We had a wonderful 2019 Literacy Day on January 29th. I want to thank all the parents and community members who supported this endeavor. Our Read Aloud Day theme was “The Giving Tree” which supports our year-long “kindness” adventure. It was a huge success with 42 guest readers who shared a favorite book with their assigned class.

With the arrival of February we watch for the groundhog’s shadow and of course, continue to work on our Accelerated Reading goals. Our media center is filled with the best selection of books thanks to Mrs. Crist, our Media Specialist. Please ask your child to share what they are reading with you. In addition, our teachers and students continue to work hard on their grade level curriculum. It is the perfect time to refocus after the fall semester.

Just a reminder that our climate survey is available on the parent portal on the OCSD website. We value your input. Please remember I am always available if you have any questions, kudos, or concerns.

Looking forward to the spring…

~Carolyn McAllister, Principal

Dear Parents,

On January 29, 2019, we held our annual Read Aloud Day at Plew elementary. Our theme this year was, “The Giving Tree.” Forty two guests visited classrooms to share the rich language of picture and chapter books with our students. The group was comprised of former educators, retired military personnel, Plew’s special area staff and Eglin fire department. A delicious breakfast was provided and served by our PLA staff and a floral arrangement donated to us by Katie’s House of Flowers. Pam Roberts was the creative vision behind the table settings of wood and natural elements that tied in with the book. Plew’s literacy team decorated with a banner and paper apples with student reflections on kindness. We are so appreciative of everyone that helped make this a memorable day. We have a very supportive team at Plew.

~Mrs. Mary Peterson, Assistant Principal

Parents, if you have questions about Bus Transportation after Plew Front Office has closed, please call 850-833-4161. When speaking with a Transportation representative, use the Bus#

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The first bell rings at 8:15 and the start of school bell rings at 8:20. If you are dropping your child off after 8:18, it is necessary that you park your car and sign your child in at the front office. Thank you.
NEED TO KNOW...
Reminder that we are still collecting …
Coke product/Powerade caps for our Media Center
Aluminum pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House
General Mills Box Tops for classroom supplies

P.E. REMINDERS
PE News
FIELD DAY Dates (Tentative)
Tues., March 12th: Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade
Wed., March 13th: 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, and 5th Grade
More information will be coming home in a letter around late February.
Also be on the lookout for a link on the Plew Facebook page to sign up and volunteer at the Concession Stand this year.
Athletic Shoes must be worn to PE Every day
• Water ONLY at PE
• Please send a note when student cannot participate.
• Remind your child to bring their jackets home.
• Mile Club is on Thursday. (Weather Permitting)

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FROM Anita Devuyst, Speech:
COPY AND PASTE THE FOLLOWING LINK
http://www.readingrockets.org/strategies/word_maps
Anita DeVuyst, M.S., CCC/SLP

COUNSELOR’S CORNER
SPECIAL THANKS TO COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH OUR CHANGE FOR CHARITIES! WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT

Parent Leaders Association (PLA)
Nominations are now being taken for anyone interested in being on the PLA board for the 2019-2020 school year. Nomination box can be found in the office under the sign in computer.
Volunteers Needed! We have 3 events coming up and we need volunteers! Our final Family Fun Night of the year will be held on Tuesday, Feb 12th and needs volunteers that evening, Field Day Concessions Stand Volunteers will be needed in mid-March & Evening of the Arts (EOA) is in desperate need of volunteers to join the EOA committee. We are looking for individuals who are organized and great at planning!
If you are interested in helping with any of these events please be sure to join our FB group @plewpla for more info & join us at our next meeting, Tue Feb 26th at 5:30pm.
Mari Plante, plewplapresident@gmail.com

MUSIC
4th grade chorus will be held on Feb 12th and 26th for registered 4th graders at 7:30 am.

MEDIA CENTER
We welcome your gently used children’s book donations for our end of the year Perused Pages Sale. Books may be dropped off anytime during school hours.
A number of our library books have been returned with food stains, crumbs or with water damage. Please remind your reader to wash and dry hands before reading library books. These are all things we talk about during our orientation, however, it never hurts to be reminded of good habits. ~Mrs. Crist

FSA SCHEDULE
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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