

# Pioneer Press

January 2026

Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

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Happy New Year! It is so hard to believe that winter break is over and 2026 is upon us! We are excited for a new year and the sense of excitement and renewal brought with it. Once again, we are so grateful for all the students, parents, and staff that bring joy to us on a daily basis! We truly hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing winter vacation!

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This time of year always conjures up the idea of resolutions. Resolutions, when we think about them, are really about setting goals and seeing them through. The easier part of the process may be picking something to change or deciding on a goal. To be persistent is probably the harder thing to do. Setting a goal—or coming up with a resolution—is a great conversation to have with your children. Spend some time discussing the idea of resolutions and share your own resolutions with your children. Help them to come up with some of their own. Better yet, set a family resolution and work together to achieve it. Setting a goal/resolution together may help you all to persevere. It is a valuable life skill and one that can benefit everyone. Perhaps you can take the time every day to think of one thing for which you are grateful.

In these cold winter months that follow, please remember to send your children to school dressed for the weather (warm coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, and snow pants). On days when it is appropriate, teachers will try to get their classes outside for some fresh winter air. We encourage you to label your child's clothing. Labeling your child's clothing will ensure that all items may be returned to the owner in an efficient manner.

## Upcoming dates to note:

Wednesday, January 14: PN Orchestra 5 Concert (@ Spry)

Thursday, January 15: 22<sup>nd</sup> PN Annual Family Fun Night

Monday, January 19: No school (PreK-12)

Wednesday, January 21: PN Band 5 Concert (@ WTHS)

**Protocol in the Event of School Closings; Early Dismissal Due to Inclement Weather**

Webster CSD families are reminded that if weather prohibits students from attending school or necessitates closing school early, this information will be communicated as soon as it is available using the district's ParentSquare system. For this reason, parents/guardians need to make sure their contact information is up-to-date with their child(ren)'s school(s). Parents/guardians can do this in one of three ways:

1. Go to [websterschools.org](http://websterschools.org), select the Parent Square button, log in and update contact information there.
2. Go to [websterschools.org](http://websterschools.org), select the Parent & Student Portal button, log in to IC and update contact information there.
3. Contact the main office of each of their child(ren)'s school(s) and provide the correct information.

Closing information is also provided on the district website at [websterschools.org](http://websterschools.org), on the district Facebook page @WebsterCentralSchools, and to local television and radio stations.

When school is closed due to weather, all aquatics, community education, and evening classes and activities are canceled as well. WonderCare may be an exception; please consult their website at [websterschools.org/wondercare](http://websterschools.org/wondercare) or Facebook.com/WonderCare.

**School #17 Holiday Giving Collection:**

Thank you!!! These two words are simple yet powerful. They are ways of expressing personal gratitude for kindness, favors, donations, and specific actions you find admirable. With that in mind, we would like to thank PTSA and all of the parents and volunteers who helped make the School #17 Holiday Giving event a huge success! The students of School #17 enjoyed a day of celebration with snacks and games to play in their classroom, as well as a meal and book to take home.

**Plank North 22nd Annual Family Fun Night – Thursday, January, 15, 2026**

This is an event for Plank North students and their parents/guardians. Younger siblings are also welcome to come, but need to stay with their parents/guardians. Older siblings are also welcome to join in the fun! There will be four stations throughout the building that families will move through (gym, art room, library and music room). The activities are designed to be appropriate for all ages and abilities and will encourage teamwork and interaction within and between families. This is a TECH-FREE event! More information to be sent home soon.

**Report Card Scoring Guide**

First semester Report Cards will be distributed via the WCSD Parent Portal on Wednesday, February 4 at 12:00pm for students in grades PreK-5.

**Nominate Exemplary Teachers for Oak Tree Award**

The Webster Teachers' Association (WTA) and Webster Central PTSA are once again joining together to honor the district's most outstanding educators and specialists through the annual Oak Tree Award recognition program. This is your chance to shine a light on the exceptional professionals within our district!

Recipients exemplify excellence in their field, a commitment to their students, and are leaders in their community. Any Webster resident or district employee, current or former student, parent, teacher, or

administrative colleague may nominate a person who meets the following criteria for the Elementary or Secondary Oak Tree Award:

- Currently in a full-time position in Webster CSD and plan to continue as such in the next year in or retire from Webster CSD.
- Eligible positions include PreK-grade 12 teachers, school counselors, psychologists, social workers, librarians, media and language specialists, and speech, occupational, and physical therapists.
- Have a minimum of five years teaching experience in Webster CSD.
- Be a member of both the Webster Central PTSA and the WTA.

The deadline for nominations is January 30, 2026. For complete details or to nominate someone, follow this [link](#).

### **Kindergarten Registration Opens Soon**

The start of the 2026-27 school year may seem far away, but for families of incoming kindergarteners, registration is right around the corner!

Families with a child who will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2026, that child is eligible for kindergarten enrollment for the upcoming school year. Kindergarten registration will open mid-January. As the date approaches, please check the district website, [websterschools.org/registration](http://websterschools.org/registration), for complete details.

