

# AUGUST 2025 PLUMB NEWSLETTER

#### Dear Plumb Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year. Our staff is excited that you are joining us for a new year of teaching and learning at Plumb Elementary.

Plumb staff will work together to create a school environment that is safe, structured, and engaging for all students. We commit to providing meaningful learning opportunities that support the needs of all learners. We look forward to partnering each of you during this school year.

Academic and personal success takes teamwork and collaboration between school, scholars, and families. A strong family and school partnership will enable us to Soar Like a PeliCAN this school year. As your principal I ask that you are committed to supporting the following items:

- Prioritize attendance-every day counts. Being present and on time helps the day start strong- Don't let attendance be a barrier to your child's success!
- Read! Read at home with your scholar-time engaged in literature is a game changer.
- Communicate with school staff- together we can work together to accomplish great things.
- Back to School Packets: Review all first day packets-this information is crucial for communication and safety!
- Online Forms: Be proactive and complete all online information to support communication and safety.
- Always update your contact information with your teacher and the front office.

Sincerely, Mrs. Del Duca

### Important Dates



8/8: Meet the Teacher from 1:00-2:30 Grades VPK-5<sup>th</sup> grade

First Day of School- Monday, August 11, 2025
Parents may walk students to class on day one.

Campus opens 8:15am

Plumb Open House Event- 8/27/2025 More information to come.

School Spirit: Every Friday is School Spirit Day-Wear a Plumb Shirt or Blue or Yellow

## Important Information

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

Attendance Matters. Did you know that missing 10% or more of school will have negative effects on student progress. All students are expected to attend school and be on time every day. The Plumb CST (Child Study Team) works hard to promote positive attendance outcomes, support families and celebrate attendance success. Join us in making attendance a priority.

# First Day of School

Monday, August 11th is the first day of school.

- Monday 8/11, parents/guardians will be permitted to walk their child to their classroom. All families are to be off campus by 8:40 am.
- Parking can be very crowded, so you are encouraged to use the car circles and gates for student drop off from the beginning and allow your scholar to proceed to class on their own. Especially if they are in grades 3-5 and attended Meet the Teacher. There will be staff on campus to assist students in getting to their classrooms.

#### Classroom Placements:

- Careful consideration was given to your child's class placement.
- As a reminder, class lists are not final until after the 10-day count. Classroom changes may take place based on student enrollment numbers.

## PTA & Volunteers

Volunteers make a difference. Contact Caroline Palma, Plumb Family and Community Liaison for more information on how to become a registered volunteer or to ensure your volunteer status is up to date for the 25-26 school year. Don't delay! palmac@pcsb.org

#### WE NEED YOU!

Plan to join our PTA- membership is only \$5.00 and can be completed through memberhub. Also consider volunteering with PTA. Your time, whether small or large, has a significant impact on the success of our school! We need YOU! Look for a PTA meeting schedule and schedule of events that will be coming out soon.

#### Back to School Forms- ACTION REQUIRED

Back to School Forms Please complete the important back to school forms online.

#### To do this:

- 1. Go to Focus at www.focus.pcsb.org
- 2. Enter your parent ID and password to log in.
- 3. Complete your Back-to-School Forms packet.

You will be prompted to fill out the forms as soon as you log into Focus.

Information regarding digital forms and directions are available at: www.pcsb.org/backtoschoolforms



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## Dismissal Process

Be patient during the first few days of dismissal.

Once everyone learns the process it runs very smoothly.

- Car riders will be provided a car name tag. This should be visible in car window every day.
- Students in grades 1-5 are dismissed through the main car circle if they are a car rider.
- Kindergarten students, bus, van riders, and older siblings of kindergarteners will dismiss through the kindergarten bus/car circle.
- Walkers are dismissed at the West Walking Gate (near main office building), PREK/ASD gate (near kindergarten row) and East Walking Gate (East end of kindergarten row)
- West Bike Rack: West bike rack will be located right inside the west gate. Students must walk their bike while on school board property.
- 2:25 PM: Students will not be released after this time for an early release.
- 2:50: Dismissal process begins for car riders, YMCA and Safety Patrols.
- 2:55: All students are dismissed.
- 3:15: Students remaining in either car circle will be brought into the office, and students will need to be picked up from the office.
- 3:25: Students must be signed out in the front office. You are late.
- All students should be picked up from school on time. Parents must make alternate arrangements if they are not able to pick up on time.
- Always have an inclement weather plan for after school pick up.

### Commitment to Character

The Commitment to Character is an important part of our school PBIS plan and student recognition. There is not a specific trait to focus on during the month of August but students will learn about the overarching expectations of having a Commitment to Character which is the process of learning common attitudes, beliefs and behaviors that are important for people to have as responsible citizens.

Each month a student is chosen from each classroom who shows the C2C word of the month. These students are celebrated at our Peli-CAN Assembly, receive a certificate and have their photo on our C2C bulletin board on campus. Thank you to our PTA for supporting this student celebration.



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