Dear Parents,

Spring has arrived, our grounds are blooming, and your children have begun the last nine weeks of school with gusto! This will be a busy time for your children as we have begun FSA testing for grades 3, 4 and 5. Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to be proctors. It is a very necessary but thankless job.

Over the Spring Break we completed the final phase of our renovation. The curbing and parking lot were removed from inside the black fence and new pavers were installed. Tables were placed in this area for parents and students who are visiting for lunch. And, our panther now stands proudly by our front steps! We hope you enjoy this new area.

New AR goals have been set. Please encourage your children to read, read, read this nine weeks. Great readers excel!

~Carolyn McAllister, Principal

I recently read a book entitled, *Relationship, Responsibility, and Regulation* by Kristin Van Marter Souers and Pete Hall. The authors suggest that we need to build an educational nest for our children where we strengthen the 3R’s; relationship, responsibility, and regulation. Souers and Hall note that adults should try to ensure that every child has a champion in their corner. Every child should be encouraged to try new tasks and taught strategies to cope with challenging tasks. I really like the quote that was listed in the introduction, “Create a safe nest for students so they learn and thrive and, when they eventually fly, they soar” (Souers and Hall, 2018).

~Mrs. Mary Peterson, Assistant Principal

Reminder...

There is NO smoking or tobacco products allowed on school grounds. That also includes your vehicle when you are on school grounds/parking lots.
NEED TO KNOW...

FSA SCHEDULE

Grade 3
April 3 and 4 (ELA-Reading)
May 6 and 7 (Math)

Grade 4 & 5
April 2 (ELA Writing)
May 1 and 2 (ELA-Reading)
May 6 and 7 (Math)
May 9 and 10 (Science 5th only)

*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:

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P.E. NEWS

No Parents here for Mile Club on April 4th, May 2nd, or May 9th due to testing! Please DO NOT give your child any food or candy while at Mile Club/PE

Tentative: Last Mile Club will be May 16th

PLEW PLANTERS

If you have adopted a garden area or would like to help spruce up our campus in general, we welcome your help!! Our gates are open every afternoon until 7 p.m. or if you’d like to work on the weekend, please contact Mrs. Crist. We always want our campus to sparkle with pride, but especially with community members coming during Evening of the Arts.

Did you know Plew is a recognized National Wildlife Federation Certified Habitat? Yes we are and we need your help to maintain that status! No experience necessary...just a willing spirit! There are always weeds to be pulled, hedges to be trimmed, trash to be picked up/collected and never enough hands to do it all. If you get here before student dismissal, hop on out and pull some weeds!

Parent Leaders Association (PLA)

Evening of the Arts is in less than 1 month away and we need volunteers! Please check our Facebook page (@Plew PLA) for the sign up - some positions can be done with your family!

Follow us on Instagram-PlewPLA & join us at our next meeting, Tue., April 23rd at 5:30 pm when we will vote in the PLA officers for the 2019-2020 school year! (Nominations are still being accepted in the front office).

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ART

The Evening of the Arts is April 25th there is still a need for volunteers in the class-rooms and that night. Sign up for shifts and volunteering are posted on Facebook. Also, the art room is in need of baby-wipes (not Clorox wipes).

~Mrs. Wilbourne

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