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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

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

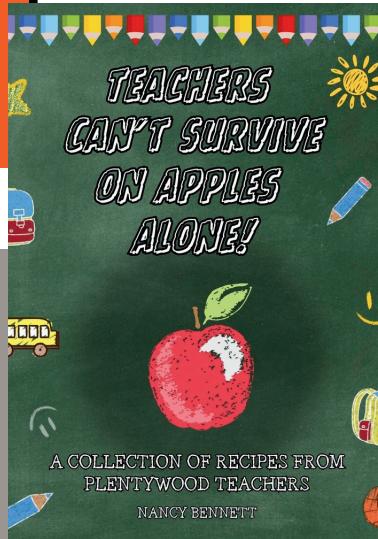
Filled with teacher submitted favorites—sweet, savory, and everything in between. This cookbook is a taste of our school's spirit and community. Get your copy today! Cookbooks are available at Plentywood Rexall Drug, Plentywood School (see

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!



MEMORIALS

10/07/24-10/16/25

Glenn Carlson-Great Falls, MT

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Frances Christy

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Craig Damstrom

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Todd DeSilva

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Tim & Kathy Holte

Patsy Morstad

Cheryl Olson

Randy & Marie Wangerin

Cristen Dickey

Scott & Karleen Harris

Randy & Marie Wangerin

Lyn Domsten

Tim & Kathy Holte

Lynette Dye

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Donna Eide

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Anita Emborg

Karen Underwood

Robert Engstrom

Cheryl Olson

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Donna & Grady Evans

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Darl Fellon

Wade & Lori Bjorgen

Tim & Kathy Holte

Mark & Faye Nelson

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Connie Wangerin

Avis Flowers

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Fred Ford

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Ray Forster

Marv & Kathy Eberling

Terry & Myrna Kanning

Don Friedrich

Marv & Kathy Eberling

Roger Galand

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Rick Gilmore

Charlotte Nielsen

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Barbara Golterman

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Sharon Goltz

Pat Halland

Darrel Gustin

Eric & Shelley Cumley

The Growney Family

Robert Gustin

Betty Henneberg

Kathy & Hal Holte

Tim & Kathy Holte

Brian & Robin Kendzie

James & Debby Kibbe

Pat & Colleen McCutcheon

Jeffrey Morrison

Sandy Ricci

Gen Severson

The Maehl Family

Philip & Mary Whitaker

Kathy Gustin

Craig & Debbie Anderson

Linda Halland

Pat Halland

Don Hedges

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Luella Johnson

Gen Severson

Shirley Joyes

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Nori Kanning

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Joy Kranzler

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Jim Kratovil

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Adeline Lagerquist

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Bruce Lapke

Marv & Kathy Eberling

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Stan Lindblom

Ken & Denise Heppner

Tully & Lisa Tryan

Eileen McCarty

Valerie Benson

Marv & Kathy Eberling

Fred & Susan Kavon

David & Jane Fulkerson

Judy Gray

Don & Ginny Larson

Robert & Marilyn Mann

Sharon Michels

Gary & Marcia Nelson

Jan Nolan

Patsy Morstad

Don & Arville Reed

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Leah Medders

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Rick Medders

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Gary Nelson

David & Jane Fulkerson

Robert & Marilyn Mann

Willard & Adele Michels

Patsy Morstad

Cheryl Olson

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Carol Olson

Scott & Karleen Harris

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Daryl Olson

Laurie & Steve Howard

