

Pioneer Press

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Principal's News

As the 2018/19 school year draws to an end, I am so proud of the achievements and accomplishments of our children! These have been made possible with your support and through the dedication of our staff who work tirelessly to provide opportunities for our young people to grow and learn. Your partnership, as families, has been invaluable and I am grateful for your commitment and support! Hope you have a terrific summer filled with sunshine and family time! I want to wish our 5th grade students and families the best of luck next year! We have informed our Spry Middle School friends what an amazing group of Pioneers they will be welcoming in the fall!

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Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, September 5th!

Parking update for June 14th and June 15th

We have two school-wide events in June:

Flag Day on Friday, June 14th

Field Day on Monday, June 17th (Rain Date - June 18th)

Parking Areas to avoid - No parking along the sidewalk on the Bus Loop. Parking on the Scribner Road shoulder is illegal and could result in a Sheriff Department ticket.

We are working with Faculty/Staff to utilize the lawn for their parking to create more spaces in the Main Parking lots. Visitors are also welcome to park on the lawn near the gymnasium.

Activity Period in 2019-20

Current 3rd and 4th graders can participate in Activity Period classes beginning Sept 19, 2019. Activity selection materials were recently sent home with students. For the 19-20 school year Activity Period classes (Art Club, Coed Intramurals and Choir) will be held after school from 2:10 - 2:55 pm with transportation provided home. Orchestra and band (group rehearsals and weekly lessons) will be held during normal school hours.

End of Year

The last day of school for students will be Friday, June 21st. Report Cards will be available on the Parent Portal on June 28th. School Supply lists for the 19-20 school year will be available on our web page starting July 1st.

Summer Office Hours

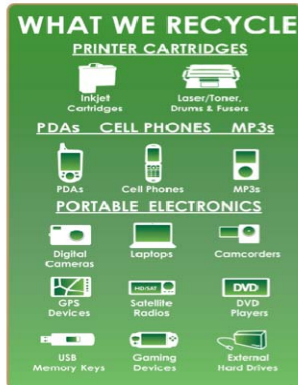
The Main Office is open from 7:00 - 2:30 during the summer (July 1-Aug 31). Please call ahead if you are planning to visit the building during the summer to ensure it is accessible. Our custodial crew will be completing major cleaning projects and areas of the school may be inaccessible due to construction projects.

Enjoy your summer vacation!

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Principal

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Assistant Principal

Redemption Programs mean \$ for our School! - THANKS FOR JOINING IN!



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Find Box Tops on hundreds of your favorite products. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents to our school. Send your Box Tops into school. Twice per year, Box Tops will send a check to our school, for each Box Top redeemed, up to \$20,000 per year.

 Shoparoo

[Shoparoo App www.Shoparoo.com](http://www.Shoparoo.com)

Snap pictures of your receipts from any store, big or small, that sells grocery items to earn Roo Points (cash donations) for your school. Whether you're shopping at a supercenter, dollar store, or local convenience store - it doesn't matter where you shop or what items you buy - Shoparoo will make a cash donation for every receipt! Submit up to 20 grocery receipts within a rolling 7-day period



**FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Best wishes to all of our students as we approach the end of another school year! We continue to be proud of your efforts both inside and outside of the classrooms. You are 8,400 reasons why we enjoy our jobs as board members. We wish the Class of 2019 well as they prepare to graduate at the end of this month. Congratulations on all that you have achieved as members of our One Webster community!

2019-20 BUDGET APPROVED BY WEBSTER CSD COMMUNITY AND BOE MEMBERS ELECTED

Special thanks to the Webster CSD community for making your voices heard on Tuesday, May 21, regarding the proposed 2019-20 district budget and board of education election. The budget was approved by a 68% margin. We also congratulate Tammy Gurowski, Linda Dioguardi, and Maria Rigillo who district voters elected to three-year terms on the board of education, beginning on July 1.

The board also thanks members of the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) for their participation in the 2019-20 budget process. If you would like to learn more about the development of school district budgets, we encourage you to serve on the 2020-21 BAC. Please email Lisa Borrino in the district's business office, Lisa_Borrino@webstercsd.org, if you are interested.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Dr. Terry McCarthy, WCSD Director of Humanities and district liaison to the Families of Color group, via e-mail terrance_mccarthy@webstercsd.org or by phone (585)216-0080.

