

# Pioneer Press

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## Report Cards

First semester report cards will be distributed through Parent Square on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025 at 12:00 pm for students in grades PreK-5. You can also view your child's report card on the portal by following these steps:

-Log into the Parent Portal using your credentials

-On the left side select "More" and then "Backpack"

-Select the appropriate report card

## Protocol in the Event of School Closings; Early Dismissal Due to Inclement Weather

Webster CSD families are reminded that if weather prohibits students from attending school or necessitates closing school early, this information will be communicated as soon as it is available using the district's ParentSquare system. Information will also be provided on the district website ([websterschools.org](http://websterschools.org)), on district social media, and to local television and radio stations. When school is closed due to weather, all aquatics, community education, and evening classes and activities are canceled as well. WonderCare may be an exception; please consult their website, [websterschools.org/wondercare](http://websterschools.org/wondercare)

Should the district need to dismiss early, bus riders will return home in the same order as a regular school day. Parents are asked to be prepared with a plan in the event of an early dismissal and discuss it with their children.

Weather conditions vary widely across the district. Parents/guardians are the final authority in deciding whether to send a child to school. Weather related absences are legal absences; however, parents are required to notify schools if their children will not be attending.

### **Warrior Reading Day**

Recently, students in grades K - 5 enjoyed a special visit from the Webster Schroeder HS Boys Basketball Team. Under the direction of coach, Rashaad Stokelin, the high school athletes visited classrooms to read children's books aloud to PN students. They took the time to talk about why learning to be a good reader is important, what it has afforded them and where they hope it will take them in the future.

### **Global School Play Day – Wednesday, February 5**

Plank North will celebrate Global School Play Day on February 5, 2025. On this special day, we will celebrate by reflecting on the benefits and necessity of unstructured play. Global School Play Day is always a fun day to get away from staring at screens and instead interacting with peers through unstructured play.

### **Kindergarten Registration**

Do you have a child who will turn 5 before December 1, 2025? If so, they are eligible for the kindergarten program offered in our schools. We invite you to enroll now via our online process at [websterschools.org/registration](https://websterschools.org/registration)

- 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.
- Current WCSD PreK students do not need to re-register for kindergarten as they will be rolled up and enrolled for the 25-26 school year.
- If you have any questions, please contact Webster CSD Student Registration at [wcsdschoolregistration@webstercsd.org](mailto:wcsdschoolregistration@webstercsd.org) or (585) 216-0029.

### **PreK Lottery Opens February 14 at 10:00 am**

Webster CSD offers a comprehensive prekindergarten program. Families with a child who will be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2025, but who are not eligible to kindergarten, that child is eligible for prekindergarten enrollment for the upcoming school year. Lottery applications for the 2025-26 school year will be available February 14-March 14. Learn more at [websterschools.org/preK](https://websterschools.org/preK).

### **Winter Recess**

School will be closed and classes cancelled for all Webster students in grades PreK-12 during President's Week, February 17-21. Classes will resume on Monday, February 24.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Mark your calendars! Parent-Teacher Conferences for students in grades PreK-5 will be held on March 20, 21, 27 and 28. Each of these days will be a half day of instruction for students. Buses will leave the Plank North parking lot at 10:00 am with Parent Pick Up from 10:00-10:10 am.

**Creativity and Imagination Collide at Camp Invention**

Looking for ways to keep your kindergartner-sixth grader busy in a fun, mentally challenging way this summer? Then consider signing them up for Camp Invention, where fun and creativity collide! Our very own Mr. Gorski is the Camp Director!

This science, math, engineering, and technology (STEM) themed camp will once again take place at Webster CSD. Freshly themed each summer, Camp Invention provides an experience that builds confidence, creativity, and imagination. Campers team up with friends to explore open-ended STEM challenges led by qualified educators and guaranteed to be full of hands-on fun!

