

Pioneer Press

October 2025

Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

Jennifer Allen, Assistant Principal



What an INCREDIBLE first month of school! Plank North teachers and staff have worked diligently to welcome our students and get the school year off to a wonderful start! It's exciting to see the growth our children have made in such a short period of time. We are looking forward to achieving amazing things this year.

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On September 12, we had our first PN Family Gathering where we began with our live Morning Show and then discussed our goals for the year focusing on a theme of "Unlocking Your Best Self". We also were thrilled to get a visit from our school mascot, PRIDE the Pioneer Moose! Our "moosecot" sure brought lots of smiles to the kids' faces.

Plank Road North Elementary School is a special place where our commitment to excellence, relationships and the development of thoughtful citizens is the priority. Welcome back Pioneer school family. We look forward to another wonderful year!

Calendar Reminders:

October 3 – Green and Gold Day

October 10 – Superintendent Conference Day (No School PreK-12)

October 13 – Indigenous People's Day (No School PreK-12)

October 19 – PTSA's Annual Trunk or Treat event

October 27-31 – Red Ribbon Week

October 29 – School Picture Re-Take Day

October 31 – PreK-5 Costume Celebration Day

Attendance:

If your child is going to be absent, dropped off late or picked up early for any reason, please do one of the following:

- Call the attendance line, (585) 670-4012 - we check multiple times a day and it is available 24 hours a day.
- Send in a note to your child's teacher with your child's name, teacher, date(s) and reason for absence/early pick up.

Reminder – Kindergarten - 5th Grade Morning Parent Carline Drop Off Times:

In order to ensure a smooth start to the day, car riders should be dropped off from 7:40 to 7:55 am. Attendance is taken at 7:55am each day.

Visitor Check In/Out:

WCSD is continuing to use the Visitor Aware Check-In System to enter our school. Visitors check in at the building using an iPad located in the vestibule. Valid ID is still required to get a visitor badge.

Self-Registration: You can pre-register once a year from any device via this link: [Self-Registration](#). This link is for Plank North families only. You must re-register each year for access to the building. After registering, you'll receive a QR code on your phone. Save it for easy access. When you arrive, scan the QR code at the iPad near the entrance to check in. The Main Office staff will then give you your visitor badge.

School Picture Make-Up Info:

We will be hosting a make-up day for school pictures on Wednesday, October 29 during the school day.

Chorus for 4th and 5th Grade Students:

If your 4th or 5th grade child is interested in school chorus, rehearsals are held ONE day per week, after the end of the school day from 2:00-3:00 pm. Families will need to provide their child with their own transportation home after their one-day a-week practice. To sign your child up, please follow this [LINK](#).

Open House:

Our Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 2025, from 6:00 - 7:00pm. Families are welcome to attend, see what's happening in your child's classrooms and chat with teachers in a casual, informal setting. More information will be shared through classroom teachers and ParentSquare soon.

Updating the Parent/Student Portal:

We would like to remind parents/guardians that you can update your information (phone numbers/emails) in the WCSD Parent/Student Portal to ensure you are receiving notifications in a timely manner. In the Family Information section of the Portal, simply edit the new phone number or email and save ALL edits. You will then receive a note in your IC process inbox (not your regular email inbox) letting you know whether your requested phone number change has been approved. PLEASE NOTE that changes to existing Parent/Student Portal home addresses must still be made by contacting your school's main office.

You can find the Parent/Student Portal as a quick link on your child's school website (and the district website www.websterschools.org at Parent & Student Portal).

Individuals who need their IC activation code or who have questions should email ICPortal@webstercsd.org.

Yours in partnership,

Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

Jen Allen, Assistant Principal



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REDEMPTION PROGRAMS

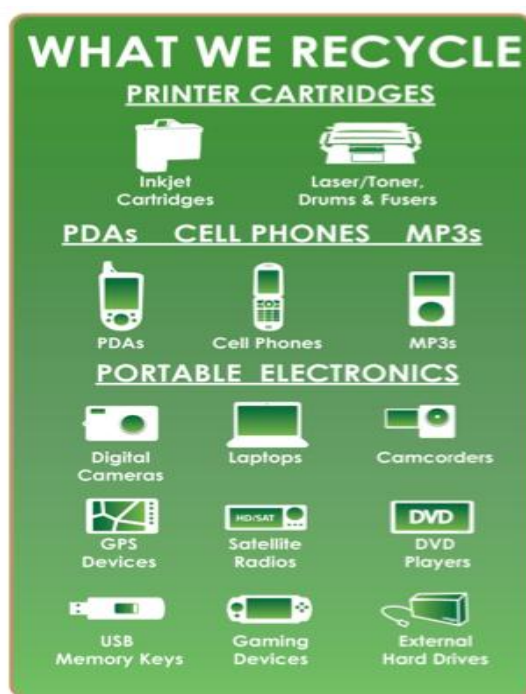
Redemption Programs mean \$ for our School!

THANKS FOR JOINING IN!

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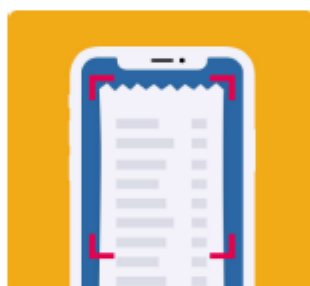


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Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



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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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

Visit our website: 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, 2nd floor Professional Development Center (PDC) - 5:00 p.m.



