



Plumb School Newsletter -January 2023

Plumb Mission: 100% Student Success

Plumb Vision: Academic and Personal Growth for Each Scholar

As students continue through the school year, we encourage them to focus on Plumb's Guidelines for Success

P: Prepare for Success

L: Listen to Learn

U: Use Good Manners

M: Make Smart Choices

B: Be Respectful and Safe

Dear Plumb Families,

Welcome back to the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year. This second semester promises to provide continued progress in meeting our school vision and mission of all students making academic gains. As we do this work at a team it is critical that school and families work together to get the job

done. We encourage you to actively participate in your child's school experience by attending academic events, PTA events and most importantly parent conferences. We encourage you to communicate with your child's teacher through DOJO, agenda books, emails and phone conversations. Create a routine with your student to learn about their day by asking specific questions about math, art, science, reading and the entirety of their day. Log into Focus each week and check academic progress of grades. Have them tell you what positive things are happening in school and celebrate those accomplishments.

Again, Welcome Back! I look forward to working with you as the school year continues.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Del Duca

INFORMATION

Important Dates for December

Students return to school on January 9th.

Fun Run was a Huge Success!

Our PTA once again hosted an amazing Fun Run Event for our school community during the first semester! Thank you to our families for raising funds to support our school campus. We will be working with teachers and the PTA to create a plan to use the Fun Run money to positively impact our school!

CURRICULUM and Assessment

A huge THANK YOU to parents and families for ensuring your scholars were on time and ready for assessment each day during the testing window. Our Plumb Scholars did an amazing job on their assessments, we are so excited to see their progress! As a reminder, we have a focus on some research-based computer programs at our school and in Pinellas County Schools. The main programs that your scholar utilizes are MyON, iStation, and Dreambox. Students have a prescriptive number of minutes or lessons in these programs to meet each week to increase achievement. You can find that information below. These programs are accessible at home through Clever. Students can complete minutes and lessons from the comfort of their own homes, allowing increased time for small group instruction, hands on activities, and collaborative work with their peers. The MyON program gives scholars access to thousands of titles to keep their reading skills sharp and expand their content knowledge on a variety of topics.

iStation Minutes by Tier, K-5

Tier 1 and Tier 2: 40 minutes per week

Tier 3, Tier 4, and Tier 5: 30 minutes per week

Dreambox Lessons by Grade Level

K-2: 5 lessons per week

3-5: 10 lessons per week

If you are interested in your scholar's iStation Tier, just ask them! We have a huge focus on student data and their ownership of that information, so they are very knowledgeable about their academic progress. If your student is unsure, reach out to their classroom teacher and they can help you. Thank you for your support of curriculum and assessment. We look forward to a successful 2nd Semester of teaching and learning!

Library Media and Tech Updates

Sora

Borrow and read free books at home! Sora is available to all students through Clever. Your readers can also use the Public Library CONNECT feature which empowers students to borrow age-appropriate ebooks and audiobooks from both school AND [local public library](#) digital collections. Find out [How Sora Works](#)

PCS Connects

The PCS Connects laptop is an important instructional resource. Just like textbooks and library books, students are responsible to take care of and not lose or damage the device. Visit the [PCS Connects website](#) or more information including:

- Tech Support for Parents
- FAQs
- Parent Canvas access
- Tech Bytes (short videos)

Log into Clever at Home

[Logging into Clever from Home \(Parent Directions\)](#) and explore the many applications used to enrich your student's learning!

Come and explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in an engaging outdoor environment. Become an Eggstronaut, engage in Sewer Science, design an enviroscape, battle with Sphero bots, meet Dobot the Magician, and so much more!

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Information:

Words are so powerful. The things they hear before bedtime, before they go to school, these things are what repeat in their little minds over and over. Remind your child(ren) in the morning how much you love them. Keep the conversation positive, even if your child had a rough day, we always start with a clean slate.



Congratulations to the students and staff of Plumb Elementary!

We have been recognized as a PBIS Platinum School

COMMITMENT TO CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY IS KINDNESS AND CARING: Being kind, friendly, considerate and willing to listen, give and share.

Below is the link to the Character Education Newsletter, which includes 3-words-a-day, Dinner Dilemmas and book suggestions:

<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/24167>

Dinner Dilemmas (Extras after the Weekly Ones)

To create family discussions that promotes Character Education in Pinellas County.

Dinner Dilemmas are designed to be sent home once a month with the students. Schools that send home a weekly newsletter could print one dilemma each week in its publication. During the week families are asked to discuss the dilemma. It is hoped that families will talk about the dilemma and decide how the character quality of the month relates to the situation presented. It is further hoped that families will discuss the dilemma of the week and decide how the character quality of the month applies to each family member.

Week 1

Situation: Sam and his friends are riding their bikes in the neighborhood. Many of the neighbors have American flags placed on their lawn for the 4th of July. Sam sees his friends knock over flags with the wheels of their bikes.

Dilemma: On the one hand, should Sam be offended, but say or do nothing? On the other hand, should Sam tell his friends the significance of flying the American flag?

Discussion: What advice would you give Sam?

Week 2

Situation: Sue's classmates are standing for the Pledge of Allegiance during morning announcements. Sue sees a new student not standing with the others.

Dilemma: On the one hand, should Sue say something to the new student? On the other hand, should Sue say nothing and let it go?

Discussion: What advice would you give Sue?

Week 3

Situation: There is a patriotic parade marching down the main street on the 4th of July. The crowd is cheering for the local heroes. Sam hears his friends booing the heroes.

Dilemma: On the one hand, should Sam boo with his friends? On the other hand, should Sam stand up for the heroes and cheer anyway?

Dilemma: What advice would you give Sam?

Week 4

Situation: Sue hears her friends singing a patriotic song, but they change the lyrics to be funny and disrespectful.

Dilemma: On the one hand, Sue is offended, should she say something? On the other hand, should Sue say nothing about what they were doing?

Discussion: What advice would you give Sue?

Plumb PTA

Support your scholar by joining the Plumb PTA. Follow the link to sign up for the 2022-2023 school year. *There is no obligation, you can participate as much or as little as your schedule allows!* Joining the PTA is an easy way to support your scholar.

Memberships are only \$5 each. <https://plumb.memberhub.com>

Spirit wear is now available at <https://plumb.memberhub.com>. Shirts are \$10 and are available in cotton and dry fit.

Support our scholars with AmazonSmile! Select Plumb as your charity at smile.amazon.com or in the Amazon app and a portion of every eligible purchase you make on Amazon will go to our school! It's an easy way to show your support!

PTA spent \$23,000 in money raised on classroom supplies and beautification for our campus. Each classroom was provided headphones and dry erase boards for each scholar. They purchased tricycles for our littlest pelicans to ride in Pre-K. They also purchased a display case to display pictures of our monthly character winners and picnic tables and umbrellas for outdoor learning spaces.

PTA EVENTS for January:

1/17 - PTA General meeting

Week of 1/23 - Literacy Week - PTA will host Books 'n Biscuits as a part of literacy week. Be on the lookout for more info to come!