

Pioneer Press

April 2024

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Pioneer Families,

I hope each of you had a chance to spend time with family and friends over the break. With April arriving another school year is closing in. We now have 51 school days left. Let's work together to make the most of these days!

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Class placement of the students is a significant decision with many perspectives to consider. Recognizing the importance of a child's classroom assignment doesn't make it any easier. From the school's perspective our ability to locate students with similar learning needs can be very helpful in scheduling the services these students require to help them be successful academically. This school-based need takes on more significance with the growth of support services provided to the students. I ask that parents be open to the placement needs identified by your child's teacher. With the above in mind, parents are asked to only provide input that would seriously impact your child's ability to be successful in school. The request for a specific teacher isn't a part of this process. We recognize the need to maintain open lines of communication and will consider information about your child and what suits their learning from your perspective. Please provide this information in writing by May 1st to the Office of the Principal.

47th Annual Community Arts Day – April 13 at Webster Schroeder High School:

The Webster Central PTSA is holding this treasured One Webster tradition on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Webster Schroeder High School.

Once again, CAD is an event for all ages, showcasing student artwork and musical performances all day, community groups, arts and crafts vendors, kids craft stations, Webster's Got Talent Show, breakfast, lunch, snacks and sweet treats! All of the funds raised from this event go back to Webster's eleven schools for arts enrichment. All are invited!

Spry 5 go 6 Parent Information Night for parents of 5th graders as students transition to Spry Middle School for the 24-25 school year:

Monday, April 15 at 6:30 pm

Spry Middle School – 119 South Avenue, Webster

As part of Parent Night, Spry Middle School staff will share information regarding the middle school program and how to ensure a smooth, supported transition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Spry's Counseling Office at 585-216-0045.

Spry Family Open House for 5th graders and their parents/guardians as students transition to Spry Middle School for the 24-25 school year:

Monday, April 29 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Spry Middle School – 119 South Avenue, Webster

Family Open House will give students and parents/guardians the opportunity to explore the building and meet some staff. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Spry's Counseling Office at 585-216-0045.

Kindergarten Registration:

Just a reminder that registration for kindergarten for the 24-25 school year is open and completely online! Parents/guardians who have a child who will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2024, that child is eligible for kindergarten enrollment for the 24-25 school year. If you have existing children in the Webster CSD, please go through your parent portal account to register as it will pre-fill in most of the application for you. If you are a new family to the district, please go to websterschools.org/registration for more information and to complete the 100% online process.

If you have any questions, please contact WCSD Student Registration at 585-216-0029.

Notification for Class Placement for the 2024/25 School Year:

Just a reminder that class placement information for the 24-25 school year will be shared in August. The reality is that many families move in the spring and summer, and this gives us, as a building and a district, more flexibility to make sure we meet the needs of all kids. This will also help avoid those rare situations where students are told they will have one teacher only to have that change over the summer due to unforeseen changes. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have!

Yours in partnership,
Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

Jennifer Allen, Assistant Principal



REDEMPTION PROGRAMS

Redemption Programs mean \$ for our School!

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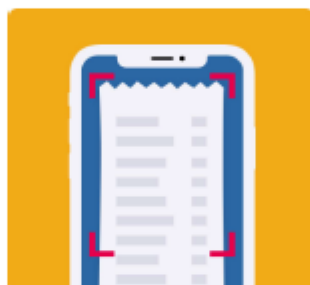


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Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



Does your family have bottles/cans sitting around to be returned? Please consider donating them to the Plank North PTSA! All funds raised will be used towards activities, programs, etc. at Plank North!

- * All bottles and cans with NYS \$.05 deposits are welcome: fast, friendly hassle-free drop off!
- * No fees involved, the Plank North PTSA will receive all funds for bottles and cans returned!
- * Please label your bags "**Plank North Elementary School**" prior to drop off!

Location:

Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return

659 Ridge Road

Webster, NY 14580

Call for hours: (585) 690-5805

(Behind Hadlock's House of Paint building, next to Bowling Alley)



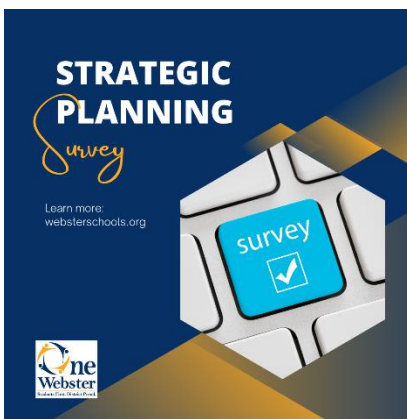
You are also welcome to email the Plank North PTSA and we will pick-up your bags!
pnptsa@websterptsa.org



FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL 2024

COMMUNITY ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY



Webster CSD is excited to offer the One Webster community the opportunity to give us feedback in our upcoming Strategic Planning Survey. The strategic planning process for our district began in 2010, and this is the seventh time the survey has been available to the community for completion. Information gathered from the survey is invaluable as it guides implementation of new district goals and initiatives and is also used to evaluate ongoing district programs that impact our students and families.