All of this will be happening July 21-25, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Spry Middle School, 119 South Avenue, Webster. Cost is \$300 per camper with sibling discounts of up to \$40 off per child. Extended day hours also be available, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., for an additional \$100 (select Extended Camp during checkout). Register before March 20 to save \$24 with code FUN25 at [invent.org/camp](http://invent.org/camp). Payment plans are available at [invent.org/cisave](http://invent.org/cisave). Register now at [invent.org/camp](http://invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332!

Yours in partnership,

Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

Jennifer Allen, Assistant Principal



## REDEMPTION PROGRAMS

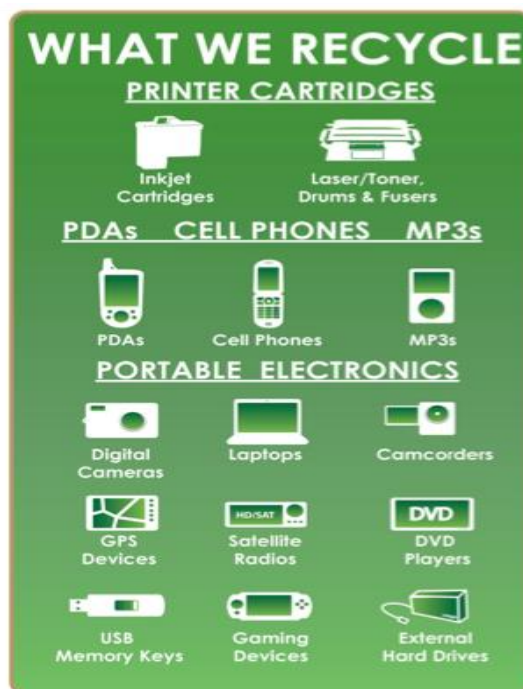
Redemption Programs mean \$ for our School!

THANKS FOR JOINING IN!

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Bring in your used printer cartridges, PDA's, cell phones, MP3's, or portable electronics for recycling and Plank North will receive money back to the school.



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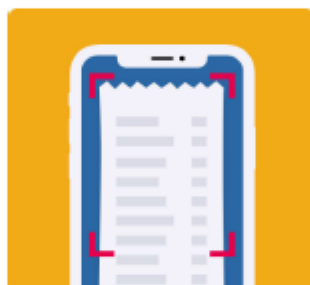


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## Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



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)



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You are also welcome to email the Plank North PTSA and we will pick-up your bags!  
[pnptsa@websterpts.org](mailto:pnptsa@websterpts.org)



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### **Webster CSD Kindergarten Registration Open for 2025-26**

Webster CSD kindergarten registration for the 2025-26 school year is open. Parents/guardians who have an incoming kindergartner, please register them today at the district's student registration web page, [websterschools.org/registration](http://websterschools.org/registration).

If you do not have an incoming kindergartner for the 2025-26 school year, please help Webster CSD spread the word by sharing with friends and neighbors in the One Webster community that registration is open.



### **Webster Prekindergarten Registration**

Webster CSD prekindergarten registration is not open yet. The preK lottery for the 2025-26 school year will be open February 14-March 14.

**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](#).

**“LIKE” us on Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/WebsterCentralSchools](http://www.facebook.com/WebsterCentralSchools)

**Visit our website:** [www.websterschools.org](http://www.websterschools.org)

**Be sure to join us for these upcoming board meetings:**

- Tuesday, February 11- Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, Agenda: Athletics, Spry MS, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 25- Board of Education Workshop, Agenda: Math (Elementary), Spry MS, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.





## Music "Notes"



By Miss Mossey

There are so many exciting things happening in music classes already in 2025!

Kindergarteners and 1st graders are developing solid foundations by being able to identify concepts like fast/slow, loud/quiet, and high/low. Singing games, playing percussion instruments, moving with music, and dramatic play are present in every music class.

Second graders are developing some fine skills at playing the barred instruments. Lately they have been improvising (making up on the spot) melodies for a familiar song. We have also been enjoying playing games with rhythm sticks to the song "Sarasponda." And at the beginning of each class a different student has the opportunity to be the "Conductor of the Day."

Third grade students are taking a field trip to the Eastman Theatre in February! We will be experiencing a performance by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra! We have been preparing in music classes for this exciting field trip by learning about the different families of instruments and doing listening activities centered around the pieces we will hear the RPO play.