WEBSTER CSD, EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ANNOUNCE LARGE-SCALE DRILL ON JUNE 27

Webster CSD is partnering with area fire, emergency medical service, and police agencies to stage a large-scale emergency drill that will provide all agencies valuable feedback.

The drill takes place on Thursday, June 27 at Schlegel Road Elementary School, 1548 Schlegel Road, from 8:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Safety during the drill is paramount for all involved, thus necessitating the need for Schlegel Road to be temporarily closed to traffic from Phillips Road to Salt Road. Webster Special Police will direct traffic at these intersections to provide local resident access. **(Please note that Webster schools are closed for the summer at the time of this event.)**

During the drill, Webster CSD, Webster Police Department, Webster Volunteer Fire Department, West Webster Volunteer Fire Department, Webster Emergency Medical Service, and Northeast Quadrant Advanced Life will simulate and respond to a large-scale school incident to test these agencies' coordinated response. On-site evaluators will be present throughout to provide feedback that will help develop an after-action plan (AAP) that will be provided to all participating agencies to assist with future trainings and any additional needs.

UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS/EVENTS:

If you can't attend scheduled board of education meetings in person, please remember that regular board of education meetings are broadcast LIVE on WETV- Spectrum Cable Channel 1301 and live-streamed on websterschools.org > District > Board Home > Live/Recorded Meetings. Board meetings also run taped on our website (same location as above) and WETV-Channel 1301.

Please plan to join us for the following June/July meetings:

Thursday, June 6 – BOE Regular Meeting - LAC Rebranding, Webster Schroeder High School library, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 20 - BOE Workshop – Start Time Check-In/Strategic Planning, Metrics, Goal Setting, Webster Schroeder High School library, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 2 - BOE Reorganization Meeting, 2019-20 School Year/Regular Meeting, Webster Schroeder High School library, 6:30 p.m.

Library News
Gretchen Pulver
Librarian

Battle of the Books

Congratulations to *The Komedya Klan*, our 2019 Plank North Battle of the Books champions.

Author Visit



On May 15th, students K-5 were exposed to Native American culture through music and storytelling from author Joseph Bruchac and his son, Jesse.



Webster Public Librarians' Visit

The Webster children's librarians visited all first-grade classes and shared songs and stories. The Webster Public Library has a multitude of resources your child can check out as well as many fun programs and activities throughout the summer.



Digital Citizenship

Students have been learning about the importance of digital citizenship through a variety of lessons and activities. They know the importance of signing their own work and giving credit whenever they use someone else's work to avoid plagiarism.

Overdue and Lost Library Books

As the school year comes to a close, please help your students locate any library books and return them to the library. If you cannot locate an overdue book, please send in \$15 for a replacement copy to be purchased. Checks can be made out to Webster Central Schools.

Summer Reading

Our school year is almost over and I wanted to share some resources to help keep your child reading this summer and not experience the “summer slide!”

[Webster Public Library Events and Classes](#)

Monthly calendars of events and classes for all ages!!

[Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program](#)

Students read eight books, complete the journal, and earn a free book.

Recommended Summer Reading List for grades [K-2](#), [3-5](#) and [6-8](#)

If you are looking for a great book to read, check out these lists from the Association for Library Service to Children.

[Plank North Library Website](#)

- Databases (**password: 1Webster**); individual login information for each resource listed on page (PebbleGo, Bookflix, Trueflix, BrainPop and much more)
- eBooks - Overdrive, Capstone Interactive books (read-to-me feature)

[MyOn](#) resource with access to thousands of digital books.

School Name: New York Reads

Username: read

Password: books

[Capstone Interactive eBooks](#)

Take advantage of summer access to read-to-me eBooks.

Username: capstonesummer

Password: interactive19

I hope you all have a wonderful summer with your families and take time to enjoy great books together! I look forward to working with your students next year.

Mrs. Pulver

Plank North School Librarian

June 2019 NEWS FROM ART CLASS with Ms. Palermo...

June STUDENT ARTISTS OF THE MONTH



Second grade student **Maeve Fitzgerald** is our primary level (grades K-2) **Student Artist of the Month**. Here is an above image of Maeve's vibrant primary and secondary color painting.

