

Pioneer Press

March 2026

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Welcome to March! It won't be long before the warm weather arrives. The first week of this month is a special time as we celebrate Read Across America Week! This annual event promotes the joy of reading, especially among children. Celebrated in honor of the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, famously known as Dr. Seuss, this week will be filled with reading events, dress-up days and fun activities for our students and staff.

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Our spring parent/teacher conference days are this month. Attending conferences and supporting your child's learning is one of the most important things you can do. Conferences present a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress in school. All your efforts and parental involvement is a direct correlation to your child's success, so again, we say THANK YOU!

Calendar Reminders

Parent/Teacher Conference Days (Half Days of School) - March 19, 20, 26 and 27

(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.)

Virtual PTSA Meeting - March 16 (6:00-7:00 pm via Google Meet Link)

PTSA Scholastic Book Fair - March 23, 24 and 25 (students will visit during assigned class times/online ordering available as well)

Spring Recess – No school March 30 – April 6; classes resume Tuesday, April 7

100th Day of School Celebrations:

Our students enjoyed their 100th day of school celebrations on February 13! Our teachers provided a variety of activities and PTSA delivered a treat honoring the occasion! Seems like just yesterday it was the first day of school! It is amazing to see the amount of growth our children have made since September! Thank you for your support!

Class Placement Input:

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 1 to the Office of the Principal.

March Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Parents should have received a message from their classroom teacher(s) on Wednesday, February 12 regarding scheduling a conference date and time. Parent Teacher Conferences for Webster CSD students grades PreK-5 will take place over four days, March 19-20 and 26-27. 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.

Kindergarten Registration:

Registration for kindergarten for the 26-27 school year has opened and it is 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 for more information and to complete the 100% online process. If you do not have access to a computer, you may make an appointment to use the Student Registration kiosk located at the district offices (door 2), 119 South Avenue, Webster. Please call (585) 216-0029 to book a time.

If you do not have an incoming kindergartner for the 26-27 school year, please help us spread the word to your friends and neighbors in the One Webster community that registration is open!

If you have any questions, please contact WCSD Student Registration at wcdschoolregistration@webstercsd.org or (585) 216-0029.

PreK Lottery Open for the 26-27 School Year

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 for 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 13-March 13. Learn more at websterschools.org/preK.

Spring Book Fair

We are excited to have our annual spring book fair event! The book fair will be held from March 23-25. Each class will have the opportunity to view and/or purchase many affordable, high quality books for sale during these days. More information will be provided from your child's teacher(s). Thank you to our Plank North PTSA for their support with this endeavor!

Staff Recognition:

We would like to invite you to recognize the amazing work of our staff! Parents, community member or students can go to the Plank North website (websterschools.org/planknorth) and complete the brief online form. Once on our website go to the left sidebar and select "Plank North Staff Recognition". Please consider taking a moment to complete the form about a staff member who has gone the extra mile for you or your child. Our Plank North Family is fortunate to have such a dedicated and supportive team!

Save the Date: Community Arts Day - April 11, 2026

Community Arts Day highlights WCSD students' creative talents and involves the whole community in a day to celebrate the arts! This treasured One Webster tradition, created in 1976, is a collaborative effort to raise funds to encourage and enhance fine arts through the Webster School District. JOIN US to enjoy musical entertainment, art displays, demonstrations and more on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Webster Schroeder High School.

Yours in partnership,

Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

Jen Allen, Assistant Principal



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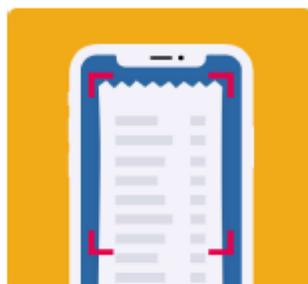


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Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



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@websterptsa.org



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Student Parent Band to Perform March 14, 2026

Save the date for an evening of great music! On Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. Willink Middle School presents its Student Parent Band with special guests The Perinton Concert Band, performing at the school at 900 Publishers Parkway.

The Student Parent Band is made up of Willink Middle School students, alumni, parents, other family, and friends, providing a multi-generational band like few others. It is directed by Tiffany DiPiazza and Matt Osika.



Webster Central PTSA Community Arts Day

Mark your calendars for a Webster tradition! On Saturday, April 11, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, the Webster Central PTSA invites you to Webster Schroeder High School for this year's Community Arts Day (CAD). Come enjoy the craft fair, participate in this year's art exhibit, and help us continue this wonderful mission of supporting the arts in our schools.

**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

Visit our website: www.websterschools.org

Be sure to join us for these upcoming board meetings:

- Tuesday, March 10- Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, Agenda: Fine Arts, Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 24- Board of Education Workshop, Agenda: Budget Workshop #2, Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.



Music "Notes"



So many exciting things are happening in music classes! I'm going to take a moment for some of the highlights in the upper grades:

Back in February, the 3rd grade classes went on a field trip to the Eastman Theatre to hear the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Students have been learning about the different instruments and how they are grouped into different instrument families. This field trip was a wonderful experience for the 3rd graders to see a "real, live" orchestra!

