

# Pioneer Press

April 2026

Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

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With April arriving another school year is closing in! We now have just over 50 school days left. Let's work together to make the most of these days!

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.

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## **Finding Nemo Jr. – a school play packed with a dedicated and talented cast**

Congratulations to Plank North's cast and crew of Finding Nemo Jr. for all of the hard work and excellent performances put in for this year's school play. Our talented students and PTSA brought the vibrant underwater world of Finding Nemo Jr. to life! Based on the beloved Pixar film, the musical adventure featured everyone's favorite characters – Marlin, Dory and Nemo – on a heartwarming journey filled with family, friendship and adventure.

## **Annual Community Arts Day – April 11 at Webster Schroeder High School**

The Webster Central PTSA is holding this treasured One Webster tradition on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Webster Schroeder High School.

Community Arts Day (CAD) is a Webster PTSA sponsored event, created in 1976 as a joint venture with each of Webster's schools to raise money to support cultural arts activities in our 11 buildings. CAD showcases our children's artistic, vocal, musical, and theatrical talents. It also involves the whole community in a day to celebrate cultural arts, bringing in 2000+ people to enjoy activities from art displays, musical performances, craft demonstrations, community exhibits, craft vendors, sweet treats, a carnival space, and so much more!

**Spry 5-go-6 Parent Night for parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders as students transition to Spry Middle School for the 26-27 school year**

**Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 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 the Spry Middle School Counseling Office at 585-216-0045.

**Kindergarten Registration**

Just a reminder that registration for kindergarten for the 26-27 school year is open and completely online! Welcome to the Class of 2039! Parents/guardians who have a child who will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2026, that child is eligible for kindergarten enrollment for the 26-27 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](http://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 2026/27 School Year**

Just a reminder that class placement information for the 26-27 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!

**WCSD School Calendar for 2026-27**

At its meeting Tuesday, March 10, the Webster CSD Board of Education approved the calendar for the 2026-27 school year. All One Webster students, grades PreK-12, will begin classes Wednesday, September 2, 2026. The full calendar is provided on the District Calendar web page.

Yours in partnership,

Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

Jen Allen, Assistant Principal



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## REDEMPTION PROGRAMS

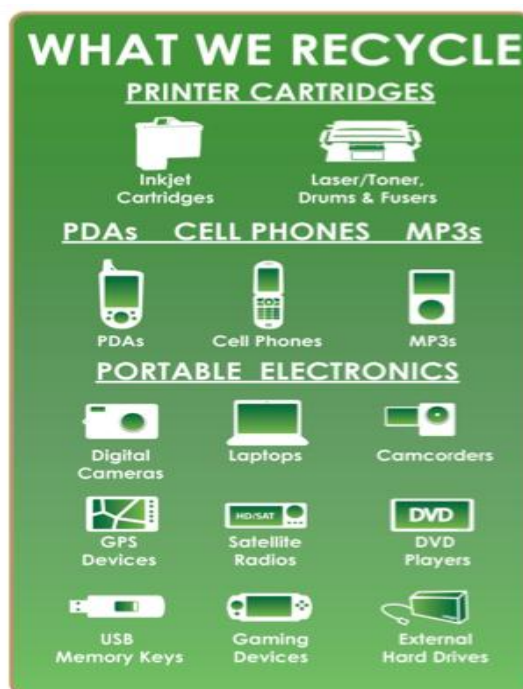
Redemption Programs mean \$ for our School!

THANKS FOR JOINING IN!

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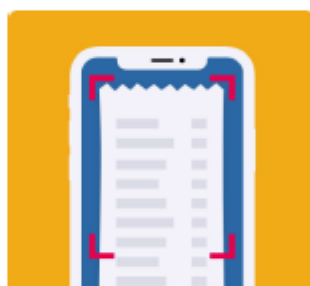


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## Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



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)



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



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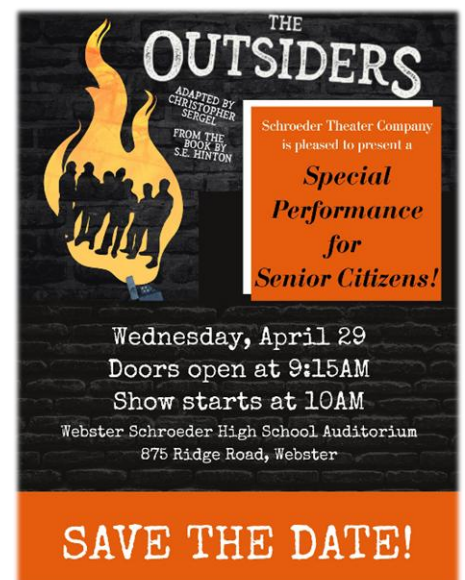
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**SAVE THE DATE! Webster CSD Invites Senior Citizens for Drama Performance on Wednesday, April 29!**

Webster CSD is inviting senior citizens residing within the district to come to Webster Schroeder High School for a morning of light refreshments and a special performance of *The Outsiders*.