3rd grade student **Sophia Weber** is our intermediate level (grades 3-5) **Student Artist of the Month**. Here is an image below of Sophia's meticulous cone value composition.



WHAT WE ARE LEARNING AND WORKING ON IN ART CLASS...

Our **kindergarten** students are working on their African nature symbol on burlap. They used oil crayon and paint to make these vibrant compositions! Our **1st grade** students are working on their textured tinfoil leaves composition. They learned the difference between real texture and imaginary texture in art. Our **2nd grade** students have started their symmetry unit and will create a symmetrically balanced creature paper collage. Our **3rd grade** students have started their color scheme unit of a Japanese nature design. Their composition will consist of four quadrants that include color schemes of warm, cool, intermediate colors and pencil value. Our **4th grade** students are working on their textured clay turtle sculptures. Students chose to create a tortoise or a sea turtle in clay using the clay handbuilding techniques of coiling for the legs, head and flippers and the pinch pot technique to create the turtle's shell. The turtles look so real! Great work!!! **5th grade** students are working on their paper mosaic composition of a fish in an ocean habitat. This is an intricate and time consuming type of artwork! ***Congratulations and good luck in middle school to all of our graduating 5th grade students!***

Jill Doser's visit to Plank North was a great learning experience! Here are some images from her visit with our students working on the painting of our ceiling tiles for the art room...





May Music “Notes”

As another school year draws to a close, I would like to thank the parents, teachers and staff for another great year in music classes. Your support has led Webster Schools to be labeled as one of the “Best Communities for Music Education” by the NAMM Foundation. This foundation acknowledges schools and districts across the United States for their commitment to and support for music education in schools. By being awarded this honor, Webster’s community has recognized the physical, mental, and emotional benefits of music.

Thank you for always reminding your young musicians to practice their instrument. Thank you for making sure your child had their recorder for music class. Thank you for attending the concerts and sitting through all of the performing groups and for clapping even when your child wasn’t on stage. 😊
Enjoy your summer!

-Ms. Rosenberry

@PlankNorthMusic



Plank North Physical Education Students of the Month

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 for this month. These two 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 Jessi Heinzman and Mikey Leonard for the month of June. Mrs. Craig and Mr. Sayers sat down with the students to ask them a few questions and here are the responses.

June Student Athletes:

Jessi Heinzman is a 5th grader in Mrs. Rokosz's class. Her favorite subject is ELA. Outside of school Jessi is a cheerleader for the Core Athletix. At school Jessi participates in intramurals and is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a kindergarten helper. She is also in chorus, art club and plays in the drum ensemble. If you have Jessi over for dinner her favorite food is cheesecake. When Jessi grows up she would like to become a physical therapist. Jessi's favorite professional sports team is the NY Mets.

Mikey Leonard is a fifth grader in Mrs. Merkey's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school Mikey plays travel soccer for the Lakefront Soccer Club in the position of middle middle. Mikey is involved in the Ninja Warrior Club at Northern Hemisphere Gymnastics and runs in the Ridge Runners Club. He also plays piano in his spare time. At school, Mikey participates in intramurals and is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol working in the music room. He is also in chorus, art club and the drum ensemble. When we asked Mikey what his favorite food is he answered pasta with red sauce; the kind his mom makes. He also wouldn't mind a meatball or two! When Mikey grows up he would like to be a professional soccer player. But he knows he can't play professionally forever so when he retires, he would like to be either an engineer or an architect. When he retires, he is also thinking of pursuing his hobbies of running a comic book business and dabbling in photography. His favorite professional sports team is Barcelona for soccer and for every other sport he likes everything Boston!





NOTES FROM THE NURSE: JUNE

Physical and Dental Exams

All students in K, 1st, 3rd and 5th grades are required by NYS to have a current well child physical and dental exams on file in our office. If your child will be having a physical or dental appointment this summer, please send a copy into the Health Office at DeWitt. Physical and/or dental examination forms are available to print on the WCSD's Health Office website.

Foot Injuries

We continue to get many injuries to toes and feet due to wearing flip-flops in school and on the playground. If your child is going to wear flip-flops to school, please encourage them to bring sneakers in their backpack to change into before going out to recess.

