

Pioneer Press

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Plank North Newsletter Message – March 2025

Welcome to March! It won't be long before the warm weather arrives. The first week of this month is a special time as we celebrate Read Across America Week! This annual event promotes the joy of reading, especially among children. Celebrated in honor of the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, famously known as Dr. Seuss, this week will be filled with reading events, dress-up days and fun activities for our students and staff.

Our spring parent/teacher conference days are this month. Attending conferences and supporting your child's learning is one of the most important things you can do. Conferences present a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress in school. All your efforts and parental involvement is a direct correlation to your child's success, so again, we say THANK YOU!

Calendar Reminders

Parent/Teacher Conference Days (Half Days of School) - March 20, 21, 27 and 28

(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 and parent pick up from 10:00-10:10 each of these days.)

Virtual PTSA Meeting - March 17 (3:00-4:00 pm via Google Meet Link)

PTSA Scholastic Book Fair - March 24, 25 and 26 (students will visit during assigned class times/online ordering available as well)

100th Day of School Celebrations:

Our students enjoyed their 100th day of school celebrations on February 14! Our teachers provided a variety of activities and PTSA delivered a treat honoring the occasion! Seems like just yesterday it was the first day of school! It is amazing to see the amount of growth our children have made since September! Thank you for your support!

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Class Placement Input:

Class placement of the students is a significant decision with many perspectives to consider. Recognizing the importance of a child's classroom assignment doesn't make it any easier. From the school's perspective, our ability to locate students with similar learning needs can be very helpful in scheduling the services these students require to help them be successful academically. This school-based need takes on more significance with the growth of support services provided to the students. I ask that parents be open to the placement needs identified by your child's teacher.

With the above in mind, parents are asked to only provide input that would seriously impact your child's ability to be successful in school. **The request for a specific teacher isn't a part of this process.** We recognize the need to maintain open lines of communication and will consider information about your child and what suits their learning from your perspective. Please provide this information in writing by May 1 to the Office of the Principal.

March Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Parents should have received a message from their classroom teacher(s) on Wednesday, February 12 regarding scheduling a conference date and time. Parent Teacher Conferences for Webster CSD students grades PreK-5 will take place over four days, March 20-21 and 27-28. 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 and parent pick up from 10:00-10:10 each of these days.

Kindergarten Registration:

Registration for kindergarten for the 25-26 school year has opened and it is completely online! Welcome to the Class of 2038! 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 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.

If you do not have an incoming kindergartner for the 25-26 school year, please help us spread the word to your friends and neighbors in the One Webster community that registration is open!

If you have any questions, please contact WCDSD Student Registration at wcdschoolregistration@webstercsd.org or (585) 216-0029.

PreK Lottery Open for the 25-26 School Year

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 for 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.

Spring Book Fair

We are excited to have our annual spring book fair event! The book fair will be held from March 24-26. Each class will have the opportunity to view and/or purchase many affordable, high quality books for sale during

these days. More information will be provided from your child's teacher(s). Thank you to our Plank North PTSA for their support with this endeavor!

Staff Recognition:

We would like to invite you to recognize the amazing work of our staff! Parents, community member or students can go to the Plank North website (websterschools.org/planknorth) and complete the brief online form. Once on our website go to the left sidebar and select "Plank North Staff Recognition". Please consider taking a moment to complete the form about a staff member who has gone the extra mile for you or your child. Our Plank North Family is fortunate to have such a dedicated and supportive team!

Save the Date: Community Arts Day - May 10, 2025

Community Arts Day highlights WCSD students' creative talents and involves the whole community in a day to celebrate the arts! This treasured One Webster tradition, created in 1976, is a collaborative effort to raise funds to encourage and enhance fine arts through the Webster School District. JOIN US to enjoy musical entertainment, art displays, demonstrations and more on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Webster Schroeder High School.