Details and registration information will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars now and check back on the Webster CSD website, [www.websterschools.org](http://www.websterschools.org), for developing information.

The performance for Webster CSD senior citizens is Wednesday, April 29. Doors open at 9:15 a.m. with senior citizens checking in before heading over to enjoy some light refreshments. The show starts at 10:00 a.m.



**Stay Connected!**

With all of the exciting events happening in our district, be sure to stay informed by following the district on Facebook or visiting our district website.

“LIKE” us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/WebsterCentralSchools](http://www.facebook.com/WebsterCentralSchools)

Visit our website: [www.websterschools.org](http://www.websterschools.org)

**Be sure to join us for these upcoming board meetings:**

- Tuesday, April 7- Board of Education Workshop, Agenda: Budget Workshop #3, Spry MS, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 14- Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, Agenda: Budget Adoption, TIG, Spry MS, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.



## Music “Notes”



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 vibed to a favorite song 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.

-Miss Mossey



## Library News

Jen McCorry  
School Librarian

Plank North's March Book Madness Champion has been crowned! *Don't Trust Fish* by Neil Sharpson won the championship round by only 11 votes! We love to hear the chatter throughout the building as students and teachers discuss their favorite parts of these recently published books. Be sure to ask your child which book was their favorite. Thank you again to the PTSA for supporting this popular Plank North event!

Fifth graders have been busy reading and gearing up for the Battle of the Books that will take place this next month. Battle questions can be about the characters, setting and events of the story. Talking with your child about the book they are reading is a great way to help review the details of the story and keep them fresh in their minds for battle!

April 19 - 25 is National Library Week! We will be celebrating in the Plank North Library with books and activities to promote a love of reading. We will talk about all the great things that libraries have to offer as well as what responsibility each of us has to take care of books and materials so others can also enjoy them. Thank you for continuing to support your children in being responsible library patrons!

Thank you again for all your support. Happy Reading!



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 **Lil Catalano-Steel** and **Haris Ahmic** 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.

Lil Catalano-Steel is a fifth grader in Mrs. Peffley's class where her favorite subject is science. Outside of school, Lil plays softball (fast pitch) for Webster Xtreme in the position of catcher. Lil has also played volleyball with the recreation team Rochester Youth Volleyball League. At school, she is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a morning show announcer. She also sings in the Plank North Chorus. We asked Lil what her favorite food is and without hesitation she replied that it is her dad's buffalo chicken. When Lil grows up, she would like to become a physical education teacher and a softball coach for the high school team. When asked about her favorite team she answered both the Buffalo Bills and the NY Yankees.

Haris Ahmic is a fifth grader in Mrs. Mason/Mrs Stock's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Haris plays soccer for an elite travel team called the RNY in the position of center mid. At school, Haris is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a morning show announcer. He also plays the cello in the Plank North Orchestra and sings in the Plank North Chorus. When we asked Haris what his favorite food is he answered cheese pizza that is homemade by his dad. When Haris grows up, he would like to be a professional soccer player and play for the Liverpool FC. So, when we asked Haris what team he likes to cheer for, he said Liverpool. No surprise there!

Congratulations to our Student Athletes of the Month!



## Plank North PHYSICAL EDUCATION

3rd - 5th GRADE SWIM

**\*\*Thursday & Friday April 9&10 Thursday & Friday April 16&17\*\***

Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers:

As a part of our physical education curriculum, we will be taking each class from 3rd to 5th grade swimming at Webster Thomas HS. Students in grades 3-5 will participate in 2 class lessons.

To maximize our time at the facility, we ask that the students on your child's particular swim day come dressed in a bathing suit under their school clothes. After the swimming session, the students will be expected to change out of their bathing suits at the pool in a supervised, designated locker room just for our students. Please have your child wear comfortable clothing that is easy to change into ie: sweats/leggings/sweatshirts/sneakers.

The following is a list of supplies that your child will need for swim class:

- Swimsuit – which could be worn to school that morning
- Towel
- Undergarments
- Plastic bag to bring home wet towel and suit
- Swimming goggles with **no nosepiece** (optional)

The Webster Thomas High School pool will be an excellent teaching environment as it will be reserved for our Plank North students only during that week. Your child will be bussed by the district to the high school during their assigned swim time. Mr. Sayers and Mrs. Craig will be at the pool facility with the appropriate number of lifeguards.

This experience will expose your child to yet another way to be physically active while promoting a healthy lifestyle. The swimming unit also helps your child identify resources in the community where s/he can participate in physical activities.

