

Pioneer Press

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Jennifer Allen, Assistant Principal



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Pioneer Families,

Thank you, parents! November is a perfect time of year to reflect and to practice gratitude. We appreciate your partnership as we work as a team to create the best learning experience for your student. Your work in providing a caring environment at home that nurtures and respects education provides a solid platform for us to build on. Our work together creates a team of support for your child that allows great learning to happen academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you for your hard work and ongoing support of our hard work.

On October 13, we welcomed Mike Seege who incorporated his fast paced and high energy magic show along with his anti-bullying message to our student body. Mr. Seege performs at schools across Western New York and around the country. He weaves magic tricks with anti-bullying messages. The interactive performance helped our children understand that bullying will not be tolerated. Our students and staff are still talking about his show but more importantly they are also remembering the message on how to treat others with respect.

Gratitude:

We were fortunate to have Mr. Marc Nelson serve as our interim assistant principal the past couple of months! Marc's last day with us is Thursday, Nov. 2. Thank you, Mr. Nelson for supporting our Pioneers!

Mrs. Jennifer Allen's first day with us will be Monday, Nov. 6. We are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Allen to our Plank North family!

Plank North Book Fair:

It's Book Fair Time at Plank North! Look for flyers to come home soon! On November 8 and 9 students will get to visit the Scholastic Book Fair at their assigned classroom time. On-line shopping will be offered as well. What better way to promote reading to our children than by supporting this literacy event! We'll have a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. The Book Fair will also be open during Plank North's Open House on November 8.

Plank North Open House:

Our Open House at Plank North is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Classrooms will be open for visits during this one-hour period. Open House is always well attended. It's a good time for your children to show you around their school and classroom. In addition, our Book Fair (located in the library) will be open to families! We hope to see you there. Parking is limited. Please be sure to take advantage of the spaces in Plank South's Bus Loop and Eastern Lot.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Fall parent conferences will take place during the afternoons of November 16, 17, 20 and 21 (1/2 days of school for students). Spring conference dates will be March 14, 15, 21 and 22 (1/2 days of school for students). Teachers have the option of scheduling additional conferences before or after school hours.

School Related Professionals (SRP) Recognition Day: Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023

School-Related Professionals work side-by-side as partners in the education of our children:

- Bus drivers safely transport students to and from school
- Secretaries keep offices running smoothly and efficiently
- Teaching assistants and paraprofessionals help educate
- Nurses and other health care staff keep students healthy
- Building and teacher aides assist with care
- Cafeteria staff provide nutritious meals
- Custodians keep the school clean
- Maintenance staff keeps it all running
- Security keeps everyone safe

We appreciate our Webster School-Related Professionals on this and every day!

Important November Dates:

- Open House November 8 (6:00-7:00 pm)
- Scholastic Book Fair November 8-9 (students will visit during assigned class times/online ordering available as well/open during Open House)
- Veterans Day November 10 (No School PreK-12)
- Virtual PTSA Meeting November 14 (3:00-4:00 pm via Google Meet Link)
- Parent/Teacher Conference Days (Half Days of School) - November 16, 17, 20 and 21
(Conferences are held in the afternoon on these days. Students are released from school during Conference Days. Dismissal will begin at 9:53 am with buses pulling out of the parking lot at 10:00 and parent pick up from 10:00-10:10 each of these days.)
- Thanksgiving Recess November 22-24 (No School PreK-12)

Yours in partnership,
Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

Jennifer Allen, Assistant Principal



REDEMPTION PROGRAMS

Redemption Programs mean \$ for our School!

THANKS FOR JOINING IN!

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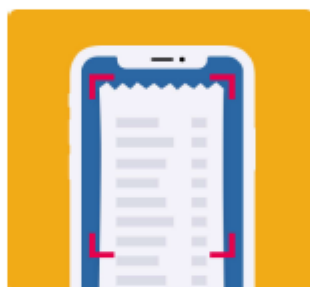


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Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



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@websterpts.org



FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOVEMBER, 2023

SPRY MIDDLE SCHOOL WELCOMES VETERANS FOR ANNUAL DINNER



Spry Middle School students and staff are once again inviting our community's veterans and active duty service personnel and their families to a free spaghetti dinner in their honor.

As a way to express their appreciation to these dedicated men and women, Spry students and staff will prepare and serve the annual dinner Thursday, November 9, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. at Spry Middle School, 119 South Avenue, Webster. The

menu includes spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. Reservations are required, so attendees are asked to please call the school at 216-0093 to reserve seats OR to reserve a takeout order. Attendees and pickup orders are asked to come in off of Route 250 near the back of the cafetorium.

Thanks to the sponsors of this year's dinner: Spry Middle School Builders Club, Webster-Fairport B.P.O. Elks #2396, Spry Middle School Student Council, Wegmans, and Walmart.

Thank you to all veterans and active-duty service personnel for your service to our country!

WEBSTER CSD COMMUNITY APPROVES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



Thank you to our One Webster community members who headed to the polls on Wednesday, October 11, to vote on *Building Our Future*, the district's proposed capital improvement project. The community-wide vote resulted in approval of the \$85 million project with 1,626 yes votes and 829 no votes, a 66% approval rate.

Building Our Future will affect all 11 schools with zero tax impact for district residents. The project is focused on the district's ongoing commitment to providing a safe educational environment for students. Renovations and improvements at every school will ensure that all students have safe, accessible spaces to learn well into the future. If you would like to learn

more about the slated improvements at each school, please visit websterschools.org/capitalproject. Thanks to everyone who voted!

STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION AND WEBSTER CSD!

