

Pioneer Press

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Thank you, parents! November is a perfect time of year to reflect and to practice gratitude. We appreciate your partnership as we work as a team to create the best learning experience for your student. Your work in providing a caring environment at home that nurtures and respects education provides a solid platform for us to build on. Our work together creates a team of support for your child that allows great learning to happen academically, socially and emotionally. Thank you for your hard work and ongoing support of our hard work.

We recently enjoyed an assembly by Jared Campbell, an award-winning singer/songwriter from upstate New York, who performed his original songs to teach kids all about being an amazing human! Jared has been traveling the country performing for thousands of people and hundreds of schools over the past decade. He's shared the stage with famous bands and musicians and has also been featured on TV. You can stream or download Jared's music on any listening platform including: Apple Music, Pandora and YouTube to name a few.

Calendar Reminders:

- November 4-6 Scholastic Book Fair
- November 5 Open House
- November 7 Green and Gold Day
- November 10 PTSA Meeting (virtual from 6-7:00pm)
- November 11 No School (PreK-12)
- November 13 Spirit Day (World Kindness Day - wear bright colors or kind messages)
- November 20-21 & 24-25 – Parent/Teacher Conference Days
(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 am and parent pick up from 10:00-10:10 am each of these days.)
- November 26-28 No School (PreK-12)

Plank North Book Fair:

It's Book Fair Time at Plank North! Look for flyers to come home soon! On November 4-6 students will get to visit the Scholastic Book Fair at their assigned classroom time. On-line shopping will be offered as well. What better way to promote reading to our children than by supporting this literacy event! We'll have a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. The Book Fair will also be open during Plank North's Open House on November 5.

Plank North Open House:

Our Open House at Plank North is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Classrooms will be open for visits during this one-hour period. Open House is always well attended. It's a good time for your children to show you around their school and classroom. In addition, our Book Fair (located in Room 207) will be open to families! We hope to see you there. Parking is limited. Please be sure to take advantage of the spaces in Plank South's Bus Loop and Eastern Lot.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Fall parent conferences will take place during the afternoons of November 20, 21 and 24, 25 (1/2 days of school for students). Spring conference dates will be March 19, 20 and March 26, 27 (1/2 days of school for students). Conferences will be scheduled electronically using ParentSquare.

School Related Professionals (SRP) Recognition Day: Tuesday, November 18, 2025

School-Related Professionals work side-by-side as partners in the education of our children:

- Bus drivers safely transport students to and from school
- Secretaries keep offices running smoothly and efficiently
- Teaching assistants and paraprofessionals help educate
- Nurses and other health care staff keep students healthy
- Building and teacher aides assist with care
- Cafeteria staff provide nutritious meals
- Custodians keep the school clean
- Maintenance staff keeps it all running
- Security keeps everyone safe

We appreciate our Webster School-Related Professionals on this and every day!

Nominations Sought 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](#).

Yours in partnership,

Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

Jen Allen, Assistant Principal



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REDEMPTION PROGRAMS

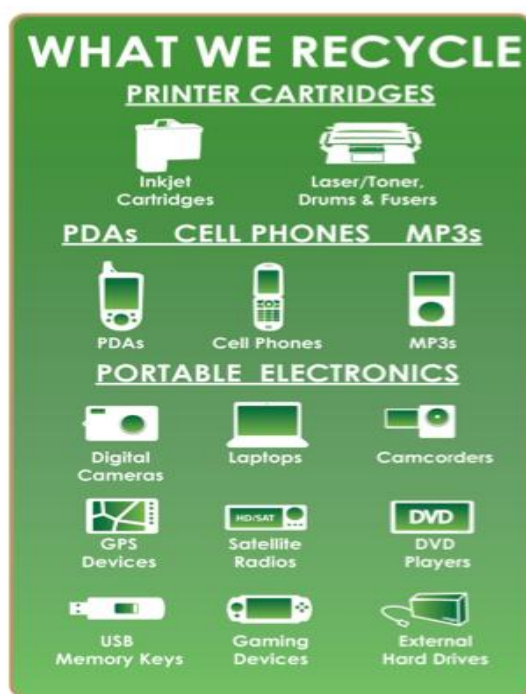
Redemption Programs mean \$ for our School!

THANKS FOR JOINING IN!

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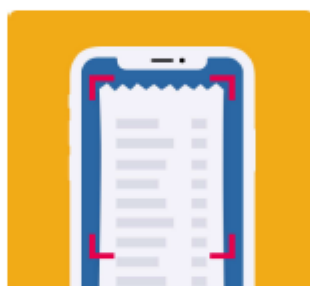


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Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



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)



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



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An Event to Honor our Veterans

Veterans and active duty service personnel and their families are invited to Spry Middle School for a complimentary dinner in their honor. On Thursday, November 6, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. students will be serving up a pasta dinner in the cafetorium of the middle school at 119 South Avenue, Webster. Veterans and active duty service personnel and their families living within the Webster Central School District boundaries are invited to enjoy a spaghetti dinner. Reservations are required by calling (585) 216-0093.