Recorder time is upon us! 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be learning how to play the recorder as part of the music curriculum. A paper copy of the order form has gone home with 3rd graders and any upper grades who think they may need to order a recorder. If students still have their recorder from last year or an older sibling, they may use that one and will not need to order another recorder. For an electronic copy of the information letter/order form, please check the Parent Square post.



-Miss Mossey

Library News

Jen McCorry
School Librarian

March is going to bring lots of fun and excitement to the Plank North Library!

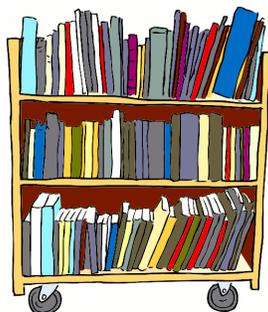
The tradition of "March Book Madness" will continue with a great selection of recently published picture books! Following the format of the NCAA tournament, the books will be paired up and students in each class will vote on which one moves on to the next round. Be sure to ask your students about the books and find out which one they favor to be this year's "Champion"!

March also means the start of "Battle of the Books" for the fifth graders. Student teams from each class will be encouraged to read from a variety of books and use their reading comprehension skills to "battle" other fifth grade teams in a trivia style competition. Please support your fifth grader by encouraging them to read daily!

Best-selling author and illustrator Brian Lies will visit Plank North on Tuesday, March 10th. All students will attend a presentation to learn more about Brian's work in creating children's books. You can learn more about Brian and his books by visiting his website, www.brianlies.com. Thank you to the Plank North PTSA for sponsoring this wonderful opportunity!

Finally, the spring installment of the Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the library on March 23-25. Keep your eye out for the class schedule and book fair flyer in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you again for all your support. Happy Reading!



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

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 **Kiley Backus** and **Joey Mamott** for the month of March. Mrs. Craig and Mr. Sayers sat down with the students to ask them a few questions, and here are the responses.

Kiley Backus is a 5th grader in Mrs. Hanley's class where her favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Kiley is a cheerleader with Icon Empire where her position is a back spotter. She is also starting to dabble in lacrosse and learning what will be her best position. At school, Kiley is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as an outdoor safety and plays the violin for the Plank North Orchestra. If you have Kiley over for dinner her favorite food is soft pretzels with cheese dipping sauce. When Kiley grows up, she would like to become a hairdresser and maybe even open her own shop. When we asked who her favorite team to cheer for, she answered of course the Buffalo Bills, but then quickly added the Baltimore Ravens too.

Joey Mamott is a fifth grader in Mrs. Rokosz's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Joey plays ice hockey for the Webster Cyclones in the position of goalie. He also plays baseball for the Webster house league in the position of catcher. At school, Joey is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol with the very important job of bus reporter. When we asked Joey what his favorite food is he answered nachos, but not loaded, he likes them with just beef, sour cream and cheese. When Joey grows up, he would like to be a professional hockey player and play for the Florida Panthers. So, when we asked Joey what team he likes to cheer for, he said the Florida Panthers (no big surprise there) but he also likes to cheer for the Buffalo Bills.

Congratulations to our Student Athletes of the Month!



THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

TOP 5 REASONS NOT TO MISS FAMILY GAME NIGHT...



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BONDING: Studies show that strong family & community bonds help protect kids against risk factors for developing substance use and other negative outcomes later in life.

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INVOLVEMENT: Modeling social ties helps kids to emulate this healthy trait.

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NETWORKING: Strengthen ties to your kids' friends and their families. Your parent network is key to keeping kids safe as they become more independent.

G

GAINING prevention knowledge & resources helps prepare you to guide kids safely through their tween and teen years.

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OH, did we mention **CANDY**? It's **FREE** Candy Bar **BINGO** with all your friends, what's not to love?

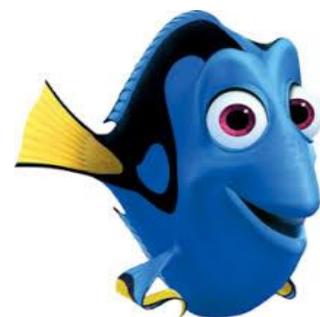
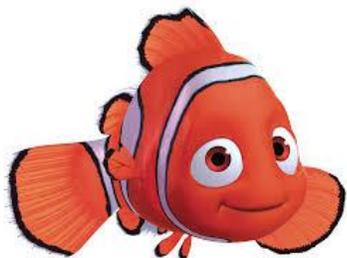
Join us in the Plank North School cafeteria for an evening of **FREE CANDY BAR BINGO** presented by **WHEN: Webster Health & Education Network** and **Plank North PTSA**. Scan the QR code or visit WHENdfcc.org/events for more information & to register so we can be sure to bring enough candy!

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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****

To purchase tickets:

<https://plank-norths-ptsa-finding-nemo-43378.cheddarup.com>



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Scholastic Book Fair

Coming Soon to Plank North!!

PLANK NORTH ROOM 207

Monday March 23rd

Tuesday March 24th

Wednesday March 25th

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/plankroadnorthelemsch>



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<https://www.websterptsa.org/committees/PlankNorth>

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Parents/families, please purchase your PTSA membership today!

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!



Plank North PTSA 2025 – 2026

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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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Plank North PTSA 2025 – 2026, continued

Event Chairs:

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

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Ongoing Programs:

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