PLEW'S NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026



THANKFUL

From the Principal

Hello, November! The cooler weather has finally arrived in Niceville! As we enjoy these crisp fall mornings, please remember to send your child to school with a LABELED jacket for outdoor recess and PE activities. Jackets have a funny way of finding new homes on the playground—labels help them make their way back!

First Nine Weeks Grades Report cards for the first nine weeks are now available online! You can view your child's grades anytime through the Parent Portal using his or her student number. It's a great way to celebrate accomplishments and set goals for the next nine weeks!

A big THANK YOU to all who helped with campus clean up after the Hurricane. The students, families, SRO, and community volunteers made our campus look better than it did before the storm!

With Panther Pride, Tammy Matz, Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Mrs. Matz and I are excited to launch a new monthly attendance incentive program called "Surprise Attendance Days!" Every student who is present at school during that surprise attendance check will earn a special plastic duck to add to their collection! Students can collect a new duck each month, so be sure to come to school every day and be on time. We can't wait to see our students build their duck collections while celebrating the importance of being at school every day.

Sincerely,
Heather Phillips
Assistant Principal



Mark Your Calendars

- **11/2:** SAC Meeting, 3:15
- **11/9**: Veterans' Day 1st Grade Musical for School
- **11/9**: Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a
- **11/10**: Veteran's Day 1st Grade Musical for Parents, 8:50am
- **11/11**: Veterans Day-No School
- **11/14**: Beautification Day, 7-10am
- **11/16-20**: Ms. CRISTmas Shoppe
- **11/17**: PLA Meeting, 6pm
- **11/18:** Thanksgiving Parent Lunch 1st, 4th, 5th
- **11/19:** Thanksgiving Parent Lunch K, 2nd, 3rd
- **11/23-27**: Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Parent Lunches

- **Wednesday, Nov. 18th for 1st, 4th & 5th grade**
- **Thursday, Nov. 19th for K, 2nd & 3rd**
- Please sign up with the QR code below for a preprinted visitor's badge
- The **deadline to register for a preprinted visitor's badge is Sunday, Nov. 8th**
- Be sure to bring your ID with you when you come



Counselor's Corner

Gratitude & Empathy

As we enter the Thanksgiving season, let's take time to reflect on the importance of gratitude and empathy. Gratitude reminds us to appreciate the blessings in our lives, while empathy encourages us to show kindness and understanding toward others. This month, encourage your children to share what they are thankful for, lend a helping hand, and remember that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference.

Wishing all our Plew families a wonderful Thanksgiving Season filled with kindness and gratitude!

Renee Baker, ABD, NCC, M.Ed.
School Counselor

November Happenings

Pre-purchase your Thanksgiving Lunches



In addition to registering for a pre-printed visitor badge (see QR code on previous page), you can also purchase adult and visiting student (under 18) meals ahead of time. by scanning the QR code to the left.

Military Shout Out

November: Honoring Our Veterans & Military Families 🇺🇸

November is a time to celebrate courage, service, and gratitude! On Veterans Day, November 11, we honor the brave women and men who have served in our Armed Forces. We also recognize the military families who demonstrate strength, flexibility, and resilience through deployments, separations, and new beginnings.

Here at our school, we encourage students to remember that heroes come in many forms, and the values of kindness, courage, friendship, and helping others are ways we can all make a difference.

This month, take a moment to thank a veteran, show kindness to a military-connected friend, or ask a family member about what service means to them.

To our veterans and military families: Thank you for your service, your sacrifices, and the strength you bring to our community!

Special Note: Not all heroes wear capes. Some wear uniforms, and some are the children who stand proudly beside them.

With Gratitude and Appreciation,
From Your School Community

Congrats!

Congratulations to **Coach Kelly Brown,** our fabulous PE Coach, for being named Plew Elementary's 2025-2026 **Support Staff of the Year!**



From the Music Room

Hello, Plew Families!

We are busy in the music room: Recorders in 4th grade & Ukuleles in 5th grade! Our 2nd graders did an amazing job at their American Folk Song Program in October.

We will welcome Plew families back in November for our 1st grade music program featuring special guests Panther Chorus for our **Veterans Day Program on Nov. 10th.**

Happy Thanksgiving - I'm thankful to be your music teacher!

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PLA Happenings

As cooler weather arrives and the days grow shorter, November offers the perfect opportunity to pause and reflect on all we have to be grateful for, and our Plew Panther families are at the top of our list! Thank you to everyone who helped make Read-a-thon such a success by reading, donating, sharing and cheering on our students. Your enthusiasm and support strengthen our school community and help the PLA continue providing meaningful programs and opportunities for every Panther. We are so thankful to have you as part of our Plew family!

Plew Planters

Plew Planters needs help with pressure washing, heavy lifting and digging, and sprinkler work at our beautification day Nov. 14th, in addition to weeding and planting. Please contact us at plew-planters@plewleadersassociation.com if you can help, either now or in the future, or for any questions.