

# Pioneer Press

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Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

Marc Nelson, Interim Assistant Principal



Pioneer Families,

What an INCREDIBLE first month of school! Plank North teachers and staff have worked diligently to welcome our students and get the school year off to a wonderful start! It's exciting to see the growth our children have made in such a short period of time. We are looking forward to achieving amazing things this year.

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We have had two exciting school-wide assemblies this year already! On September 8, we had our first PN Family Gathering where we began with our live Morning Show and then discussed our goals for the year focusing on perseverance and empathy. Several members of our staff modeled their grit by tap dancing, riding a bike and roller skating to name a few! The theme and activities were reinforced by classroom teachers reading the book, 'The Magical Yet' by Angela DiTerlizzi.

On September 15, we welcomed former Harlem Globetrotter and youth motivational speaker, Corey The Dribbler. Corey Rich is an eight-time Guinness World Record Holder that has been featured on The Late Show with David Letterman, ESPN First Take, Comcast Sportsnet, Fox News and is widely considered the World's Greatest Dribbler! Along with performing his amazing talents at NBA halftime shows, Corey travels the country inspiring kids with his character education message, The 4Rs for Success.... Respect - Responsibility - Ready to Learn - Reading is Power.

Plank Road North Elementary School is a special place where our commitment to excellence, relationships and the development of thoughtful citizens is the priority.

## Calendar Reminders:

October 6 – Superintendent Conference Day (No School UPK-12)

October 9 – Columbus Day (No School UPK-12)

## Reminder – Kindergarten - 5th Grade Morning Parent Carline Drop Off Times:

In order to ensure a smooth start to the day, car riders should be dropped off from 7:40 to 7:55 am. Attendance is taken at 7:55am each day.

**School Picture Make-Up Info:**

We will be hosting a make-up day for school pictures on Wednesday, November 1 during the school day.

**Open House:**

Our Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2023, from 6:00 – 7:00pm. Families are welcome to attend, see what's happening in your child's classrooms and chat with teachers in a casual, informal setting. More information will be shared through classroom teachers and ParentSquare soon.

**Oak Tree Nominations are now being accepted:**

Co-Sponsored by the Webster Teachers' Association (WTA) and the Webster Central PTSA, the Oak Tree Award recognition program is an annual award that is designed to recognize teacher excellence in Webster Central Schools. Any Webster resident or district employee, current or former student, parent, teacher, or administrative colleague may nominate a teacher for the Elementary or Secondary Teacher of the Year Oak Tree Award. Nominations will be accepted until February 1, 2024. [Oak Tree Nomination Form](#)

Award nominees must meet the following criteria:

- \* Currently teaching in a full-time position in Webster Central Schools
  - \* Have a minimum of 5 years teaching experience in Webster Central Schools
  - \* Plan to continue to teach the next school year in, or retire from Webster Central Schools
  - \* Be a member of both the Webster Central PTSA and the Webster Teachers' Association
- Nomination is intended for an individual teacher. Group, team or grade level nominations will not be considered.

Yours in partnership,  
Craig Bodensteiner  
Principal

Marc Nelson  
Interim Assistant Principal



## REDEMPTION PROGRAMS

Redemption Programs mean \$ for our School!

THANKS FOR JOINING IN!

Imagine It

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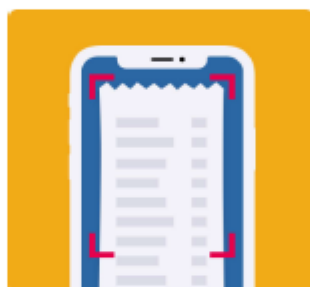


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## Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



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)



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You are also welcome to email the Plank North PTSA and we will pick-up your bags!  
**[pnptsa@websterpts.org](mailto:pnptsa@websterpts.org)**



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**WEBSTER CSD'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT VOTE - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**
**BUILDING OUR FUTURE**  
 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 11, the community-wide vote on Webster CSD's proposed capital improvement project. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Webster Schroeder High School gym, 875 Ridge Road. All community members received a *Building Our Future* Capital

Improvement Project newsletter via USPS mail in late September. You can also view that newsletter on the [district's capital improvement project web page](#) (downloads section), along with other important information regarding the proposed \$85 million project.

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

**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:

- Saturday, October 7 - Autumn Fanfare, Webster Marching Band's premier field show and competition, show starts at 6:00 p.m., Webster Schroeder HS stadium, 875 Ridge Road
- Tuesday, October 10 - Regular Business Meeting: Technology, 6:00 p.m., Spry MS, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor PDC
- Wednesday, October 11 - Capital Improvement Project VOTE, 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Webster Schroeder HS gym, 875 Ridge Road
- Tuesday, October 17 - Workshop: Counselors, 6:00 p.m., Spry MS - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor PDC



**Our 2023-24 Board of Education and Superintendent Brian Neenan**

Pictured, first row: Charlie Roods, Vice President Linda Dioguardi, Superintendent Brian Neenan, President Janice Richardson  
 Second row: Maria Cortes, Jennifer Birdsong-Ng, Carole Barnabas, Shanna LaDelfa



## Music Notes

By Miss Mossey



What a great beginning to the school year we've had in music class! Here are some of the highlights so far:

- Kindergarteners have been singing songs and playing games with a farm theme. We have also been learning how to play several percussion instruments- maracas, the cowbell, tambourines, and rhythm sticks.
- First graders have been singing the saga of Larry the Lobster. Lots of work on our singing voices and playing instruments at the right time in the song.
- Second graders have been building on the basic skills they learned in first grade. They are reviewing mallet technique and enjoying playing the barred instruments.
- Third graders are learning about singing in unison and in canon. It's much more difficult than the songs they sang in second grade!
- Fourth graders are at the beginning of a project that has students creating patterns and rhythms using hand drums. We are exploring how to use the drums to create unique sounds to incorporate into the patterns. Oh! And we're singing a great song about junk food. 😊
- Fifth graders are really taking their skills to a whole new level. We are singing more difficult songs and working on skills needed for playing in an ensemble. Simple things like starting and stopping at the same time can be quite the challenge!