Please stay up-to-date on your board's activities by [visiting our web page](#). Be sure to join us for these upcoming board meetings:

- Tuesday, November 14 - Regular Business Meeting: Special Education Transition Program, 6:00 p.m., Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC
- Tuesday, November 28 - Executive Session and Workshop: Mid Year, Elementary Data Days, 6:00 p.m., Spry MS - 2nd floor PDC
- Tuesday, December 12 - Regular Business Meeting: UPK, 6:00 p.m., Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC



Music “Notes”

By Miss Mossey



I am incredibly excited to report that Plank North now has a dedicated chorus teacher! I am so excited for our 4th and 5th grade singers to meet Mrs. Marie Crasta. Below is a message from Mrs. Crasta as well as an article that I love that describes the value of singing with an ensemble.

My name is Marie Crasta and I'm delighted to be directing the Plank North Elementary Chorus this school year. Rehearsals begin on Friday, November 3rd and will continue Tuesdays and Fridays from 2:15-3:00. If your child is interested in participating and has not yet signed up, please sign up here:

[Chorus Sign Up](#)

What Do Young People Learn While Singing in a Chorus?

When they become aware that their voice is heard above the others and they begin to blend their voices, they learn **teamwork**.

When they follow their music director's hands through a series of meter and dynamic changes, they learn **accuracy**.

When they begin to appreciate, or “grow into” a piece of music, as they would a “hand me down” jacket, they learn **patience**.

When they try out for a solo and don't get it, they learn **humility**.

When they refrain from asking questions that could wait until after rehearsal, they learn **respect**.

When they bound out of their singing positions to give a “high five” because they finally sang their most difficult piece straight through for the first time, they learn **perseverance**.

When they perform in front of an audience, they learn **risk taking**.

When they perform that difficult piece successfully in concert, they learn genuine **pride and self-esteem**.

Research shows time and again that students have only to gain from involvement in the arts.

A well organized, sustained education in music gives children intellectual and creative skills that last a lifetime.

-Sharon Ryding Lasher



@PlankNorthMusic

Library News

Jen McCorry
School Librarian

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the library this month on November 8th and 9th. We will have to move the shelves around to make room, so book exchange will be cancelled for the classes who normally have library class on those days. We will resume our regular checkout schedule on Monday, November 13th.

Just a reminder that classes come to library on the same day each week. Please help your child remember to bring their library book(s) back to school on their regular library class day. This allows sufficient time for browsing as well as getting help finding books that are just right for them.

Follow us on Instagram @planknorth_library! Thank you for your support of our library program!



Health Office News

Jen Lense, RN & Mrs. Buckley
Health Office Team

The health office needs updated physicals from Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade please. It needs to be dated 9/1/2022 or later. After your child has a physical you can have the office fax a copy to my office 585-670-4020, take a picture and email it to jennifer_lense@webstercsd.org or send a copy in with your student to bring to our office. Thank you! Stay Safe and Healthy!!



Plank North Physical Education Students of the Month – **NOVEMBER**

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 November. 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 **Ellie Lantzer** and **Quade Smith**!

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

Ellie Lantzer is a 5th grader in Mrs. Rokosz's class where her favorite subject is ELA. Outside of school, Ellie plays soccer for the Webster Lakefront Soccer Club in the position of defender. She has also participated in Ridge Runners and has run a mile race with that group. Ellie dances at the Debra MacKay School of Dance where her dancing styles are jazz, tap, ballet and pre-lyrical. At school Ellie participates in the Plank North orchestra where she plays the violin. She is also a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a Kindergarten Helper. If you have Ellie over for dinner or a snack her favorite food is fresh strawberries. When Ellie grows up, she would like to become a nurse. Ellie's favorite team to cheer for is the Buffalo Bills.

Quade Smith is a fifth grader in Mrs. Merkey's class where his favorite subject is reading. Outside of school Quade participates in soccer and plays in the position of defense for the Webster travel team. At home Quade practices on his American Ninja Warrior course that is set up in his backyard. At school, Quade is in the library book club. We asked Quade what his favorite food is and he answered nachos from Monte Alban Mexican Grill. When Quade grows up, he would like to be a professional soccer player. When cheering for a favorite football team he said, "which football?" "American, it's the Miami Dolphins and European football it's the Liverpool Football Club!"

Congratulations to our Student Athletes of the Month!



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It's **BOOK FAIR** *time!*

Plank North Library
November 8th & 9th during school

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Dates / Times / Place

Check out with eWallet—the convenient, cash-free digital payment system.
Every purchase at the Fair benefits our school! **Woo hoo!**

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DOG MAN, CAT KID COMIC CLUB © Dav Pilkey.



PN PTSA is happy to offer a pie sale opportunity with Special Touch Bakery. Just in time for the holidays! For more than 30 years, Special Touch Bakery has produced pies for the Greater Rochester community, families, restaurants, school fundraisers and now wholesale. Special Touch pies are even shipping nationwide!

Order forms with full details were sent home with students.

All orders and payment (checks to Webster Central PTSA) are due to the Plank North Main Office no later than Friday November 3 by 8:00 am. Simply place your order and payment in an envelope marked "PN Main Office" and have your child give it to their teacher. No late orders can be accepted due to orders being custom made.

Pies will arrive frozen for you to enjoy when you choose! Pie pick up will be on Monday, November 20 from 4:00-6:00 pm in Plank North parking lot.

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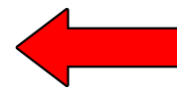
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\$6 of the adult membership comes back directly to Plank North to help us run fun events at our school! Also, your PTSA card gets you some wonderful discounts around town this year!



**For those of you have already
purchased, we are very
appreciative of your support!**

**Webster Public Library
872-7075**

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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Nickel Back Can Return	N/A