The first quarter will be ending on October 25th with Parent Teacher Conferences on October 29th & 30th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Students are reminded that quarter grades determine extracurricular eligibility. In order to remain academically eligible, a student must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and have no more than one “F” for the quarter. Also, for high school students, first quarter grades are calculated as 40% of the final semester grade. The second quarter grades are also calculated as 40% of the final grade with the semester test comprising the final 20%. Junior High students do not receive semester grades and each quarter is separate from the other. Students looking for academic support can attend the after school study table in the snow cone room on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Extracurricular Activities
The football and volleyball seasons are in full swing with all of our teams competing well this year. The conference playoffs/tournaments will begin this month with the District volleyball tournament on October 31st & November 1st in Noxon. The junior high football and volleyball seasons are coming to a close and the first practice for junior high boys’ basketball will be on October 21st. The local Elks Hoop Shoot contest will be held on October 14th at 3:45 p.m. in the high school gym. For more information you can contact Mr. Laws (jaron.laws@plainsschools.net) at the school.

Parent Portal
Many of our parents/guardians and students have been utilizing the parent portal this year. As with any technology, there have been some glitches. Please contact the school if you are noticing problems with the campus portal app on your phone or with your login information. Your login information can quickly be reset. The school is also utilizing the instant messenger to notify parents of student’s failing grades or missing assignments. The messages are scheduled to be sent on Thursday evenings at 4:00 p.m. If you are not receiving these messages, please contact the school so that we may update your information in our system.

Career/College Prep.
This month, the ACT will be offered at Plains High School on October 26th. Students will need to register for the test prior to October 4th. Contact Mr. Allen if you would like assistance registering your student. The juniors will also take the PSAT on October 16th.

Mike Lincoln with REACH Higher will be here on October 8th to cover the Montana Career Information System (MCIS) during the school day with grades 9-11. Reach Higher will also be offering a financial aid night on October 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. The University of Montana Financial Aid office will be here on October 26th.

Upcoming Events
Oct. 8 Financial Aid Night (Seniors)
Oct. 14 Elks Hoop Shoot
Oct. 16 PSAT - Juniors
Oct. 17-18 No School (MEA Days)
Oct. 30th & Nov. 1st District Volleyball @ Noxon
Oct. 24 Volleyball @ Home vs. Charlo (Senior Night)
Oct. 25 End of 1st Quarter

Afterschool Study Table
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 3:45-4:30 in the Snow Cone room
November 12th at 6:00 p.m. to assist students and parents with the Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). This is a great opportunity for parents/students to complete their FAFSA application with direct assistance.

The afterschool program has planned a college trip to Montana State University and Carroll College on November 13th. This is an excellent opportunity for high school students to set foot on a college campus and hear about each school's unique offerings. For more information you can contact Mrs. Cole (kristen.cole@plainsschools.net) or Mr. Allen (tyrel.allen@plainsschools.net).