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# Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation NEWSLETTER



## A REUNION TO REMEMBER

### Community Gathers for a Weekend of Celebration

The recent reunion was a wonderful success, bringing together friends, family, and alumni for a weekend filled with laughter, memories, and community pride. A total of 530 people registered, and in addition to those, many local residents came out to join in the festivities.

The beautiful weather set the perfect backdrop for the events. One of the highlights was the parade, which featured several creative and spirited entries. At the front of the procession, the crowd warmly welcomed our Grand Marshal, Judy Bykonen, who led the way with pride and enthusiasm.

Another highlight was the entertaining program, led by Todd Johnson and Trent Kleppen, which showcased the incredible talents of many local performers. The audience was treated to an engaging mix of music, humor, and heartfelt moments that made the event truly special.

From reconnecting with old classmates to enjoying community traditions, the reunion was a reminder of the strong bonds that tie Plentywood together. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to all who attended, volunteered, and contributed to making the event such a memorable celebration.





# PEAF IN THE NEWS

A LOOK BACK

## PEAF Continues Its Mission of Supporting Teachers and Students

While much of our time and energy this year went into planning the All School Reunion, the Plentywood Education and Alumni Foundation (PEAF) remained committed to the traditions and programs that make a lasting impact on our schools and community.

One of our favorite annual events is Teacher Appreciation Week. We decorated and served treats in the Teacher's Lounge to honor our outstanding staff. During that week, we also awarded our Great Ideas Grants—a highlight of the year as we surprised teachers with funding for innovative projects through our always-popular Prize Patrol.

Several Designated Donor Grants were distributed, including the Rosemary Larson Reading Fund and the Harriet McCoy Memorial Fund, ensuring that donor legacies continue to enrich Plentywood classrooms. We also continued to support both the Urgent Needs Fund and Teachers Pay Teachers Fund, giving our educators additional avenues of monetary support.

Beyond the school walls, PEAF extended its outreach into the community by sponsoring a free movie at the Orpheum Theatre, an event enjoyed by families of all ages.

This fall, we hosted our traditional Welcome Back Breakfast to staff, serving egg bakes, hashbrowns, fruit, muffins, juice, and coffee. This event provides a meaningful opportunity to reunite and prepare for the upcoming school year together.

Finally, PEAF was proud to contribute funding to help bring Tom Thelen, a nationally recognized speaker on bullying and mental health, to Plentywood School. His message provided valuable insight and encouragement for students and staff alike.

Through these programs and initiatives, PEAF continues its mission to provide meaningful resources and opportunities for the students, and teachers of Plentywood School.



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## Exciting News – Our New Website is Live!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our brand new PEAf website! This updated site will be your go to place for staying connected with everything happening at Plentywood Schools and within the PEAf community.

On the new site, you'll find updates on school and foundation events, past and present, complete with photos and highlights. We've also added a special Alumni Area featuring senior class composites and a link to online yearbooks, making it easier than ever to revisit and celebrate memories.

The most exciting feature is our secure, easy-to-use online giving platform. Whether you'd like to make a memorial, honorarium, or contribution, everything can now be done quickly and safely right from the website.

We invite you to explore the new site, stay up to date with school happenings, reconnect with alumni history, and take advantage of the streamlined giving options that help us continue supporting our students and staff.

**[www.plentywoodalumni.com](http://www.plentywoodalumni.com)**

### Thank You, Todd Johnson

PEAf would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Todd Johnson for designing the wonderful Wildcat logo for our All School Reunion. Your creativity and talent gave our celebration a special touch that perfectly captured the spirit of our hometown!

## Great Ideas Grants of 2025 –

1. Meeting Sensory Needs–Mrs. Bednarcik
2. Counseling Resources–Mrs. Johnson
3. The Importance of Stands–Mrs. Hunter
4. ChompSaw–Mrs. Waller
5. Gaga Ball–Mrs. Hoffmann
6. Technology Support–Mrs. Hagan
7. Building Words, Building Minds–Mrs. Wiens
8. Flexible Seating–Mrs. Fink
9. Lego Education: Motion–Mrs. Kimrey
10. Building Bright Minds–Mrs. Kimrey
11. Time for an Update–Ms. Marlenee
12. Brighten our Day– McCoy, Zavada, Dixon, Marlenee
13. Wood Shop Dust Collection–Ms. Osborne
14. Culinary Kids–Mrs. Oksa