Music "Notes"



Welcome back, Plank North musicians! I hope your summer was full of swimming pools, fun, and ice cream! What a great beginning to the school year we've had in music class! Here are some of the highlights so far:

- Kindergarteners have been singing songs and playing games with a farm theme. We have also been learning how to play several percussion instruments- maracas, the cowbell, tambourines, and rhythm sticks.
- First graders have been singing the saga of Larry the Lobster. There has been a lot of work on our singing voices and playing instruments at the right time in the song. Did you know that we have four voices? Ask them about that!
- Second graders have been building on the basic skills they learned in first grade. They are reviewing mallet technique and enjoying playing the barred instruments.
- Third graders are learning about singing in unison and in canon. It's much more difficult than the songs they sang in second grade! We have also started working on the skills that will be needed when the recorder unit starts after winter break.
- Fourth graders are at the beginning of a project that has them creating patterns and rhythms using hand drums. We are exploring how to use the drums to create unique sounds to incorporate into the patterns.
- Fifth graders are really taking their skills to a whole new level. We are singing more difficult songs and working on skills needed for playing in an ensemble. Simple things like starting and stopping at the same time can be quite the challenge!

-Miss Mossey

Library News

Jen McCorry
School Librarian

We are off to a great start in the Plank North Library! 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!

We have been learning and reviewing proper book care procedures. Please help your child remember the following things while they borrow library books:

- Find a safe place at home to keep library books - - a safe place is high and dry!
- Have clean hands when reading the book and turn the pages from the upper right-hand corner.
- Carry library books to school in his/her backpack.
- Develop the habit of placing library books in his/her backpack the night before library day.
- Report books that are accidentally lost or damaged to Mrs. McCorry or Mrs. McComber.
- If library books are lost or damaged, payment is expected so that we may replace them for others to enjoy.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns about library books.
Thank you for your partnership!

Happy Reading!



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

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 **Julia Curatalo** and **Cameron Cornell** for the month of September and **Raelyn Lape** and **Mitchell McAlpin** for the month of October. Mrs. Craig and Mr. Sayers sat down with the students to ask them a few questions, and here are the responses.

Julia Curatalo is a 5th grader in Mrs. Rokosz's class where her favorite subject is math. Outside of school Julia plays soccer for the Lakefront Soccer Club in the position of center midfielder or striker. At school Julia is very busy. She is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as an outdoor safety. Julia also plays violin in the Plank North Orchestra. If you have Julia over for dinner her favorite food is nachos. When Julia grows up she would like to become a physical education teacher like her dad. Julia's favorite team to cheer for is the Miami Dolphins and a "Football" team named Portugal.

Cameron Cornell is a fifth grader in Mrs. Hanley's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school Cameron plays soccer in the Premier League as a defensive back. At school Cameron is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as an outside safety and he plays the french horn in the Plank North Band. When asked what Cameron's favorite food is, he quickly answered homemade soft beef tacos. When Cameron grows up, he would like to be a professional soccer player/"football player" for the LA Galaxy. We asked Cameron what team he likes to cheer for and he has two: for American football he is a Bills fan, but his real team is the Real Madrid CF (we call it soccer).



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

Raelyn Lape is a 5th grader in Mrs. Rokosz's class where her favorite subject is math. Outside of school Rae plays soccer for the Penfield Strikers Soccer Club in the position of midfielder and wing. She also dabbles in lacrosse and is active in the Ridge Runners Running Club. At school Raelyn is a busy kid; she is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as an art helper and she plays the trumpet in the school band just like her brothers before her, carrying on a Lape legacy. Rae somehow has time to also be involved in Girl Scouts. If you have her over for dinner good luck she admits to being a picky eater. She did reveal that her favorite food is plain cheese pasta with mozzarella cheese not parm. When Raelyn grows up, she would like to become an elementary school teacher. Rae has two favorite teams she likes to cheer for: the US football team the Buffalo Bills and the international football team Portugal. (We call it soccer.)



Mitchell McAlpin is a fifth grader in Mrs. Hanley's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school Mitchell plays baseball on the Webster Wolves team in the position of pitcher. He also plays basketball for St. Rita's in the wintertime. At school Mitchell is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as an outside safety and he plays percussion in the Plank North Band. When asked what Mitchell's favorite food is, he laughed and answered tater tots. When Mitchell grows up, he would like to be a professional baseball player for the NY Yankees. We asked Mitchell what team he likes to cheer for, in the fall and winter he is a Buffalo Bills fan but, in the spring and summer he is all about baseball and his team is the NY Yankees.



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2:00-3:30PM
(RAIN OR SHINE)

Get ready for some spooky fun at...
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**PLANK NORTH FAMILIES WILL BE PARKING THEIR CARS IN THE SCHOOLS
PARKING LOT AND OPENING THEIR TRUNKS SO THE CHILDREN CAN
"TRICK-OR-TREAT" FROM CAR TO CAR.**

There will be **PRIZES** for best decorated trunks and best costumes!

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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
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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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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	VACANT
<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 Anastasia Kastrinos-
School Play Co-Chair	Salamone

Other PTSA Services:

PTSA Bulletin Board	VACANT
Pioneer Press Newsletter	Sarah Rook

Ongoing Programs:

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