End of the Year Medication Pick Up

If your child has any medication in the Health Office, don't forget to pick it up at the end of the school year. *Any medication not picked up by **June 26th** will be discarded.* Medication orders are only good for one school year; new medication orders are required for the 2019-2020 school year. Check the Plank North Health Office website for times to drop off medication prior to the start of school next fall.

Measles: Please keep in mind while traveling this summer.

Some areas of New York State are currently experiencing a measles outbreak, including the lower Hudson Valley and parts of New York City. Measles spreads easily and can be dangerous to anyone who is not vaccinated. If you have questions about measles or the measles vaccine, call the New York State Measles Hotline at 888-364-4837. As of June 3, 2019, there are 317 confirmed cases of measles in New York State outside of New York City (255 in Rockland County, 38 in Orange County, 17 in Westchester County, 5 in Sullivan County, 1 in Suffolk County and 1 in Greene County.)

Please see: <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2170/>

How Can I Protect Against Ticks and Prevent Lyme Disease?

Deer ticks live in shady, moist areas at ground level. They will cling to tall grass, brush and shrubs, usually no more than 18-24 inches off the ground. They also live in lawns and gardens, especially at the edges of woods and around old stone walls.

Deer ticks cannot jump or fly, and do not drop onto passing people or animals. They get on humans and animals only by direct contact. Once a tick gets on the skin, it generally climbs upward until it reaches a protected area.

In tick-infested areas, your best protection is to avoid contact with soil, leaf litter and vegetation. However, if you garden, hike, camp, hunt, work or otherwise spend time in the outdoors, you can still protect yourself:

- Wear light-colored clothing with a tight weave to spot ticks easily.
- Wear enclosed shoes, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Tuck pant legs into socks or boots and shirt into pants.
- Check clothes and any exposed skin frequently for ticks while outdoors.
- Consider using insect repellent.
- Stay on cleared, well-traveled trails. Walk in the center of trails. Avoid dense woods and bushy areas.
- Avoid sitting directly on the ground or on stone walls.
- Keep long hair tied back, especially when gardening.
- Bathe or shower as soon as possible after going indoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that may be on you.
- Do a final, full-body tick check at the end of the day (also check children and pets), and remove ticks promptly.

Please see: <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2813/> for more info.

Don't Forget

Sunscreen, sunglasses and helmets when bike riding or skateboarding! Have a safe and great summer!

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Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all our volunteers! Without you many events would simply not happen.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe summer break! We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!
JULY 1 – 28

12 Students from Spain still need families!
In need of local families to host a group of students from Spain for a 4 week academic summer program. Ages range from 11 – 17 both male and female. All students speak English, are fully insured, and come with their own spending money. Students attend class 3 days a week in addition to half and full day field trips including Barber Lake, Niagara Falls, shopping trips, sporting events, and beach days. All families are welcome!
Hosts are responsible for providing 3 meals a day and transportation to and from activities (stopovers & available to accommodate work schedules). Students may share a room with children of the same gender.



Don't be shy! Join an amazing team of families exchanging cultures and fun!

Develop a lifelong friendship with a family from another country!

Worried about transportation or going on vacation? We will make it work!

Help make the world a smaller place!

Contact David Kramer
Exchange Coordinator
www.globalexchange.org
david.kramer@websterpsa.org
dkramer53@gmail.com

Apply for a WC PTSA Grant

WC PTSA makes grants available to students, WCSD staff, parents and community members and organizations in order to further our mission and purpose. Proposals must serve a spectrum of WCSD children. We cannot consider projects that support an individual, and do not favor purchasing goods (which may carry liability, are subject to loss, theft, and damage). Please forward questions to the Committee Chairperson at: GrantCmte@websterpsa.org.

It's our mission to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for the education and wellbeing of every child.

Grant Requests must align with one or more of the following areas:

- Promote the health and welfare of WCSD children
- Bring closer the relationship of home and school through the promotion of family engagement
- Support student success through strong parent, family, and community involvement
- Support Arts Education

Visit our website www.websterpsa.org Hi for more details and to apply.

Upcoming Dates:

June 7 – 5th Grade Moving Up
Ceremony and Social

June 17 – Field Day (rain date 6/18)

June 21 – Last Day of School