Yours in partnership,

Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

Jennifer Allen, Assistant Principal



REDEMPTION PROGRAMS

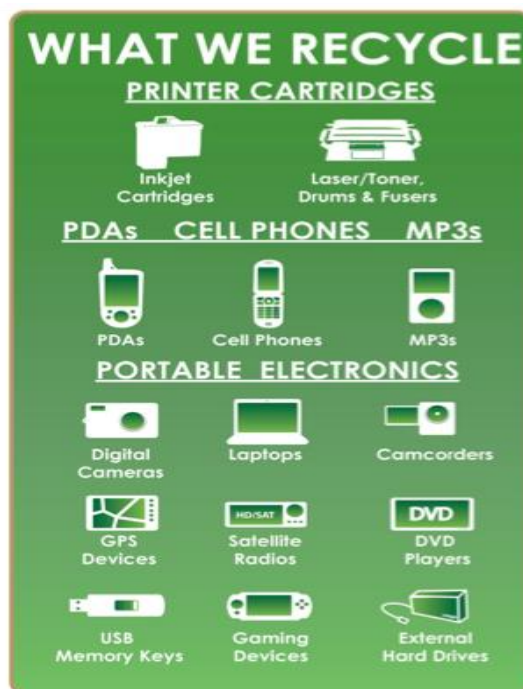
Redemption Programs mean \$ for our School!

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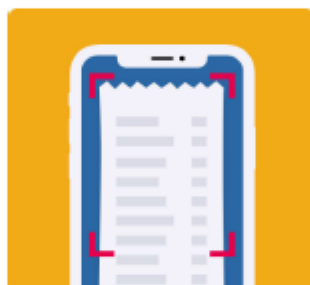


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Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



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)



You are also welcome to email the Plank North PTSA and we will pick-up your bags!
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Webster CSD Celebrates Music in our Schools Month!

For 40 years, March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) for the observance of Music In Our Schools Month® (MIOSM®). Our district is looking forward to celebrating the talents of our student musicians and artists with thousands of other districts throughout the country.

While our district hosts concerts and art shows throughout the year, the following are just a few examples of the opportunities for community audiences this month:

- Webster Thomas High School Concert Band and Wind Ensemble, and Willink 8th grade Band (performing at Thomas), March 4

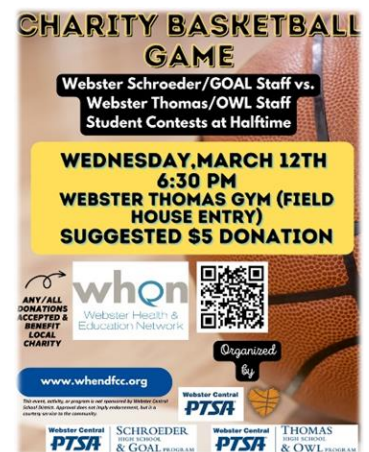
- Webster Thomas High School Concert Orchestra and Philharmonic Orchestra, and Willink 8th grade Orchestra (performing at Thomas), March 6
- Spry Middle School, *Once Upon a Mattress Youth Edition*, March 7-8
- Webster Thomas High School, *Legally Blonde The Musical*, March 27-29



Be sure to check the [district calendar](#) for even more opportunities to celebrate the talents of our students throughout March and all year long!

Charity Basketball Game to Benefit WHEN!

Webster Schroeder and GOAL staff take on the Webster Thomas and OWL staff for the annual charity basketball game on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Webster Thomas High School gym, 800 Five Mile Line Road. The event will benefit the Webster Health and Education Network (WHEN), a community coalition that promotes healthy, substance-free behaviors and lifestyles within our community. The suggested donation is \$5.



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

Visit our website:

www.websterschools.org

Be sure to join us for these upcoming board meetings:

- Tuesday, March 4 - Board of Education Workshop, Agenda: Budget Workshop #1, Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 11 - Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, Agenda: Fine Arts/CAD, Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 18 - Board of Education Workshop, Agenda: Budget Workshop #2, Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.



Music "Notes"



By Miss Mossey

So many exciting things are happening in music classes! I'm going to take a moment for some of the highlights in the upper grades.

Back in February, the 3rd grade classes went on a field trip to the Eastman Theatre to hear the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Students have been learning about the different instruments and how they are grouped into different instrument families. This field trip was a wonderful experience for the 3rd graders to see a "real, live" orchestra.