Terry & Myrna Kanning

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Randy & Marie Wangerin

Sylvia Paulson

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Darlene Rice

Valerie Benson

Joni Brensdel

Ken & Denise Heppner

Debra Johnson

Terry & Myrna Kanning

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Randy & Marie Wangerin

G.W. Riggs

Scott & Karleen Harris

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Randy & Marie Wangerin

Lillian Ruegsegger

Ken & Denise Heppner

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Randy & Marie Wangerin

Christina Schmidt

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Pat & Linda Tange

Ole Severson

Joni Brensdel

Terry & Myrna Kanning

Barbara Smith

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Betty Sorenson

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Marian Sorenson

Judy Bykoven

Cheryl Olson

Karen Underwood

Steve Stageberg

Randy & Marie Wangerin

Gertrude Sundsted

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Roger Thompson

Patsy Morstad

Dorothy Trupe

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Lorraine Shackelford Tveit

Janet Frasier Luttschwager

Bernice Van Curen

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Fred Van Curen

Mark & Faye Nelson

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Duane Wagenson

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Valerie Benson

Randy & Marie Wangerin

Cleo Ward

Ed & Linda Shackelford

Karla Nielsen West

Craig & Debbie Anderson

Brenda & Chris Arnston

David & Clarice Tilleraas

HONORARIUMS

Geraldine Ator

Pat Halland

David Cooper Sr.

Wayne & Cindy Cooper

Harriet McCoy

Dale McCoy

Jim Nielsen

Craig & Debbie Anderson

Jerry W. Olson

Carolee Olson

Patrick O'Toole

Darcy O'Toole

Kimet Westphal

Leslie Westphal

Reunion Donors

Alex & Morgan Ator

Nicholas & Kristen Ator

Monica Bergh

Janet Cron

Brandon & Maura DeShaw

Connor & Breann Domonoske

Scott & Karleen Harris

Ken & Denise Heppner

Laura & Caleb Horner

Brent & Cindi Hurst

Lisa Johnson

Todd & Crystal Johnson

Jill & Cleetus Joyce

Nicholas Kanning

JoAnne & Vic Lawson

Kelsey & Brian McCabe

Mike McClane

Cathy & Lou Mitchell

Mike O'Toole

Thomas O'Toole

Scarlett & Marti Tabbert

Carl & Jean Tange

Jill Tommerup

Thomas & Kathleen Winkel

Business Donors

Plentywood Rexall Drug

Plentywood Hardware

Grove's Furniture

Plentywood Electric

R.L. Huffman Land

The Flower Box

Zeidler Hardware

Nutrien Ag Solutions

Nemont

Annual Business

Cousins Restaurant

DeShaw Agency

Plentywood Elks Lodge

Sheridan Co Abstract & Title Company

Sheridan Electric Co-Op

The Copper Cup

The Flowerbox

Turning Leaf Counseling

Bronze Business

Angel Light Catering

Bank of Plentywood

Big Muddy Co-Op

North Post

R&R Construction

Sheridan Co. News

Gold Business

C&B Operations

Cassidy's Bar & Grill

First Bank of Montana

Groves Floor Store

Michels Agency

Nemont

Petersen & Peterson CPA's

Rueb's Super Valu

Stockman Bank

Thompson/Collins & Associates

Silver Business

Blue Moon

Farmers Mutual Fire

Insurance

Howard & Howard Law Offices

Independence Bank

Kanning Concrete

Plentywood Electric

Pro Co-Op

Sheridan Heating & Cooling

Sheridan Memorial Hospital Association

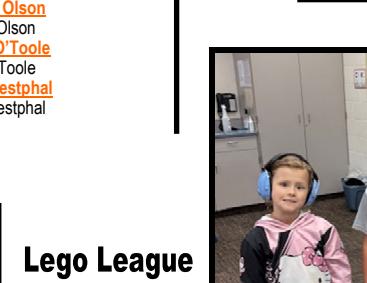
2025

Alternative Seating

Meeting Sensory Needs



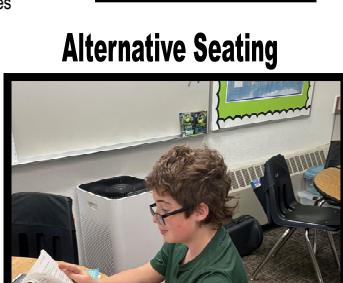
New Dry Erase Boards



Lego League



Meeting Sensory Needs



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Reunion Highlights



Visit our webpage to see the full album