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School Gets Off to a Great Start!

... Principal Rob Pederson



Plentywood School gets off to a great start due to the awesome efforts of its extraordinary staff, according to Principal Pedersen. The students were extremely excited to be back in the midst of quality instructors and people who care about their success. It was quite evident that Plentywood School is a place where students feel secure and safe. They walk the hallways with excitement and entered their classrooms on the first day with eagerness and high expectations. Mr. Pedersen

commented that "The first day and week of school is always so exciting to me as an educa-Students and staff are tor. forging relationships and setting ground rules whereby all are successful. We are also, in essence, all undefeated in the school game. No students have yet chosen to misbehave, no mishaps have occurred in the classroom, and all parties involved are full of energy to attack the task of quality education."

After two fun-filled days of Pupil Instruction Related days, the staff was finally able

to sink their teeth into their passion: teaching. "Our staff takes great pride in their abilities as educators. They understand that they have the most important job in our country, that is, to turn out individuals who are diverse and have been introduced to all experiences", said Peder-

You've heard it here. Plentywood School is a hotbed of learning and the community is extremely fortunate to have the staff in place. May the education of students begin!



100 East Laurel

.... A cozy welcome on a crisp Autumn day

Summer's over and it's time to say 'hello' to Autumn! Don't you feel that every season with its own colors, sights and sounds symbolizes emotions and feelings? If seasons were emotions, Autumn would be about memories, sharing, caring and being together.

As I watch the school children come and go with their eager waves and smiles I ponder, thinking of yesteryears when you and I graced

these halls dancing from room to room in search of knowledge for our dreams to unfold. Each child here is as special and unique as the vibrant hues of the changing leaves. "Color me autumn!" they call while beginning a new school year to learn and work together hand in hand. At the same time, they buckle down and get into the business of building new and lasting friendships.

When summer says good-

bye- suddenly there is a nip in the air. The light hearted serenade of Summer may be over. . .leaves change, things change, we change, but soon the deeper melody of Autumn gracefully, joyfully, colorfully enters into our lives. Yes, Summer is warm and wonderful, yet Autumn has a breathtaking beauty all it's own.

Stop by and visit any time where you will receive a cozy welcome not only in the crisp of Autumn but all year round!

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Website & TuitionRX

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For all who are members of the Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation, this summer you were sent your user ID and password which allows you access into an outstanding link called TuitionRX on the alumni page of the web site. This is a bi-monthly publication which provides information and professional insight on how to save money when sending your children or grandchildren to college. If you would like another copy of your password or if you have any other questions regarding your membership please call Kordy at 765-1803 or e-mail at frenck@plentywood.k12.mt.us.

The web site is: www.plentywoodalumni.com

This is an opportunity to take advantage of one of the many benefits for being a member of the PEAF.



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We recently received several copies of the latest issue of *The Basics* of *Planned Giving, A Guide for Donors* from the Montana Community Foundation. If you would like a copy please contact me or:

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Following is an excerpt from page 8 of the handbook:

The Montana Endowment Tax Credit allows donors to pay less in Montana state income taxes when they give a qualifying planned gift to a Montana qualifying charitable endowment.

The incentive is 40% of the present value of a planned gift, up to a maximum \$10,000 tax credit, per year, per individual or estate, and a credit of 20% of a direct gift made by a business (to a qualified endowment), up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year.

Example: A donor, 65, purchased a \$10,000 charitable gift annuity in 2003 with a certificate of deposit that matured. As income beneficiary, the donor will receive a 6.3%* annuity or \$630 per year for life.

The donor named the permanent endowment of a favorite Montana non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization as the remainder beneficiary of the annuity. Therefore, the donor is eligible for the Montana Endowment Tax Credit. The federal charitable deduction for the gift is \$2,512* and the qualifying amount for the Montana Endowment Tax Credit is \$1,004 or 40% of the federal deduction. (Assumes an IRS discount rate of 3.8%).

*These figures were calculated using IRS discount rates in 2003 and are subject to change.

New Board Members

BRENT HURST
KATHY EBERLING
TODD MARSH

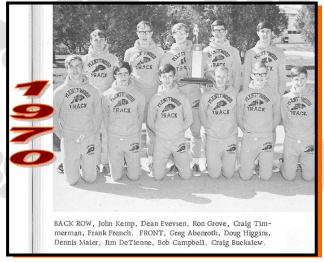
Recently we put out a notice that more Directors were being sought for service on the PEAF Board. Congratulations to the three very interested and willing people who have been selected to serve on the Foundation Board.