Webster CSD's Board of Education and the district are surveying Webster CSD students, faculty, staff, and the community at large. The online strategic planning survey will open on Wednesday, April 10 and be available for completion by Wednesday, April 24. Parents will be sent a separate email from wcsdmessages@webstercsd.org via SurveyMonkey on April 10 with the subject "Webster CSD Strategic Planning" with a one-time use survey link to complete. *Please note that WCSO staff members and students will complete different versions of this survey.*

The anonymous survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Paper surveys will also be available at the Webster Aquatic Center, Webster Recreation Center, Webster Public Library, and Penfield Public Library. If you would like the survey translated to another language, please email Larry.Wahl@webstercsd.org with your name, address, and requested language on or before April 24 and a translated paper survey will be mailed to you. Thank you in advance for your participation in the survey!

BOE APPROVES 2024-25 SCHOOL CALENDAR

At our Tuesday, March 12 meeting, the board of education approved the calendar for the 2024-25 school year. All One Webster students, grades PreK-12, will begin classes Tuesday, September 3, after Labor Day. To view and/or print the approved calendar, please visit the **Full Calendars** links on the [District Calendar web page](#) (scroll to bottom of the page for links).

UPCOMING BUDGET VOTE & BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

The annual 2024-25 budget vote and board of education election will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Webster Schroeder High School, 875 Ridge Road. Webster CSD community residents will vote on the proposed 2024-25 budget and elect two community members to the board of education. Information about the proposed budget can be found on the [district's budget web page](#) and will be continuously updated leading up to May 21.

UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

We invite you to visit [our website, websterschools.org/board](https://websterschools.org/board) to learn more about the board of education, including meeting agendas, minutes, and livestreams and recordings of the latest meetings.

Be sure to join us for these upcoming board meetings and district events:

- Monday, April 8 - Be safe and enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime solar eclipse with your family!
- Tuesday, April 9 - Budget Workshop #3, 6:00 p.m., Spry MS - 2nd floor PDC
- Saturday, April 13 - Webster Central PTSA's 47th Annual Community Arts Day, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Webster Schroeder High School
- Tuesday, April 16 - Regular Business Meeting: Budget Adoption (includes BOCES budget and election); ENL, 6:00 p.m., Spry MS - 2nd floor PDC
- Tuesday, May 7 - Regular Business Meeting: Public Budget Hearing/Safety Plan Hearing; Oak Tree Awards, 6:00 p.m., Spry MS - 2nd floor PDC



Music “Notes”

By Miss Mossey



While this article will be read in April, it is being written in March, when many people are celebrating Music in Our Schools month. Some people may think that music class is a “break” from the regular classroom; that it’s about singing songs and playing instruments; that it’s an “extra” part of a student’s education. While they are partially right, have you thought about how closely music ties in with the rest of your child’s school day?

Math- While it is a simplified form of math, counting and listening to music that has beats in groups of 2’s and 3’s is a skill that is addressed in all grade levels. Fractions come into play when learning about rhythmic note values.

Science- Music is a science in itself which deals with different ways to produce and change sound, acoustics, and timbre.

History- By learning about music from the past, students gain insight into a composer’s ideas and feelings and gain insight into a different time from our own.

Geography- Music is universal, yet unique to every culture. By learning about music from other countries, we gain an appreciation for another’s culture and way of life.

Physical Education- In some countries, the words for “music” and “dance” are the same. For them, dancing IS music and music IS dance. From kindergarteners stepping the steady beat to fifth graders performing a complicated folk dance, music is in our bodies and in our soul. (When was the last time you grooved to the beat when you thought no one was looking?)

I haven’t even covered how music encompasses language arts, visual art, and foreign languages! So you see, music is everywhere, and it’s more than just an “extra” class in school.

Thank you for your support of music in Webster schools. When your child comes home and won’t stop singing the song they learned in music class, when you have to sit and listen to your budding instrumentalist practice, and when you sit through a school concert, realize that music is the language that connects all subject areas, creates a bond between people, and allows us to express what words alone cannot.



