

Pioneer Press

May 2026

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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](#)

Calendar Reminders:

May 4 - Spring Concert (PN Chorus Concert @ Plank North, directed by Mrs. Crasta)

May 6 and 7 - Plank North PTSA Spring Plant Sale

May 6 - Spring Concert (PN/PS 5th Gr. Orchestra Concert @ Schroeder, directed by Mrs. Biscaro)

May 8 - Superintendent Conference Day (No school PreK-8)

May 11 - PN PTSA Virtual Meeting from 6-7:00pm

May 13 - Spring Concert (PN/PS 4th Gr. Orchestra Concert @ PS, directed by Mrs. Biscaro)

May 14 - Spring Concert (4/5 PN & Schlegel Band Concert @ Schlegel, directed by Mr. Russo)

May 16 - PTSA Outdoor Event (Donuts with Grown-Ups)

May 19 - Annual Budget Vote and Election

May 21 - 26-27 Kindergarten Orientation Night (for parents/guardians only)

May 25 - Memorial Day (No School PreK-12)

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

- Tuesday, May 26th 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.

Student ID badges – important message for the 26-27 school year

Please note that students will be required to use their current assigned badge for the upcoming 26-27 school year. **We ask that you find a secure location to store the badge over the summer break.**

Student badge replacement plan for Fall 2026:

- First Replacement: One additional badge will be provided at no cost.
- Subsequent Replacements: If a student loses their badge again, a \$10.00 fee will be charged for each replacement.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration is still taking place for the 2026/27 school year and it's completely online! 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 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 19. 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 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!

Webster CSD School Calendar for 2026-27

The Webster CSD Board of Education has approved the calendar for the 2026-27 school year. All One Webster students, grades PreK-12, will begin classes Wednesday, September 2. The full calendar is available under the Full Calendars links on the District Calendar web page – websterschools.org

Yours in partnership,

Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

Jen Allen, Assistant Principal



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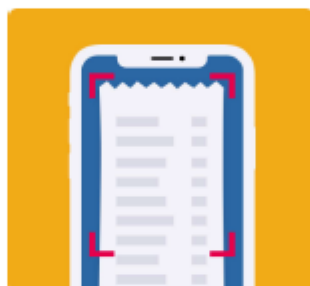


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Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



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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2026-2027 School Calendar Released

As we move toward the end of the current school year, we are also planning for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The new school calendar was approved during the March 10 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 19, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Webster Schroeder High School, 875 Ridge Road, Webster. Please visit our [district budget web page](#) to watch our budget workshop series.

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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Visit our website: www.websterschools.org

Upcoming board meetings:

- Tuesday, May 5 - 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 12 - Board of Education Workshop, Agenda: Data, Metrics, Goal Setting, Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 19 - Annual Election and Budget Vote, Webster Schroeder High School 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM



Music "Notes"



Important Concert Information

The musicians at Plank North have been working very hard to prepare for their spring concerts. Here is all the information for our students in orchestra, band, and chorus. We can't wait to celebrate all the hard work you've put in all year!

Chorus

Monday, May 4 - Plank North Chorus Concert at Plank North Elementary

Students arrive at 6:10pm

Concert begins at 6:30pm

Student Concert Attire is nice clothes- dress pants/top, skirt/blouse, dress, etc.

Orchestra

Wednesday, May 6 - 5th Grade Orchestra Concert at Schroeder HS

This is the combined Plank North and Plank South 5th Grade Orchestras

Students arrive at 5:45pm

Concert begins at 6:30pm in the auditorium

Student Concert Attire is nice, all black clothing

Wednesday, May 13 - 4th Grade Orchestra Concert at Plank South Elementary

This is the combined Plank North and Plank South 4th Grade Orchestras

Students arrive at 6:00pm

Concert begins at 6:30pm

Student Concert Attire is nice, all black clothing

Band

Thursday, May 14th Band at Schlegel Road School

Band picnic and concert

Concert begins at 6:30pm

-Miss Mossey

Art News

Hello, Plank North Families! I can't believe we are nearing the end of the school year already. The students are really excited to be taking their artwork home soon. Here is what we have been working on in the Plank North Art Room.

- Kindergarten & First Grade: Kindergarten and 1st Grade artists just finished completing a sketchbook cover with our Art Student Teacher, Miss Sage. These covers were inspired by the artist Romero Britto. The students reviewed lines, shapes, patterns and color. They brought their sketchbooks to life by adding some googly eyes. Our younger artists will be starting their Spring Sheep and we will be talking about perspective, exploring different ways we can use/show space in our art.
- 2nd-3rd Grade: 2nd and 3rd Grade artists finished an Alma Thomas inspired mosaic with Miss Sage. They looked at and discussed the work of African American artist, Alma Thomas. They talked about how she used pattern, rhythm and color in her paintings to show movement. The students then created their own artwork by cutting a variety of shapes and arranging them into colorful patterns. We are now working on a vegetable garden, exploring using texture in our art.
- 4th-5th Grade: Our 4th and 5th Graders created a still life using fake fruit with Miss Sage. They talked about how to arrange a still life to create an interesting composition. They discussed how to use simple shapes to draw their fruit and then used oil pastels to color and create shadows/highlights. We will be finishing this project this week and then starting watercolor impressionist landscapes.