Thank you for your continued support of Plank North Physical Education. If you have any questions, please contact us at:

Mrs. Craig ([Michelle\\_Craig@Webstercsd.org](mailto:Michelle_Craig@Webstercsd.org))

Mr. Sayers ([Kevin\\_Sayers@Webstercsd.org](mailto:Kevin_Sayers@Webstercsd.org))



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**705 Plank Road Webster, NY 14580**

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 Jen Allen, Assistant Principal FAX (585) 787-9009

March 9, 2026

### Plank North Swimming Schedule

**When:** Thursday - Friday April 9th and 10th 2026  
 Thursday-Friday April 16th and 17th 2026  
**Where:** Everyone swims 2 Days at the Thomas Pool on their PE day

Time	April 9	April 10	April 16	April 17
	Thursday Thomas	Friday Thomas	Thursday Thomas	Friday Thomas
	Day B	Day C	Day C	Day D
9:00-10:00 3rd	Butera/Weinmann	Haupt/Stauber	Haupt/Stauber	Butera/Weinmann
9:50-10:50 4th	4s and 1s (APE)	2s and 3s	2s and 3s	4 and 1s (APE)
10:45-11:45 5th	Rokosz/Mason/Stock(APE)	Peffley/Hanley	Peffley/Hanley	Rokosz/Mason/Stock(APE)

The students will be going during their regularly scheduled PE time.



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



Come GLOW with your friends!

Games – Photobooth – DJ – Snacks

**Don't forget to wear NEON or WHITE.**

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

**Date: Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 6:30-8PM**

**Location: Plank North Cafeteria**

Kindly RSVP by sending the bottom portion of this form back to school, which will allow the PTSA to purchase enough goodies for all who participate! \*Please note: The Glow Party is for enrolled Plank North students only and one special adult in their life.

Questions? Contact PN PTSA ~ [PNPTSA@websterptsa.org](mailto:PNPTSA@websterptsa.org) ( <https://www.websterptsa.org/committees/PlankNorth> )

This event, activity, or program is not sponsored by Webster Central School District. Approval does not imply endorsement, but is a courtesy service to the community.

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 \$12 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!

**Join Today!**

2025-2026 MEMBER  
Webster Central PTSA  
every child, one voice.

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**Please join us in supporting our students!**

**Plank North PTSA 2025 – 2026**

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**Plank North PTSA 2025 – 2026, continued**

**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!



705 Plank Road

**Phone:**

- (585) 671-8858 – Main Office
- (585) 670-4012 – Attendance Line
- (585) 670-4011 – Health Office

We're on the web!

[websterschools.org](http://websterschools.org)

**Event Chairs:**

<b>Bingo for Books</b>	Krista Castronova
<b>Bingo for Books Co-Chair</b>	Colleen Teutonico
<i>Book Fair</i>	Karin Anello
<i>Book Fair Co-Chair</i>	Alison Basch
<b>Community Arts Day</b>	Jessica Bisko
<i>Donuts with Grown-Ups</i>	Elsbeth Ebenhoe
<i>Donuts with Grown-Ups Co-Chair</i>	Marcus Ebenhoe
<b>Fall Fundraiser</b>	Bonnie Deiure
<b>Fall Fundraiser Co-Chair</b>	Sarah Brasse
<i>Fifth Grade Social</i>	Kelly Lape
<i>Fifth Grade Social Co-Chair</i>	Angela Cattat / Sarah Rook
<b>Kindergarten Play Date</b>	Alison Basch
<b>New Family Gathering</b>	VACANT
<b>School #17 Holiday Giving</b>	Kym Bernard
<b>School #17 Holiday Giving Co-Chair</b>	Katherine Roy
<i>School Picture Coordinator</i>	Rachel Eckert
<b>School Apparel Wear</b>	Krista Castronova
<b>School Apparel Wear Co-Chair</b>	Rachel Eckert
<i>School Yearbook</i>	Shari Ebert
<i>School Yearbook Co-Chair</i>	Stephanie Meeks
<b>Spring Plant Sale</b>	Alison Basch
<b>Spring Plant Sale Co-Chair</b>	Krista Castronova
<i>Square 1 Art</i>	Karin Anello
<b>Staff Appreciation Week</b>	Bonnie Deiure
<b>Staff Appreciation Week Co-Chair</b>	Mandy Notareschi
<i>Glow Dance</i>	Krista Castronova Colleen Teutonico / Katherine Roy
<i>Glow Dance Co-Chair</i>	Katherine Roy
<b>Trunk or Treat</b>	Shari Ebert
<b>Trunk or Treat Co-Chair</b>	Nicole Militello
<i>Share the Kindness</i>	Rachel Eckert
<i>Share the Kindness Co-Chair</i>	Karin Anello
<b>School Play</b>	Bonnie Deiure
<b>School Play Co-Chair</b>	Anastasia Kastrinos

**Other PTSA Services:**

<b>PTSA Bulletin Board</b>	VACANT
Pioneer Press Newsletter	Sarah Rook

**Ongoing Programs:**

Box Tops for Education	Karin Anello
Nickel Back Can Return	N/A