@PlankNorthMusic

Plank North Physical Education Students of the Month – April

Mrs. Craig and Mr. Sayers are very proud of all the students at Plank Road North Elementary. We would like to take this time to recognize two 5th grade students that have demonstrated characteristics that were extraordinary this month. These students have shown that they are working continuously at a high level of achievement. A student must go above and beyond what is expected of them, and demonstrate they are not only an outstanding student of Physical Education, but also a superior member of the Plank Road North community. Characteristics exhibited include the Webster essential skills, personal living skills, and skillful moving. Congratulations to this month's recipients **Audrey Cee** and **Zach DeSimone** for the month of April.

Mrs. Craig and Mr. Sayers sat down with the students to ask them a few questions, and here are the responses.

Audrey Cee is a 5th grader in Mrs. Peffley's class where her favorite subject is science. Outside of school Audrey enjoys running. You can also find her playing outside with friends and family and riding her moped. She plans on joining a volleyball team just from the fun she had at the Volleyball Play Day. At Plank North Audrey is one of our Plank North Safeties in the job of kindergarten helper. If you have Audrey over for dinner her favorite food is pasta with butter. When she grows up she would like to become a professional volleyball player either on the court or a beach player. Audrey's favorite team to cheer for is the Buffalo Bills.

Zach DeSimone is a fifth grader in Ms. Napolitano's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school Zach plays hockey in the position of left wing for the ROCO team. He also plays baseball for the Webster Warthogs in the position of first base. At school Zach is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol in the job of kindergarten helper. Zach also plays trombone in the Plank North band. When asked what his favorite food is he quickly answered homemade tacos with beef are the best. When Zach grows up he would like to be either an NHL player for the Tampa Bay Lightning or an MLB player for the NY Yankees. When asked who do you cheer for he said, "the Miami Dolphins, fins up!"

Congratulations to our Student Athletes of the Month!



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The Plank North PTSA is having a **GLOW PARTY!**



Pioneers - Come **GLOW** with your friends while enjoying cookies, games, a photobooth and even a DJ playing all your favorite songs!

Don't forget to wear neon or white.

All Plank North students and **ONE ADULT** per student are welcome to attend.

Date: Friday, April 12th

Time: 6:30-8PM

Location: Plank North cafeteria

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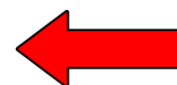
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\$6 of the adult membership comes back directly to Plank North to help us run fun events at our school! Also, your PTSA card gets you some wonderful discounts around town this year!



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For program information and up-to-the-minute news on what's new in the Children's Department, visit our blog:
wplkids.wordpress.com

WSCD K-5 Family Handbook

Have a question about your child's school day, school and district policies or PTSA programs?

The WSCD Handbook is a great place to start to have your questions answered. In an effort to be more eco-friendly, the handbook is now located on the school's website. You can find it here: www.websterschools.org/planknorth

The PTSA encourages parents to keep this reference book handy throughout the school year to answer questions that may pop up. If there is anything you would like to suggest adding to the handbook in future editions, or if you have any corrections, please contact us at pnptsa@websterptsa.org.

Thank you!



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Plank North PTSA 2023 – 2024

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Bingo for Books	Krista Castronova
Book Fair	Karin Anello
	Alison Basch
Community Arts Day	Brandy Sydor
Donuts with Grown-Ups	Elsbeth Ebenhoe
Fall Fundraiser	Nicole Katz
Fifth Grade Social	Melissa Selner/ Kym Bernard
Kindergarten Play Date	Alison Basch
Pie Sale Chair	Brandy Sydor
New Family Gathering	Kelly Lape
School #17 Holiday Giving	Kym Bernard
School Picture Coordinator	Melissa Selner
School Spirit Wear	Krista Castronova
School Yearbook	Lisa Currier
	Amanda Lindley
Spring Plant Sale	Alison Basch
	Krista Castronova
Staff Appreciation Week	Elsbeth Ebenhoe
	Melissa Selner
Spring Dance	Krista Castronova
Trunk or Treat	Bonnie Deiore
Square 1	Karin Anello
<u>Other PTSA Services:</u>	
PTSA Bulletin Board	Alison Basch/ Karin Anello
Pioneer Press Newsletter	Sarah Rook
<u>Ongoing Programs:</u>	
Box Tops for Education	Karin Anello
TOPS Markets	Karin Anello
Nickel Back Can Return	N/A