@PlankNorthMusic



## Library News

Jen McCorry  
School Librarian

It has been an exciting start to the school year in the Plank North library! All students have had the opportunity to browse and borrow books from our library collection. We have read about and discussed showing CARE in the library as well as showing CARE with our library books at home.

While library books are at home, please help your child show CARE by:

1. Finding a safe place (high and dry!) at home to keep library books.
2. Protecting the book from rain and snow.
3. Having clean hands when reading the book and turning the pages from the upper right-hand corner.
4. Reporting books to the librarian that are accidentally damaged while they are checked out to him/her.
5. Developing the habit of placing library books in his/her book bag the night before library day.

Follow us on Instagram @ planknorth\_library! Thank you for your support of our library program!





## Plank North Physical Education Students of the Month – **SEPTEMBER**

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 both September and October. 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 **Bailey Murphy** and **Jacob Sharp** for the month of September and **Isobel Cannon** and **Bryce Artley** for the month of October.

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

**Bailey Murphy** is a 5th grader in Mrs. Rokosz's class where her favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Bailey plays soccer for the Webster Lakefront Soccer Club in the positions of goalie and attack. She has also participated in Ridge Runners and has ran a mile race with that group. Bailey also enjoys running at home with her family. At school she participates in the Plank North band as a percussionist and is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a kindergartner helper. If you have Bailey over for dinner her favorite food is beef tacos with a soft shell. When Bailey grows up she would like to become a physical education teacher or a personal trainer. Her favorite teams to cheer for are the U.S. Women's Soccer Team and the Miami Dolphins.

**Jacob Sharp** is a fifth grader in Mrs. Merkey's class where his favorite subject is reading. Outside of school Jacob participates in jiu-jitsu and practices this art at Shogun Martial Arts in Webster. Jacob is also in the Plank North band where he plays the trumpet. He is an outstanding member of the Plank North Safety Patrol with the job of kindergarten helper. We asked Jacob what his favorite food is and he answered oatmeal with syrup. When Jacob grows up he would like to be a construction worker. He likes to make things out of wood and would like to do something where he uses his hands. Jacob's favorite football team is the Buffalo Bills.



## Plank North Physical Education Students of the Month – **OCTOBER**

**Isobel Cannon** is a 5th grader in Ms. Napolitano's class where her favorite subject is social studies. Outside of school, Isobel 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. Isobel is a member of the Nortcoast Basketball League where she plays all different positions. At school Isobel participates in the Plank North orchestra where she plays the cello. She is also a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a morning show announcer and flag raiser. If you have Isobel over for dinner her favorite food is cheeseburgers, "made at home". When Isobel grows up she would like to become a classroom teacher. Isobel's favorite teams are the U.S. Women's Soccer Team the Cleveland Browns.



**Bryce Artley** is a fifth grader in Mrs. Peffley's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school Bryce plays hockey for the Rochester Junior Americans youth hockey organization in the position of center. When he is not on the ice he enjoys playing baseball for the Penfield Recreation league in the position of shortstop. At Plank North, Bryce is an outstanding member of the Plank North Safety Patrol with the job of sweeper. We asked Bryce what his favorite food is and he answered mom's homemade cheese pizza. When Bryce grows up he would like to be a professional hockey player for the Pittsburgh Penguins. When cheering for a favorite football team on Sunday he said, "Steelers"! Everything Pittsburgh with Bryce!

Congratulations to our Student Athletes of the Month!





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## October PTSA Event – Trunk or Treat:

Who: Plank North students and their families

When: Sunday, October 29th, 2:30-4:00 pm (Rain or Shine)



We will be parking our cars in the school parking lot and opening our decorated trunks so the children can “trick-or-treat” from car to car.

Flyers will be sent home in backpacks mid-October with further details! This is a fun event, we hope that your family can join in!



Mark your calendars for the Plank North Dance-a-thon fundraiser kicking off soon!

### Key dates to remember:

- **REGISTRATION OPENS** - 10/02/2023  
Register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com)
- **Plank North Dance-a-thon Kick Off** - 10/16/2023
- **Event Days** – 10/26/2023 & 10/27/2023 (during your student’s PE class)

Detailed information will be sent home in backpacks and emailed to families as this kick off gets closer! We plan to use any funds raised towards the Spring Dance, book vending machine, Author visits, field days and more!



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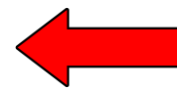
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**Parents/families, please purchase your PTSA membership today!**

**[WebsterPTSA.org/JOIN](http://WebsterPTSA.org/JOIN)**

If you have not already purchased your PTSA Membership, please do so through the link above! The cost is \$10 per adult membership/\$5 per student membership.

\$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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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	Shari Ebert
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	Kristina Mamott
Trunk or Treat	Bonnie Deiure
Square 1	Karin Anello
<b>Other PTSA Services:</b>	
PTSA Bulletin Board	Kristina Mamott
Pioneer Press Newsletter	Sarah Rook
<b>Ongoing Programs:</b>	
Box Tops for Education	Karin Anello
TOPS Markets	Karin Anello
Nickel Back Can Return	N/A