**2025 Grant Total \$12,932.35**

## Cookbooks

**Teachers Can't Survive on Apples Alone** is here!

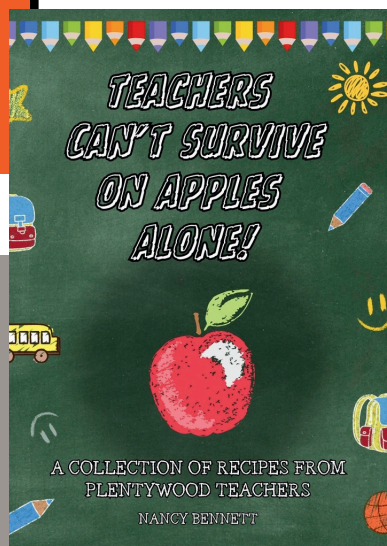
Filled with teacher submitted favorites—sweet, savory, and everything in between. This cookbook is a taste of our school's spirit and community. Get your copy today! Cookbooks are available at

Plentywood Rexall Drug, Plentywood School (see Karleen), or by ordering from Amazon.

All proceeds go to PEAf even when ordering from Amazon! Available in paperback, hardcover, and digitally.

Compiled by Nancy Bennett

**A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT  
IDEA!**





# FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

Unlike in past years, our newsletter will now feature only the donors from the current year. After some misunderstandings and confusion, PEAFF has decided to move the **Historical Registry of Donors** to our website, so we can continue to honor and preserve the record of all past donors while highlighting our current supporters in the annual mailing.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of both past and present donors. Your support makes our mission possible, and we want to ensure that recognition is both clear and meaningful. By keeping the historical list on our webpage and spotlighting the current year's donors in the newsletter, we can celebrate today's contributions while preserving yesterday's legacy for posterity.

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# Grants

PEAFF was established in 2003 and began seeing the fruits of its labor in 2005 when it awarded its first grants to school staff. Since then, PEAFF has worked hard to provide valuable resources and opportunities to PHS!

Wishes Do Come True \$1,995.85  
MS Computer Lab \$19,500.00  
HS Computer Lab \$6,325.00  
Fund A Need \$83,117.72  
15 for 15 Purchases \$75,376.41  
Innovative Teaching Grants \$159,193.02  
Great Ideas Grants \$264,399.84  
Designated Donor Funds \$24,423.90  
Urgent Need Funds \$30,422.94  
Teachers Pay Teachers \$2,950.11

To date, the total funds granted to Plentywood School is:

..... **\$667,704.79**

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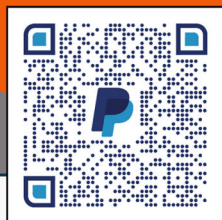
### How to Donate

#### MAIL

#### PEAFF

100 E Laurel Ave  
Plentywood, MT 59254

#### PAYPAL



#### VENMO



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 DeShaw Agency  
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 The Copper Cup  
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### Platinum Business

Plentywood Rexall Drug  
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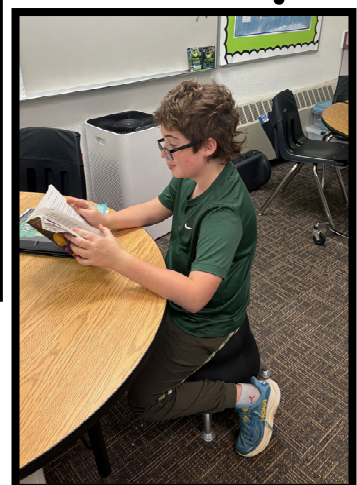
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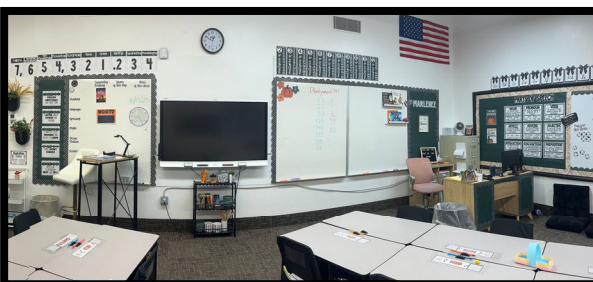
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### Alternative Seating



Meeting Sensory Needs

### Lego League



New Dry Erase Boards

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# Reunion Highlights



Visit our webpage to see the full album