



# Plumb Publication School Newsletter - November 2022

**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,**

It is hard to believe it is already November.

November will be a busy month and we are so excited to work together and participate in many activities such as Great American Teach In, PTA Fun Run, Veteran's Day Celebration, Kindergarten Literacy Night and the Salvation Army Food Drive.

In addition, we are continuing to focus on teaching and learning and building strong school citizens.

Thank you for supporting your scholar this school year.

I want to know how thankful we are to be in this partnership together.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Del Duca

## INFORMATION

**Kindergarten Literacy Night:** 5:30-6:30

**ASD Assemblies:** 11/2 1:30-2:00- parents will get information from Ms. Leikam, Ms. Harper and Ms. Dzierzyk

**Salvation Army Food Drive** sponsored by SAVE Club 11/7-11/11:

**Picture Retakes:** 11/10

**Great American Teach In:** 11/16- consider volunteering and sharing information about your career! This is a fun day and we would love to have you join us as a presenter. Contact Tricia Bulen at 469-5976 for information.

**PTA Fun Run Fundraiser:** 11/17 during school day. Information will be coming home from PTA with all of the details

### Cafeteria News

Plumb is a part of the Community Eligibility Program for the 2022-2023 school year, which means breakfast and lunch are provided for all students.

We do however require that parents fill out the free and reduced application.

Here is the direct link to the quick and easy online application.

<https://www.myschoolapps.com/>

Direct link for parents to put money on their child's account for a la carte snacks (Optional) Ice Cream Day on Friday goes much smoother when students have money on their account.

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain?requestAction=home>

## CURRICULUM

All scholars will be instructed in the new BEST Standards in math and ELA. Students will continue to engage in science based on the SSA standards.

With that new curriculum comes a new assessment to allow our scholars to show what they know! Our students from PreK to 5th Grade will be utilizing the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T.). More information will be available to you once our school year gets underway!

## Library Media and Tech Updates

**Utilize Focus to keep informed of your student's current grades!**

Learn how to use Focus at <https://www.pcsb.org/focusinfo>

### PCS Connects

PCS Connects is Pinellas County School's one-to-one student device initiative. During the school year, students in grades 3-5 will be assigned a laptop to use during the school day and at home. Students in grades K-2 will have access to technology during the school day. Digital resources will be embedded in daily face-to-face instruction to facilitate research, creation, critical thinking, and collaboration.

Be sure to complete the Internet Agreement Form and Parent Responsibility Form! (Also available in your Parent Focus account. Log in to Parent Portal at [focus.pcsb.org](https://focus.pcsb.org))

[Internet Agreement Form \(PCS 2-2695\)](#)

[Parent Responsibility Form \(PCS 2-3184\)](#)

[Padre \(Tutor\)/Estudiante Formato De Recibo Y Responsabilidad Por Un Equipo Tecnologico \(PCS 2-3184\)](#)

Students will be expected to bring their laptops to class each day fully charged and ready for learning. In addition, students are expected to take good care of their assigned device and report any problems to their teacher immediately.

**Learn How to Log into Clever at Home**

[Logging into Clever from Home \(Parent Directions\)](#)

## PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Information

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 OCTOBER IS PATRIOTISM:** Demonstrating Allegiance to One's Country

## 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](https://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 Events to Celebrate: Thank you PTA for organizing these amazing events!**

*October 5: Walk to School Day.* Families are invited to walk to school with their scholar. We will meet at Central Christian Church on Keene road and follow a police escort to school. It's a great way to start the day!

*October 27: Spooky Story Night.* The night will be filled with crafts, teacher decorated pumpkins for auction, stories read aloud, a pumpkin patch, trunk or treating and loads of fun!

*October 28: Fun Run Fundraiser kick off.*

### **PTA EVENTS for November:**

*FUN RUN! Please help to support our biggest fund raiser- Money raised from this event supports our students and staff. We have purchased a projector for the cafe, picnic tables for outdoor learning areas, curriculum for all grade levels, white boards, tricycles and much more was purchased to make Plumb a great place for learning.*

*Information will be coming home soon for how you can support through fundraising and how you can be involved at our school with this event!*