

Pioneer Press

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Plank North Newsletter Message – May, 2025

Spring is here and excitement is in the air as we continue to have a wonderful year of learning here at Plank North. As always, we greatly appreciate the combined efforts of all as we support our students in successfully meeting the highest standards set before them.

With the arrival of warmer weather, it's not surprising that our students couldn't be happier! The long winter forced us to endure many extended periods indoors. As we quickly approach the end of the school year this time of year brings many field trips and times of outdoor exploration. It has been so nice to see everyone enjoying recess outside! A friendly reminder that your child's footwear needs to be safe for all activities. For example, playing basketball at recess with flip flops would not be appropriate.

The first full week of May gives us an opportunity to honor our AMAZING teachers and staff! Special thanks to Plank North's PTSA for filling the week with goodies and surprises! Our Plank North Family is fortunate to have such a dedicated and supportive team! Please consider taking a moment to complete the website form (websterschools.org/plankNorth) about a staff member who has gone the extra mile for you or your child. Parents, community members or students can go to the Plank North homepage and complete the brief online form (found on the left sidebar). I have attached the link for everyone to have: [Link to Pioneer Staff Recognition](#)

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Calendar Reminders:

May 7 - Spring Concert (PN/PS 5th Gr. Orchestra Concert at Schroeder, directed by Mrs. Biscaro)

May 8 - Spring Concert (PN Chorus Concert at Spry, directed by Mrs. Crasta)

May 8 and 9 - Plank North PTSA Spring Plant Sale

May 10 - Community Arts Day at Schroeder from 10:00am-4:00pm

May 12 - PN PTSA Virtual Meeting from 6-7:00pm

May 14 - Spring Concert (PN/PS 4th Gr. Orchestra Concert at PS, directed by Mrs. Biscaro)

May 15 - Spring Concert (4/5 PN & Schlegel Band Concert at Schlegel, directed by Mr. Russo)

May 16 - No School PreK-8 – Superintendent Conference Day

May 17 - PTSA Outdoor Event (Donuts with Grown-Ups)

May 20 - Annual Budget Vote and Election

May 26 - Memorial Day (No School UPK-12)

Spry 5 go 6 Parent Night for parents of 5th graders as students transition to Spry Middle School for the 25-26 school year:

Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30 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: Registration is still taking place for the 2025/26 school year and it's completely online! Parents/guardians who have a child who will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2025, that child is eligible for kindergarten enrollment for the 25-26 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 have any questions, please contact WCSD Student Registration at wcdschoolregistration@webstercsd.org or (585)216-0029.

WCSD Budget Vote: The Webster CSD Annual Budget Vote and Election of Board of Education Candidates is slated to take place Tuesday, May 20. All voting is scheduled to take place in-person, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the gym at Webster Schroeder High School, 875 Ridge Road, Webster.

Notification for Class Placement for the 2025/26 School Year: Just a reminder that class placement information for the 25-26 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!

Webster CSD School Calendar for 2025-26: The Webster CSD Board of Education has approved the calendar for the 2025-26 school year. All One Webster students, grades PreK-12, will begin classes Tuesday, September 2. The full calendar is available under the Full Calendars links on the District Calendar web page – websterschools.org

Yours in partnership,

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REDEMPTION PROGRAMS

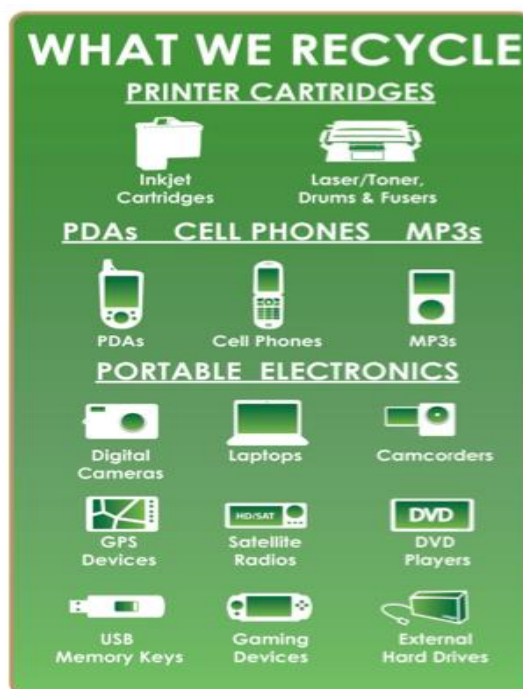
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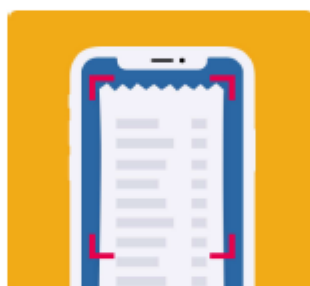


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Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



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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2025-2026 School Calendar Released

As we move toward the end of the current school year, we are also planning for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The new school calendar was approved during the March 11 board of education meeting and sent through ParentSquare to all district staff members and families. You may also view the new calendar on the district [website](#).

