Dear Parents,

We are so close to the end of the school year with so many exciting events: 5th grade matriculation ceremony, 5th grade rocket launch, robotics, 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.

Being an educator for 40 plus year has been my life-long dream, however, there comes a time when that chapter ends. I will be retiring June 7th and plan to spend time with my six grandchildren, traveling, and finding my place in the volunteer world. I want to thank all the parents and families for sharing their wonderful children with me over the years. They are the reason I enjoyed my job so much.

I wish all of you a very happy and safe summer. Remember school begins on August 12th. Please let us know if you are moving or leaving the area.

~Carolyn McAllister, Principal

Dear Parents,

I recently completed an online class through Mindful Schools. The class is entitled, Mindful Communication. It was one of the best classes that I've taken as an educator. It teaches us to pause and to listen to children with greater attention. As a parent, it teaches us to listen with non-judgment and compassion. If you are interested in taking this class, the web address is www.mindfulschools.com. I am always available to discuss courses offered through Mindful Schools.

~Mrs. Mary Peterson, Assistant Principal
**NEED TO KNOW…**

**FSA SCHEDULE**

- *Grade 3*
  - May 6 and 7 (Math)
- *Grade 4 & 5*
  - May 6 and 7 (Math)
- *May 9 and 10 (Science 5th only)*

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

**Plew Elementary**

**School Counselor**

Heather McClaren

Too! And squeeze in some reading/math time.

Have a wonderful summer out in the sun!!

- Make Time for Learning.
- Read! Set aside time for your student to read each day during the summer break -- 15 to 30 minutes per day is all it takes! ...
- Learn and Practice Affixes. ...
- Develop Math Skills. ...
- Improve Reading Comprehension. ...
- Review and Build Grammar Skills. ...
- Encourage Creative Writing. ...
- Focus on Specific Skills.

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**P.E. NEWS**

MILE CLUB AWARDS will be May 23rd during their normal PE times. Parents are welcome to attend.

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

**COPY AND PASTE THE FOLLOWING LINK**

https://blog.asha.org/2015/07/23/five-tips-to-help-students-review-skills-over-summer-break/

Anita DeVuyst, M.S., CCC/SLP

**MEDIA CENTER**

Last day to check out library books is May 17th. All library books are due May 20th. If you have lost/misplaced your library book, you will need to pay for it ASAP.

If you are interested in Plew’s Chess Club next year, please email shawna.crist@okaloosaschools.com

The Chess Club meets every other Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. We do our best to work around Plew Chorus and Young Astronauts, so you may participate in both. Whether you are a novice or an advanced player, you might want to continue to practice your skills on chesskid.com over the summer.

Our Perused Pages Sale is quickly approaching and we have sooo many wonderful used books to choose. This is a student only sale and will be held in the Media Center on May 23rd and the 24th if any books are left. All books are 3 for $1 or 50 cents each. We welcome your donations of gently used children’s books any time!! This sale allows us to increase our collection and meet the needs of our voracious readers!!

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**SAC**

The School Advisory Council at Plew Elementary is accepting nominations for the 2019-2020 school year. Please send all nominations and contact information to Susan Newton at newtons@okaloosaschools.com

**PLEW PLANTERS NEEDED**

If you are available to maintain your garden this summer, we are so thankful!! However, if you are moving out of the area, moving up to middle school or will be gone for extended periods of time, please let Mrs. Crist know. Our gardens are our pride and joy, but we need your help to keep them beautiful. If you are interested in adopting an area, please let us know at shawna.crist@okaloosaschools.com

We will continue to collect Coke product caps and cardboard codes over the summer. Dasani caps don’t count, you must cut the black square from the bottom of the shrink wrap. You may drop them off in the front office anytime between the hours of 8 and 2 p.m.

**Parent Leaders Association (PLA)**

It has been an amazing year here at Plew! We started the year out strong with our Kindergarten/New Student Welcome Breakfast and our first ever Back 2 School Bash. Then we raised some money for the playground with the PLA’s Fall Fundraiser, the Readathon. This money, along with generous donations from local companies allowed the PLA to purchase and install basketball hoops, a ball bin for the back playground, balls for 2 playgrounds, a 12-piece pebble path and a clear rock wall (which will be installed over the summer). Our 3 very successful Family Fun Nights enabled the PLA to have the funds to purchase 2 document cameras for the school, a new bingo set and help Coach Bristol pay for the field day inflatables. Our final event, Evening of the Arts, surpassed our goal, helping us to end the year strong! Thank you so much to everyone that helped make this year so amazing!

Mari Plante plewplapresident@gmail.com

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