Welcome Back!

The 2019-20 school year is fast approaching with the official first day of school on August 26th. School will be in session Monday through Thursday during the first week of school. There will be no school on Friday, August 30th so that students can participate and enjoy the Sanders County Fair.

Plains Schools will once again be hosting our annual Open House on Thursday, August 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please come in and meet the teachers and staff. The office will be open during that time for you to pay any fees.

We are very happy to return our teaching staff from 2018-19 intact. This is always nice for students and parents as the transition from last year to this is made much easier with people familiar to the program. We have had a few changes in our staff in other areas however. Drayton Klammer is now the new Technology Coordinator. Drayton will graduate from Montana State University in the Spring and is not only handling our technology needs but finishing his degree at the same time. Drayton takes over for Casey Thompson who is moving to Kalispell. Casey has been a great asset to our district and we wish him all the best.

Finally, we have had a big change in our business department. Ginny Holland is retiring from the Plains District and will become the CFO for Missoula Aging Services. Ginny has been with us for two decades. During that time she has guided us through enrollment declines and gains, building projects, countless numbers of state and federal grants, transitioning from county to local fund management, and most importantly to many here, paid everyone! Ginny not only managed to do those things on a daily basis but she also made sure my clothes matched and I didn’t have any dryer sheets hanging out of my pant legs every day. Thanks Ginny! Your hard work will positively impact our district for many years to come. Kelly Pfister will be replacing Ginny. Kelly is a graduate of The University of Montana with a degree in Business/Accounting. We are happy to welcome all our new employees to the Plains School family!

Backpack Program

Plains Elementary participates in the backpack program, which is sponsored through the Montana Food Bank Network. The program provides food for students who may not have enough to eat on the weekends. These pre-packaged snacks will be sent home discreetly with students who are in need. If you are in need of this program, please contact Rheanna Fultz or Jim Holland at 826-8600.

Care Van

The Sanders County Health Department and the Care Van have teamed up to offer back-to-school and teen immunizations. The van will administer all required school immunizations plus some optional ones such as Meningococcal and HPV. Permission slips are in the office and will be available during Open House night. The van will be here on September 10th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Permission slips must be turned into the office by September 9th.