Budget Vote Information Available

The Webster CSD Annual Budget Vote and Election of Board of Education Candidates is slated to take place Tuesday, May 20, 6:00 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Webster Schroeder High School, 875 Ridge Road, Webster. Please visit our [district budget web page](#) to watch our budget workshop series and learn more about the Monroe County Board of Election new voting machines.

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. Together, we thrive and make a positive impact on our schools and community! Please reach out to us to learn more about our district goals or visit the [Webster CSD Board of Education website](#).

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Upcoming board meetings:

- Tuesday, May 6 - Board of Education Workshop, Agenda: FACS, Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 13 - Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, Agenda: Public Budget Hearing, Safety Plan Hearing, Oak Tree, Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 20 - Annual Election and Budget Vote, Webster Schroeder High School 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM



Music "Notes"



By Miss Mossey

Kindergarten students have continued to play lots of games designed to help them find their singing voice, discover a steady beat, and learn how to play lots of different percussion instruments! We've been singing about "Spring-y" things such as bees and different kinds of birds.

1st graders learned a fun song about a person named Billy Sad. (Ask your first grader why Billy Sad is sad!) Then we started to make the connection between pictures and music notation and how music notes are simply a picture of sound.

2nd graders are learning to listen for patterns in music and have also learned that beats can be grouped into 2s or 3s. Our Conductor of the Day has had to learn a new conducting pattern!

3rd graders have continued to learn lots of tunes on the recorder. We are learning how to have good playing technique and make sounds that are musical, not noise. No squeaks, here!

4th graders have been working on adding to their repertoire of recorder tunes. We've been learning new notes and kicking things up a notch with the level of difficulty!

5th graders have been working on their ability to listen and play together as an ensemble. We are doing lots of playing on the barred instruments and are learning all of the notes of a C Major scale on the recorder!

-Miss Mossey

Library News

Jen McCorry
School Librarian

It has been a busy spring in the Plank North Library!

Fifth graders have been busy reading and gearing up for the Battle of the Books that will take place this month. 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!

On May 27th, author Alicia Klepeis will be visiting Plank North! Alicia writes nonfiction books that feature facts and information on a wide variety of topics including animals, countries, football teams, and famous people. We will be spending the month of May reading some of Alicia's books in preparation of the visit. You can visit Alicia's website (www.aliciaklepeis.com) with your family to learn a little more about her and her books. Thank you to the Plank North PTSA for sponsoring this wonderful opportunity for our students!

There has been an alarming increase in the number of books returned with water damage. Many students tell us that their water bottle has spilled or leaked in the backpack. Unfortunately, many of these books then have to be removed from the library collection. Please remind your child to keep their library books away from any kind of liquids. Thank you!

May 30th will be the last day for students to borrow books from the library. All books will be due on June 6th. If your child has an overdue book, please encourage them to return it to the library as soon as possible. This is a great time to encourage your child to look under the bed or deep in the closet for any books that may have been misplaced. Please email me at Jennifer_McCorry@webstercsd.org if you have any questions about overdue books. We appreciate all of your help and support!

Happy Reading!



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

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 **Ava Oehlbeck** and **Tucker East** for the month of May. Mrs. Craig and Mr. Sayers sat down with the students to ask them a few questions, and here are the responses.

Ava Oehlbeck is a 5th grader in Mrs. Merkey's class where her favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Ava is planning on joining a volleyball league and plays outside a lot with friends and siblings. Here at school Ava is very busy. She is a girl scout and a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a kindergarten helper. Ava also plays violin in the Plank North Orchestra. If you have Ava over for dinner her favorite food is avocados. When Ava grows up she would like to become a veterinarian. Her favorite team to cheer for is the Buffalo Bills!

Tucker East is a fifth grader in Mrs. Rokosz's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school Tucker plays football for the Webster Jr. Warriors in the position of wide receiver. He also plays basketball for the Webster North Coast Team in the position of power forward or center. Here at school Tucker is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as an outside safety and he also plays the trombone in the Plank North Band. When asked what Tucker's favorite food is he quickly answered homemade jerk chicken that his dad makes; he said there is nothing better! When Tucker grows up he would like to be a professional basketball player or football player. We asked Tucker what team he likes to cheer for and he has two: the Kansas Chiefs for football and the Boston Celtics for basketball.

Congratulations to our Student Athletes of the Month!



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PN PTSA Spring Plant Sale

Thursday, May 8th and Friday, May 9th

Cost: \$0.75 per plant/maximum 6 plants per student to purchase

*Plus each student will get 1 plant free! *

(This means some students will bring home 7 plants)

*Please bring your own bag (Any reusable bag will work great!)

Varieties (subject to change):

Impatiens, Begonias, Marigolds, Pansies, Petunias, & Violas

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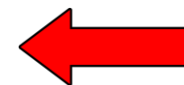
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Parents/families, please purchase your PTSA membership today!

WebsterPTSA.org/JOIN

If you have not already purchased your PTSA Membership, please do so through the link above! The cost is \$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!

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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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<u>Other PTSA Services:</u>	
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