Fourth graders have been working on learning a challenging piece on the barred instruments. It has been a new challenge to play together with a large group of players. Students are learning that it's ok to make mistakes as long as we persevere and work together to develop strategies to play better.

Fifth graders have also spent a good amount of time playing the barred instruments by playing a piece called "Round Robin Rondo." Singing and playing instruments is at the core of every music class with the occasional silly (and somewhat educational) game thrown in. :-)



We also want to welcome our student teacher for the next several weeks, Ms. CJ Stremickj! She is a student at Nazareth University and will be sharing lots of great songs, games, and activities in the music room with Miss Mossey.

-Miss Mossey

## Library News

Jen McCorry  
School Librarian

The February Reading Challenge is to read a biography. It can be someone who is famous or someone who did something interesting. Your child can read any kind of book, something from a magazine, or even an article off of the computer.

Reading a biography helps build important skills such as empathy and understanding. We will have a display in the library to promote some biographies of interesting people who the students may never have heard of! If your child chooses to participate, please click on the link below to help him/her to complete the Google form and submit their reading information by the end of the month.

[February - Reading Can Take You Anywhere Form](#)

Happy Reading!



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

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 **Lilah Gockley** and **Owen Cadwell** for the month of February. Mrs. Craig and Mr. Sayers sat down with the students to ask them a few questions, and here are the responses.

Lilah Gockley is a 5th grader in Mrs. Rokosz's class where her favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Lilah participates in cheer at the Stingray All Stars New York Cheerleading and Tumbling Club of Rochester. Lilah also plays volleyball through the Webster Parks and Recreation program. At school Lilah is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a sweeper where she is the last person out of the building and gives the OK for the buses to roll. If you have Lilah over for dinner her favorite food is mac and cheese "out of the box". When Lilah grows up she would like to become an aesthetician specializing in skin care. Lilah's favorite team to cheer for is the Buffalo Bills.

Owen Cadwell is a fifth grader in Mrs. Rokosz's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school Owen plays hockey for the Rochester Jr. Americans Youth Hockey Organization in the position of forward. Owen also plays lacrosse for Webster Youth Warriors Lacrosse in the position of defense. When asked what his favorite food is he quickly answered sushi. When Owen grows up he would like to be an engineer. We asked Owen what team he likes to cheer for and he definitively answered the Miami Dolphins for football. Fins Up!

Congratulations to our Student Athletes of the Month!





THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

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



**B**

**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.

**I**

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

**N**

**NETWORKING:** Strengthen ties to your kids' friends and their families. Your parent network is key to keeping kids safe as they get older.

**G**

**GET:** a chance to WIN \$50! Sign up for WHEN's monthly newsletter at the event to be included in a drawing for a VISA gift card!

**O**

**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](http://WHENdfcc.org/events) for more information & to register so we can be sure to bring enough candy!



\*\*Please note: the date of the April Glow Dance is now Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>!\*\*

Webster Central  
**PTSA**

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# Snow Tubing at Greystone

**Tuesday, February 18th**

**Tickets start @ 10am**

**Get your friends & family group together  
and register for a similar start time.**

**Lodge and restaurant open for parents too!**

Spry PTSA and our 5th grade transition team is inviting 5th grade families from Plank North, Plank South, and State Road elementaries for a winter mixer.

**Buy tickets here.**

**Discount for 5th grade families until Feb 7th.**



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**Questions? Email: [spryptsa@websterpts.org](mailto:spryptsa@websterpts.org)**

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**WC PTSA members: buy 1 Blizzard, get 1 for 99c every day!**




**WC PTSA members save 10% on teas and shakes at Nourished!**




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**Parents/families, please purchase your PTSA membership today!**

**[WebsterPTSA.org/JOIN](http://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!**

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:pnptsa@websterptsa.org).

Thank you!



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- (585) 670-4012 – Attendance Line
- (585) 670-4011 – Health Office

We're on the web!

[websterschools.org](http://websterschools.org)

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