to celebrate.” Robert Brault

My wish is that you and your family are able to celebrate this wonderful holiday season.

~Carolyn McAllister, Principal

Dear Parents,

I just reread the book Mindset by Carol S. Dweck Ph.D. A section on growth mindset really speaks to us as parents. The author suggests that at the dinner table to ask questions. What did you learn today? What mistake did you make that taught you something? What subject did you try hard at today? Then everyone shares at the table, including the adults. Dweck further adds that children will start to be excited to tell stories from school.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

~Mrs. Mary Peterson, Assistant Principal

SHARE THE WARMTH!

Please donate new or clean, gently used coats for United Way’s Coats for Kids at Christmas

*A box for donations is located inside Plew Cafeteria

12/6 ~ Holiday Spirit Store @8am
12/11 ~ Family Fun Night @4-8pm
12/13 ~ Chorus Christmas Performance (Cafeteria) @ 6pm
12/18 ~ PLA Meeting @5:30pm
12/20 ~ Kindergarten Musical @9am
12/20 ~ Holiday Mile Club

*Students are encouraged to wear holiday hats and/or accessories during Mile Club

12/21/18-1/4/19 ~Winter Break Holidays~

1/7 ~ Teacher Work Day
1/8 ~ BACK TO SCHOOL

2018
NEED TO KNOW...

**ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE DEC. 18TH

BOX TOPS:
An easy way to raise funds for Plew is by collecting Box Tops. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents. Send them in with your student anytime!
~Peggy Barnes

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CHORUS PERFORMANCES:
Dec. 8th @11:30am
Yule of Yesteryear at the VoIP
Heritage Museum
Dec. 13th @ 6pm
Christmas Concert
Plew Cafeteria

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FROM Anita Devuyst,
Speech:

COPY & PASTE THE FOLLOWING LINK
From the SLP: Here is a link to ideas to improve communication skills over the Christmas holidays. Enjoy!
https://www.speechbuddy.com/blog/speech-therapy-ideas/wintertime-speech-therapy-holiday-activities/

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FSA testing Grade 3:
April 3 and 4 (ELA-Reading Session 1 and 2)
May 6 and 7 (Math Session 1 and 2)
*ESE students with IEP accommodations may test on different days

FSA testing Grade 4:
April 2 (ELA Writing)
May 1 and 2 (ELA-Reading Session 1 and 2)
May 6 and 7 (Math Session 1 and 2)
*ESE students with IEP accommodations may test on different days

FSA testing Grade 5:
April 2 (ELA Writing)
May 1 and 2 (ELA-Reading Session 1 and 2)
May 6 and 7 (Math Session 1 and 2)
May 9 and 10 (Science Session 1 and 2)
*ESE students with IEP accommodations may test on different days

We will need several proctors. If you are interested in helping out in this way please contact:
heather.mcclaren@okaloosaschools.com

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Parent Leaders Association (PLA)
December is jam packed full of fun for the PLA!

On Tue Dec 4th we will have our very first Marcos Pizza Night! Stop by & say hi to JP or order your pizza and enjoy it from home.

We will be having a special Holiday Spirit Store on Thu Dec 6th. Kids will get to shop during a special time for their class. Don't forget to send in money so they can buy lots of great items!

Tue, Dec 11th we will be having a Family Fun Night, and it will be amazing! 1st session-doors open at 4pm for activities, show time at 4:30. 2nd session-doors open at 6:30 for activities, show time at 7pm.

And our final PLA meeting of 2018 is Tues, Dec 18th at 5:30 pm.

Hope to see everyone at all these events!
Happy Holidays!

Mari Plante
plewplapresident@gmail.com

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CONGRATULATIONS
to
STACEY BISHOP
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

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