Congratulations, Superintendent Brian Neenan!

Webster CSD Superintendent Brian Neenan was recently inducted into the Honeoye Falls-Lima Alumni Hall of Fame. The induction committee shared the following statement:

Brian Neenan's greatest strength is his unwavering moral compass, shaped by his family, his faith, and his upbringing on Neenan Farms. Guided by a deep commitment to service, a belief in the dignity of every person, and a drive to lead with integrity, Brian Neenan embodies the very best of the HF-L legacy—leadership, service, kindness, and the enduring power of the paw.



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, November 4- Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, Hall of Fame, Spry MS, 2nd floor Professional Development Center (PDC) - 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 18- Board of Education Workshop, Problem Solving, Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.



Music “Notes”



Here’s the rundown on what’s been going on in music classes lately!

Kindergarten- We have just finished up our unit on barnyard animals. Each week we would sing songs and play music games focused around a different animal. Students learned how to play the hand drums, guiros, maracas, cowbell (more cowbell!), and wood blocks.

1st Grade- First graders have been learning about things that have a steady beat and how to read music notation using pictures. We’ve also been having fun exploring high and low, and learning more about our speaking voices, whisper voices, shouting voices, and singing voices.

2nd Grade- In second grade students have been brushing off their music reading skills and taking their instrument playing to a whole new level! Instead of just playing a steady beat or “exploring” the barred instruments by playing notes of their choosing, students are working on following high and low notes to match the song that is being sung.

3rd Grade- Third graders are learning the difference between singing in unison and singing in canon. It’s pretty tricky! Singing in canon (or in a round) involves multiple groups of people singing the same song but starting at different times. It can be really challenging to stay on your group’s part when someone else is singing something different nearby.

4th Grade- Fourth graders have also been singing in canon and getting really good at it! Ask any one of them for a rousing chorus of the “Fruit Canon” and you’ll see what I mean. 😊 We are also getting into some trickier rhythm reading and learning all about sixteenth notes.

5th Grade- Fifth graders are just starting to dive into a challenging (but truly beautiful sounding) piece on the barred instruments. We are working on using good mallet technique, so this piece sounds really nice. We also just finished learning about dotted quarter notes using the theme from “The Pink Panther.”

-Miss Mossey

Art News

Welcome back, Plank North Artists! I hope you all had an amazing summer as well as a great start to the Fall season. We have started the year off strong with some AMAZING artwork from all grade levels. Listed below are some of the projects that we have been working on.

- **Kindergarten & First Grade:** Kindergarten and 1st Grade Artists started off the school year with our annual Square 1 Art Fundraiser. They created rainbow self-portraits with some crazy hair. Since then, they have also practiced painting a variety of lines, creating Line Monsters. They had just finished learning about geometric shapes and created the pigeon from “Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus” by Mo Willems.
- **2nd Grade:** For 2nd Grade’s Square 1 Art, they created owls and decorated their owls with a variety of patterns. Since then, they reviewed how to make different lines, and they created snakes inspired by “Larry the Line” written by Cassie Stephens. They have also created some Keith Haring-inspired artwork trying to recreate some of the artist’s most popular figures. They are currently working on a fall project: creating pumpkin stacks while reviewing Geometric and Organic shapes.
- **3rd Grade:** 3rd Grade Artists also created Owls for their Square 1 Art. Their next big project was creating their own Larry the Line from Cassie Stephen’s “Larry the Line.” They reviewed and applied a variety of lines in the negative space of their one large Larry on a 12” x 18” piece of paper. They will be starting their own Pumpkin stacks and reviewing Geometric and Organic shapes.
- **4th and 5th Grade:** 4th and 5th Grade Artists started the year off reviewing different lines by creating Zentangle Landscapes for their Square 1 Art. Next, they learned about Neurographs and created their own Neurograph while listening to different types of music. This was an exploratory project where students played with different ways to apply lines, shapes and patterns to their art. They even got to see how salt interacts with watercolor paint! Most classes started creating their Kudulah-Inspired Monsters in a Jar. We will be reviewing Geometric and Organic shapes.

I will keep everyone updated on when the Square 1 Art is ready to order. No need to worry about that at this time! Friendly reminder, artwork won’t be coming home until the end of the school year except any 3-dimensional artwork.