### **PreK Lottery Opens February 14**

Webster CSD offers a comprehensive prekindergarten program. Families with a child who will be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2026, but who are not eligible to kindergarten, that child is eligible for prekindergarten enrollment for the upcoming school year. Lottery applications for the 2026-27 school year will be available February 14 - March 14. Learn more at [websterschools.org/preK](http://websterschools.org/preK).

Yours in partnership,

Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

Jen Allen, Assistant Principal



## REDEMPTION PROGRAMS

Redemption Programs mean \$ for our School!

THANKS FOR JOINING IN!

Imagine It

[www.imaginerecycling.com](http://www.imaginerecycling.com)

Bring in your used printer cartridges, PDA's, cell phones, MP3's, or portable electronics for recycling and Plank North will receive money back to the school.



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For over 25 years, Box Tops for Education has given families an easy way to earn for schools with products they already buy. Today, you can find thousands of participating products throughout the store — and all you need is the Box Tops app.

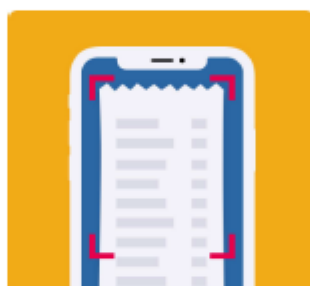


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### EARN CASH FOR SCHOOLS

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APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:





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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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JANUARY 2026

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### Webster CSD 2025-26 Goals

We are excited to share the Board of Education's district goals for the upcoming school year, which focus on enhancing our academic programs, fostering a positive climate, and optimizing operations. To achieve these goals, we are committed to continued communication, interaction, and visibility. Board members will continue to serve as PTSA liaisons for all 11 buildings and conduct "learning walks" to stay connected with students and staff. We will also keep the community informed through district





newsletters, and we look forward to working with students, families, and community members – to make a positive impact on our schools. To learn more, you can reach out to us or visit the [Webster CSD Board of Education website](#).

**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, October 14 - Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, Cabinet Advocacy, Spry MS, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Professional Development Center (PDC) - 5:00 p.m.





## Music “Notes”



As the second marking period draws to a close at the end of January, parents of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be able to see how their child is progressing in music class. (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will receive their grades for music class at the end of the school year. Kindergarteners do not receive a grade for music.) A variety of aspects and skills are assessed and reported at this time. Here are the areas that are assessed for each student using the “I can” statements:

### **Artistic Literacy**

I can demonstrate my knowledge of musical concepts.

I can utilize my singing voice with accuracy.

I can play instruments with accuracy.

I can persevere in the process of music learning.

As you can see, music class is not just about singing fun, cute songs. Since many of these aspects are skills based, most of the assessing goes on during music class within the context of a game or whole-class activity. Any written quizzes or tests are carefully planned and prepared for in music class.

Grading musical skills at the elementary age is particularly challenging because the development happens at a unique time for each child. Sometimes it even happens overnight! A student who has not “found” their singing voice may all of a sudden come to class the next day singing right on pitch. So, if your child receives a lower grade on their report card, please realize that that is very likely to change as they continue to work towards achieving the standards.

-Miss Mossey

## Library News

Jen McCorry  
School Librarian

Happy New Year from the library!

We are excited to see what books our Plank North students will be reading in 2026!

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child use proper book care at home and in transit to school. We have had a large number of water-damaged books returned to the library this year, most of which need to be taken out of circulation. Please encourage your child to keep their library books away from water bottles and any other liquids. Thank you for your help!

Please join us on Family Fun Night on Thursday, 1/15 when we welcome Jason Poole and friends from the Webster Public Library for a special story time and sing along! We hope to see you there!

Happy Reading!



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

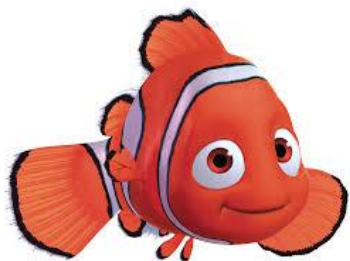
Mrs. Craig and Mr. Sayers are very proud of all the students at Plank Road North Elementary. We would like to take this time to recognize two 5th grade students that have demonstrated characteristics that were extraordinary this month. These students have shown that they are working continuously at a 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 **Hailey Rook** and **Chase Foster** for the month of January. Mrs. Craig and Mr. Sayers sat down with the students to ask them a few questions, and here are the responses.

Hailey Rook is a 5th grader in Mrs. Hanley's class where her favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Hailey plays basketball on the North Coast travel team in the positions of shooting and point guard. She also enjoys biking with friends. At school, Hailey is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a kindergarten helper. She also plays violin for the Plank North orchestra. If you have Hailey over for dinner her favorite food is mashed potatoes, "real potatoes, nothing out of a box". When Hailey grows up, she would like to become an architect. Hailey's favorite teams to cheer for are the Buffalo Bills and the New York Knicks.

