

PLEW'S MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER



From the Principal

As we wrap up another wonderful school year, this is a perfect time to say thank you to our amazing Plew community. It truly takes a village, and we are so grateful for the dedication and heart that go into making Plew such a special place.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week is **May 4th–8th**. Please join us in celebrating and thanking our incredible teachers and staff for the love, guidance, and hard work they pour into our students every single day. We are so lucky to have such an outstanding team!

A huge thank you to our current PLA Board! Their tireless efforts and dedication helped raise funds for important school upgrades, and their support has made a lasting impact on our campus. We appreciate all that you do for Plew!

Our theme this year, “Great Minds Grow Together,” truly came to life. I am so proud of how our students grew socially, emotionally, and academically. Watching their confidence and curiosity blossom has been such a joy. This will be our last newsletter of the year, so please be sure to jot down these important dates for the start of next school year:

- Week of July 27th – Teacher placement postcards will be mailed
- August 10th – Meet and Greet
- August 11th – First day of school!

Thank you again for an amazing year. We wish all our Plew families a safe, relaxing, and joy-filled summer break. We can't wait to see you back in August!

Assistant Principal News

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the talented students of the Niceville High School CTE Digital Video Department and their outstanding teacher, Ms. St. Romain. Over the past several months, these students dedicated countless hours to producing a series of professional-quality promotional videos for Plew that truly capture the spirit of our school. Their creativity, technical skill, and commitment to excellence have given our community—and future families—an authentic inside look at who we are. These videos will serve our school well for years to come, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work and professionalism demonstrated by our Digital Video students and Ms. St. Romain. The videos will be available soon on our social media!

Heather Phillips, Assistant Principal

Mark Your Calendars



- **5/4-8:** Teacher Appreciation Week
- **5/8:** Neon Nights: 5th Grade Celebration
- **5/11:** Spirit Night @Chick-fil-A
- **5/18:** SAC Meeting, 3:15
- **5/19:** PLA Meeting, 6pm
- **5/21:** Water Day
- **5/21:** Spirit Night at Pepper
- **5/22:** 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony
- **5/25:** Memorial Day-No School
- **5/28:** Last Day of School

Counselor's Corner

Word of the month: Responsibility

Teaching responsibility helps build confidence and a sense of purpose. Research shows that spending too much time focused on the past can increase feelings of depression, and excessive worry about the future can lead to anxiety. One way to stay grounded and reduce stress is to focus on what you're responsible for today. Ask your child: "What are you responsible for today?" Talking about our responsibilities helps us feel capable and accomplished!

From the Front Office

Water Day is scheduled for May 21st. Due to the extremely busy nature of the day, **please send your students with all their belongings in the morning** to minimize drop-offs at the front office. Additionally, ensure that all student items are clearly labeled. Please see the complete list of required clothing/items on the back page of this newsletter.

State Testing Dates

Please avoid scheduling appointments and/or early check-outs on these dates.

- **May 5th or May 6th ELA**
- **May 7th or 8th Science (5th Grade Only)**
- **May 12th and May 13th MATH**

Around Plew

Media Center

Last day for book check out is May 14th

ALL library books are due May 15th

If you have a lost or damaged book and have not yet made payment, please do so as soon as possible. We would love to have all of our book friends home for the summer.

Story times in the library end on May 15th

We are so excited to be hosting author KA Leigh and illustrator Derek Roberts on May 21st. They will be sharing their talents and stories with our K-2 students. Yes, that is Water Day in PE, but they will be here in the morning. Don't forget to order your book(s) before they visit. They will be signing books upon their visit. You may order your discounted book(s) and stuffed friend at kaleigh@bruddersbooks.com

Dear Families,

Thank you for 14 incredible years of growing and learning with your children. It has truly been my joy to have been given the opportunity to work at Plew. I am not sure how I got old enough to retire, but it sure got here fast! Not to mention, I am going to be a GRANDmother in June. I have long admired my GRANDreaders and now I can be one! I have one final Donor's Choose project I am hoping to get funded before the end of the year. If you feel so inclined, it would be great to get this one completed and on the shelves before I leave. The children will be sure to find them when school starts in the fall. I am appreciative of your many years of support, encouragement and willingness to volunteer in the Media Center, at book fairs, in the gardens and anywhere else I ever asked for assistance.

I'll be on the lookout for you around our amazing community and hope to snag a hug every chance I get.

Best wishes~ Mrs. Crist

Donor's Choose project

Morning Car Rider Line

We have a number of cars coming into the drop off lines in the mornings LATE. If you are not in line by 8:18, your child will be sent to the office and marked tardy. Our staff members have classes to get to and have been detained due to the number of late cars.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is full of jackets and sweatshirts again with the recent cool mornings. If you are missing something, please have your child check the racks SOON!



Plew Special Areas

Music News

Plew Families,

Thank you for a wonderful first (full) year at Plew! It is my joy & honor to teach your children alongside this incredible staff.

We have fit in every musical thing we possibly could on and off that beautiful stage! Hope you enjoyed your child's performance.

Last to be in stage is 5th grade for their promotion on May 22nd.

Here's to great year & summer break, too.

Warmly,
Mrs. Hayes

From PE

Water Day May 21st

This is a STUDENT ONLY event.

Students will need to bring a **towel** and change of **dry clothes**.

Some form of **shoe** (croc's, water shoes, old tennis shoes) must be worn during water day. Bare feet are NOT ALLOWED!

All **swim attire** must be covered with school appropriate clothing, meaning no bikini tops/bottoms or tankini tops allowed. All areas that must be covered for school, must also be covered at water day.

Your child will participate during their regularly scheduled Special Area time.

Around Plew

Relay for Life



Our final fundraiser of the year will be our yearly Dime Challenge. The challenge will take place May 4- May 15; students are asked to bring DIMES ONLY to fill up a class water bottle. Did you know a plastic water bottle can hold \$100 in dimes?! The first 3 classes to completely fill their bottles will win a class prize. Won't you help us finish the fight?

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

-Kim Wendt, Team Captain



For the month of March, Plew raised \$130.80 from the box top program. This brings our total to \$1,443.90 since July 1, 2025. We're getting closer to our goal of \$2,000! You all make me proud!