-Miss Jordan



Library News

Jen McCorry
School Librarian

We have had a large number of books that have been damaged by water so far this year. Unfortunately, in many of these cases the book must be replaced with a new copy. Please help your child find a safe way to transport their books to and from school. Thank you for your help!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Plank North this month on November 4th, 5th and 6th. Please look for information from your child's teacher about which day their class will be shopping. The Book Fair will be held in Room 207 this year, so library classes and checkout will go on as normal on those days.

On November 7th, the fourth and fifth grade students will enjoy a visit by bestselling children's author Kate Messner! She will be at Plank North as part of a book tour to discuss her latest middle grade novel, *The Trouble With Heroes*. If you would like to learn more about Kate and her books, please visit www.katemessner.com.

Thank you to all families for helping the children keep track of their library day in the 5-day rotation. We are thrilled about the number of books that have been returned on library day! If your child ever forgets on library day, please encourage them to bring them back the next day. We have open book check time out every morning just for this reason!

Thank you for your continued support.

Happy Reading!



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

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 **Brynlee Stulpin** and **Connor O'Reilly** for the month of November. Mrs. Craig and Mr. Sayers sat down with the students to ask them a few questions, and here are the responses.

Brynlee Stulpin is a 5th grader in Mrs. Peffley's class where her favorite subject is typing and writing. Outside of school, Brynlee plays travel soccer for the Webster Lakefront Soccer Club as a goalie. She also plays outside with friends as much as her schedule allows. In addition to soccer and playing outside, Brynlee takes classes of jiu-jitsu at Shogun. At school Brynlee is a busy kid; she is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a Kindergartner Helper, plays the clarinet in the school band and is in the Ridge Runners Club. If you have Brynlee over for dinner her favorite food is tortilla soup. When she grows up, she would like to become an orthodontist. Brynlee has three favorite teams she likes to cheer for: the Buffalo Bills and the Pittsburgh Steelers (not sure how she can like both teams) and also the International Futbol Club Barcelona (we call it soccer).

Connor O'Reilly is a fifth grader in Mrs. Rokosz's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school Connor plays baseball on the Crimson Pride youth baseball team in the position of pitcher. He also plays football for the Webster Jr. Warriors in the position of quarterback and hockey for the Webster Cyclones in the position of left wing. At school, Connor is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as an Outside Safety and he plays trombone in the 5th grade band. When asked what Connor's favorite food is he answered cheese pizza from 2 Ton Tony's (in Irondequoit). When Connor grows up, he would like to be a professional football player and play for the Buffalo Bills (The timing might be perfect)! We asked Connor what team he likes to cheer for, he said without hesitation Buffalo Bills all the way!



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Hello Plank North Families,

Coming home to you soon is your child's custom catalog for the Square 1 Art fundraiser - featuring their own name and art on the cover,
WITH FREE STICKERS OF THEIR ART!

Order by: 11/25/2025

SQUARE 1 ART
IT STARTS WITH THE ART!

Coming Soon!



**Your child's art on
custom keepsakes!**

square1art.com/shop

Questions? Contact PN PTSA ~ PNPTSA@websterpts.org
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HOLIDAY WREATH & POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

(wreaths & poinsettias from Partyka Farms)



Approx 24' diameter
Double-faced Balsam Fir Wreath
w/weather-proof velvet bow, red
holly berries & pinecones



6'-6.5' Foil Pot
Florist-quality poinsettia
in a decorative foil pot
Available in red, pink, & white



Approx 24' diameter
Double-faced Balsam Fir Wreath
w/weather proof bow

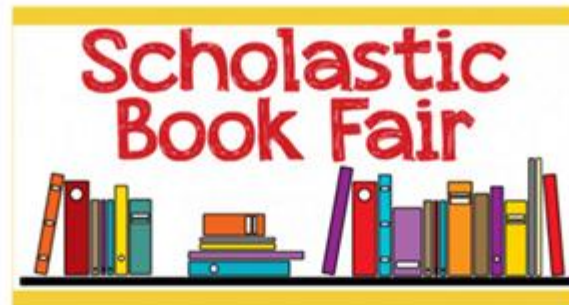
Look for order forms in your youngest student's backpack!

Order forms due NOVEMBER 12th

Questions? Contact the Plank North PTSA at PlankNorthPTSA@gmail.com



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PLANK NORTH ROOM 207

Tuesday November 4th

Wednesday November 5th

Thursday November 6th

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



PLANK NORTH PTSA PIE PICK-UP

Tuesday, November 18th

4:30-7:00 pm

Plank North Parking Lot

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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

PN Executive Committee 2025-2026:

Chair	Karin Anello
Vice Chair	Alison Basch
Financial Manager	Bonnie Deiure
Secretary	Anastasia Kastrinos-Salamone
Communications Coordinator	Jessica Bisko
Membership Chair	Krista Cantronova
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

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@websterpts.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 /
<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-Salamone

Other PTSA Services:

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Ongoing Programs:

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