Chase Foster is a fifth grader in Mrs. Rokosz's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Chase plays hockey for the Rochester Jr. Americans in the position of winger. He also plays basketball for the Mavericks in the position of point guard. At school, Chase is a member of the Plank North band where he plays the trombone. Last year as a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, Chase was a mail carrier working at the Plank North post office. When asked what his favorite food is, he answered "mom's beef soup, it's the best". When Chase grows up, he would like to be a professional hockey player. We asked Chase what team he likes to cheer for and he said Chicago Bears. He loves everything Chicago because he is from Chicago. He also likes the Miami Dolphins because his cousin played for the Dolphins.



The Plank North PTSA in conjunction with MT Ed presents...



Performances:

Friday, March 20th at 6:00PM

Saturday, March 21st at 2:00PM & 6:00PM

**\*\*SEATING IS LIMITED\*\***



<b>Registration:</b> Grades 4th & 5th	Registration is open. <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyjB5eJJ6wv2tb-nS8M6lwBiQC_uQvavC3pXquTikpvzLlmg/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyjB5eJJ6wv2tb-nS8M6lwBiQC_uQvavC3pXquTikpvzLlmg/viewform</a>
<b>In-person Auditions:</b>	Auditions will take place: <b>Wednesday 1/7 from 6-7:30PM</b> <b>Location:</b> Plank North Cafetorium
<b>Rehearsals:</b> *schedule on back	<b>Location:</b> Plank North Cafetorium
<b>Production Week/Tech Rehearsals</b>	3/16 - cast 5:00-8:00PM 3/17 - cast 5:00-8:00PM 3/18 - cast 5:00-8:00PM 3/19 - cast 5:00-8:00PM  <b>Location:</b> Plank North Cafeteria/Auditorium
<b>Cost \$50 per participant cash, check or credit</b>  <a href="https://my.cheddarup.com/c/plank-norths-ptsa-finding-nemo">https://my.cheddarup.com/c/plank-norths-ptsa-finding-nemo</a>	Payment due <b>Jan. 7, 2026</b> Please make checks payable to <b>Webster Central PTSA</b> & return in an envelope marked Attn Main Office  If the registration fee presents a financial challenge, the PTSA may be able to provide support.



### Finding Nemo Jr. Rehearsal Schedule:

Thurs 1/8 6-7:30 PM  
 Tues 1/13 6-7:30 PM  
 Wed 1/14 6-7:30 PM  
 Tues 1/20 6-7:30 PM  
 Thurs 1/22 6-7:30 PM  
 Wed 1/28 6-7:30 PM  
 Thurs 1/29 6-7:30 PM  
 Wed 2/4 6-7:30 PM  
 Thurs 2/5 6-7:30 PM  
 Wed 2/11 6-7:30 PM  
 Thurs 2/12 6-7:30 PM  
 Wed 2/25 6-7:30 PM  
 Thurs 2/26 6-7:30 PM  
 Wed 3/4 6-7:30 PM  
 Thurs 3/5 6-7:30 PM  
 Tues 3/10 6-7:30 PM  
 Wed 3/11 6-7:30 PM



### Production Week

Monday 3/16 5-8PM  
 Tues 3/17 5-8PM  
 Wed 3/18 5-8PM  
 Thurs 3/19 5-8PM

### Performances

Fri 3/20 6PM  
 Sat 3/21 2PM & 6PM

\*Each performer will receive 4 tickets per show. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$5 at the door. Seating is limited. **Everyone will need a ticket to enter the auditorium.**

Questions?	<p>~Bonnie Deiure at <a href="mailto:bondeiure@gmail.com">bondeiure@gmail.com</a></p> <p>~Anastasia Kastrinos-Salamone <a href="mailto:anastasia_salamone@webstercsd.org">anastasia_salamone@webstercsd.org</a></p>
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Webster Central  
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This event, activity or program is not sponsored by the 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](https://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**  
everychild.one voice.

**CURRENT 25-26 MEMBERS  
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DAIRY QUEEN BUY 1 BLIZZARD GET 1 FOR \$99	DEWITTE WINDOW CLEANING \$50.00 OFF A SERVICE	STEAM POLICE 10% OFF REGULAR-PRICED SERVICES
SECRET INGREDIENT \$5 OFF \$20	LALA OF WEBSTER \$5 OFF \$30 REGULAR-PRICED ITEMS	
BAY CREEK PADDLING CENTER \$5 OFF RENTALS MON-FRI		

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

## Plank North PTSA 2025 – 2026

### PN Executive Committee 2025-2026:

Chair	Karin Anello
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Secretary	Anastasia Kastrinos
Communications Coordinator	Jessica Bisko
Membership Chair	Krista Castronova
PTSA Teacher Liaison	Sheila O'Hanlon & Maureen Weinmann
School Board Liaison	Jeffrey McCaffrey



**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@websterpts.org](mailto:pnptsa@websterpts.org).

Thank you!



705 Plank Road

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(585) 670-4012 – Attendance Line

(585) 670-4011 – Health Office

We're on the web!

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

**Plank North PTSA 2025 – 2026, continued****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>	
<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
<b>Pioneer Press Newsletter</b>	Sarah Rook

**Ongoing Programs:**

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