We look forward to working together. We also thank David Zieske who was very instrumental in establishing the Foundation in 2003. He and his wife Cindy have moved to Fargo, North Dakota where they own and operate their own copier, sales and leasing business. Their mailing address is: Dave & Cindy Zieske, 3025 37th Ave SW, Fargo, ND 58104. They will be greatly missed by our community and we wish them all the very best in their newest venture.

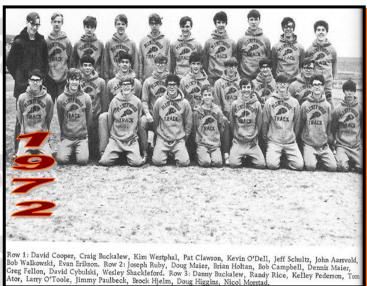


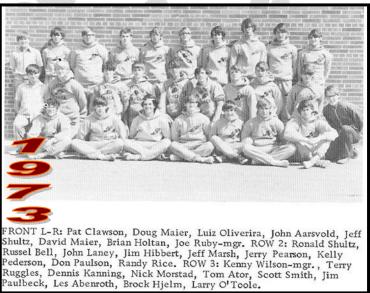


Let's Talk Sports..... PHS State Track Championships!

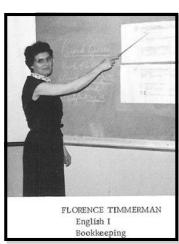








Florence Timmerman, Teacher



Mrs. Florence Timmerman taught Bookkeeping and English for almost 30 years in the Plentywood School System. During her career, she had many wonderful students and many good years of teaching. "Plentywood has given our family so much, we only hope that through Shorty's civic activities and my teaching that we have given Plentywood something in return." (From Sheridan Daybreak II pg. 700). Florence and Irvin "Shorty" Timmerman were married in 1946 and graduated three sons from PHS namely: Gary (1965), Joel (1968) and Craig (1970). Florence passed away in October, 2002. Her charming intelligence is missed greatly by all who knew her. Recently her devoted husband, Shorty gave a generous contribution to the Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation in her memory for which we are very grateful.



MRS. FLORENCE
TIMMERMAN
Bookkeeping
English

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1930³s

Elwood "Woody" Hannah '37

Woody and his wife, Ella (Bussinger) live in Billings, Montana.

Dorothy Goff Johnson '37

Dorothy and her husband, Robert, reside in rural Plentywood and have three grown children.

1940's

Katherine Wankel Zeidler '40

Katie and her husband Barr live in Plentywood. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Bob Deming '47

Bob and his wife Lorraine reside in Great Falls, MT. They have 3 grown children and grandchildren.

1950's

James W. Overgaard '55

Jim and his wife Violet (Heppner) reside in Otis, Oregon. They have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

Gladys Johansen Robertson '51

Gladys and her husband Robert reside in Plentywood. They have 6 children and 10 grandchildren.

Ann C. Hilyard Lindberg '58

Married to Darrel Lindberg for 17 years before his untimely death, Ann moved to California in the late 70's and now resides in Rancho Mirage, California.

1960's

Sharon Johnson Michels '62

Sharon and her husband Mike live in Plentywood, MT. They have six children, 7grandchildren and 2 greatgrandchildren.

Ludvig Kris Tande '64

Retired Navy Commander, Kris and his wife Judy Jo reside in Pensacola, FL. They have 4 children and 1 grandchild.

Craig Anderson '69

Craig and his wife Debra (Tommerup) reside in Plentywood. Craig farms and Debbie is a nurse. They have two grown children and one still in H.S.

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1970³s

Julie Alsburg Kleppen '70

Julie and her husband, Harley reside in Plentywood. They have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

Steven Schmidt '72

Steven and his wife Kathy live in Plymouth, Minnesota. They have 2 children in school.

Michael O'Toole '77

Mike resides in Plentywood and is an Oil and Gas Specialist. He has one daughter who attends high school at PHS.

1980³s

William "Bill" McCoy '80

Bill and his wife Deann reside in Plentywood. They have two sons. Bill is the President of Rocky Mountain Bank and Deann is a school teacher.

Gary Brensdal '86

Bruce and his wife Milissa (Marsh) reside in rural Plentywood. Bruce farms and Missy is a school librarian. They have two children.

Kathy Mann Eberling '85

Kathy and husband Marvin reside in Plentywood where they are both Pharmacists. They have 2 children.

1990³s

Jesse Smolak '95

Jesse is employed by Granger and resides in Denver, Colorado.

Kade Bussinger '96

Kade and his wife Jenny reside in West Fargo, North Dakota. They have one son, Parker.

2000³s

Kourtney Kemp '2000

Kourtney is pursuing a career in medicine and is attending med school at Ross University in Dominica.

Kurtis DeShaw '2001

Kurt is currently attending college at Butte, Montana. where he is pursuing a degree in engineering.