Miss Sage finished her student teaching with us Friday, April 24th. She had an amazing six weeks with us and enjoyed getting to know all of the kiddos. Before leaving she was able to recognize 18 students who had their work chosen for RIT's Artist Teacher Invitational Art Show. This art show will be held Thursday, May 7th from 5 PM-8 PM at Joy Gallery 498 West Main Street Rochester, NY 14608. If your artwork wasn't chosen, you are still welcome to attend! We hope to see you there!

-Miss Jordan



Library News

Jen McCorry
School Librarian

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

We celebrated the benefits of libraries during National Library Week. As you make family plans for the summer, be sure to check out the various programs offered at the Webster Public 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!

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 29th will be the last day for students to borrow books from the library. All books will be due on June 5th. 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 **Kendall Caraballo** and **Dominic Katz** 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.

Kendall Caraballo is a fifth grader in Mrs. Peffley's class where her favorite subject is reading. Outside of school, Kendall plays flag football for RIS in many different positions. Kendall also plays volleyball with the recreation team RYVL. At school, Kendall is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a morning show announcer. She also sings in the Plank North Chorus. Kendall is really busy! She is also a member of the Plank North Orchestra where she plays the cello. We asked Kendall what her favorite food is and she quickly responded sushi. When Kendall grows up, she would like to become a billionaire. I asked about a trust fund, and she said no she would make it on her own as a lawyer. When asked about her favorite team she answered the Buffalo Bills if she had to pick one.

Dominic Katz is a fifth grader in Mrs. Peffley's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Dominic plays travel hockey for the Jr. Amerks in the position of center. Dominic also plays a lot of pickleball in his driveway and a little lacrosse which is a great crossover sport for hockey. Here at school, Dominic is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a library helper. Dominic plays saxophone in the Plank North Band. When we asked Dominic what his favorite food is he answered steak "out" at Black & Blue where he likes to order it medium. When Dominic grows up, he would like to be an architect or a state trooper. We asked Dominic who his favorite team is, and he answered it's all Buffalo. Buffalo Sabres and the Bills!

Congratulations to our student athletes of the month!



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Order Forms **COMING SOON**

*Plank North PTSA
Kittelberger Floral
Fundraiser*

May 1st - May 22nd

Plank North PTSA is teaming up with Kittelberger Florist for our first floral fundraiser. For \$50, you get a punch card valid for one fresh bouquet per month for an entire year. It's a total steal and a great way to support our PTSA. Let's make this year bloom!

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YOU'RE ALL THAT... AND A BAG OF CHIPS!



PLANK NORTH PTSA PRESENTS

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK 2026



MONDAY, MAY 4

PUMP UP THE JAM

ENJOY BREAKFAST ON US! THERE WILL BE BREAKFAST PIZZA, BAGELS, PASTRIES, YOGURT & MORE!

TUESDAY, MAY 5

SIPPIN' ON [COFFEE] AND JUICE. LAID BACK...

TRAVELIN' TOM'S COFFEE TRUCK WILL BE HERE FROM 9:30-11:30AM. DELIVERIES AVAILABLE!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

YOU'RE KILLIN' ME SMELLS

CARNATIONS WITH SPECIAL NOTES FROM STUDENTS WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOU THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

THURSDAY, MAY 7

WE WERE ON A BREAK... ROOM

WE'LL STOCK THE BREAKROOM WITH SNACKS & BEVERAGES!

FRIDAY, MAY 1*

OH MY GOD, BECKY LOOK AT HER BUNDT

WE'LL HAVE DELICIOUS TREATS & HYDRATION STATION IN THE BREAKROOM FOR ALL OF YOU TO ENJOY!

*Due to the shortened week, Staff Appreciation will begin on Friday May 1st





Plank North PTSA PLANT SALE

May 6 & 7



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DONUTS

with

GROWN-UPS

**SATURDAY
MAY 16**

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**9:00-10:00
am**

Join us for a fun-filled morning of fresh donuts, hot coffee, juice and playground fun!

Plank North Playground and Outside Area

All Plank North students and their families are welcome to attend!

RSVP

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SAVE THE DATE

**PN PTSA
FAMILY NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH
AT 6:45 PM**

INNOVATIVE FIELD

ROCHESTER RED WINGS VS TOLEDO MUD HENS

\$10 TICKETS

\$5 PN STUDENT TICKETS

ORDER FORMS COMING SOON

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2026-2027 VOLUNTEER NEEDED



PLANK NORTH PTSA IS IN NEED OF A:

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

- COORDINATE WITH CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS TO SHARE DISTRICT WIDE INFORMATION
- COORDINATE PTSA EMAIL NEWSLETTERS
- CREATE ENGAGING CONTENT



Please reach out to
PNPTSA@websterpts.org



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

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!

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Plank North PTSA 2025 – 2026

PN Executive Committee 2025-2026:

Chair	Karin Anello
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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

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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We're on the web!

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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
School Play Co-Chair	Anastasia Kastrinos

Other PTSA Services:

PTSA Bulletin Board	VACANT
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Ongoing Programs:

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Nickel Back Can Return	N/A