Recorder time is upon us! 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be learning how to play the recorder as part of the music curriculum. A paper copy of the order form will be going home with 3rd graders and any upper grades who think they may need to order a recorder. (If students still have their recorder from last year or an older sibling, they may use that one and will not need to order another recorder.) For an electronic copy of the information letter/order form, please [click here](#).

-Miss Mossey



Library News

Jen McCorry
School Librarian

March is going to bring lots of fun and excitement to the Plank North Library!

The tradition of "March Book Madness" will continue with a great selection of recently published picture books! Following the format of the NCAA tournament, the books will be paired up and students in each class will vote on which one moves on to the next round. Be sure to ask your students about the books and find out which one they favor to be this year's "Champion"!

March also means the start of "Battle of the Books" for the fifth graders. Student teams from each class will be encouraged to read from a variety of books and use their reading comprehension skills to "battle" other fifth grade teams in a trivia style competition. Please encourage your fifth grader to participate in this exciting event!

Finally, the spring installment of the Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the library on March 24-26. Keep your eye out for the class schedule and book fair flyer in the next couple of weeks.

The Reading Can Take You Anywhere challenge of BIOGRAPHY has been extended into March. With Black History Month in February and Women's History Month in March, there are so many great people to read about! Please encourage your child to read a biography in the form of a book, magazine article or even something from the internet so they can have an opportunity to stamp the Plank North Passport! Be on the lookout for the Parent Square email with the link to the Google form to participate.

As always, we would like to thank all of our Plank North families for making the library a priority and part of your family routine. Over 14,000 books have been checked out so far this year! That is fantastic! Please continue to reinforce responsibility with your children through proper book care and returning books on library day. Thank you for your support!

Happy Reading!



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

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 **Ariana Derks** and **Jackson Barr** for the month of March. Mrs. Craig and Mr. Sayers sat down with the students to ask them a few questions, and here are the responses.

Ariana Derks is a 5th grader in Mrs. Merkey's class where her favorite subject is reading. Outside of school, Ariana does some tumbling and plays outside a lot. She is also required to watch a lot of ice hockey. If you have Ariana over for dinner her favorite food is sushi, she is not very picky, she likes all sushi, right now she prefers sushi from Wegmans. When Ariana grows up, she would like to become a fashion designer. Ariana's favorite team to cheer for is the Buffalo Bills for football and the Boston Bruins for hockey.

Jackson Barr is a fifth grader in Mrs. Peffley's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school Jackson plays football for the Webster Jr. Warriors in the positions of center and defensive end. He also plays basketball for the Webster youth team in the position of power forward. At school Jackson is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as an art helper. When asked what his favorite food is, he quickly answered, "homemade pasta with a red sauce and throw a couple of meatballs on the side". When Jackson grows up, he would like to be a professional basketball player. We asked Jackson what team he likes to cheer for and he has two: Buffalo Bills for football with a family connection and the Boston Celtics for basketball.

Congratulations to our Student Athletes of the Month!



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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Monday March 24th
Tuesday March 25th
Wednesday March 26th

? Contact: PN PTSA at
PlankNorthPTSA@gmail.com



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WITH THE PLANK NORTH PTSA

FRIDAY, MARCH 7
6:30PM – 8:00PM

Plank North Cafeteria

**FAMILIES CAN CREATE
CARDS AND CRAFTS THAT THE
PTSA WILL DELIVER TO:**

- Residents at Cherry Ridge
- Residents at Maplewood
- Nurses at RGH

Please donate if you can....We will be collecting donations for the Hope House in Webster. Please bring any of the items listed to the event & the PN PTSA will deliver them!

Let's share some kindness to our local community!

REGISTER NOW!

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COMMUNITY
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COMMUNITY ARTS DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 10TH:
10-4:00PM
WEBSTER SCHROEDER HS



ART DISPLAYS, PERFORMANCES
BY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY
GROUPS

CAD Sponsorship 2025

Community Arts Day is a Webster Central PTSA event, created in 1976 as a joint venture with each of Webster's schools that raises money to support cultural art activities in all 11 buildings.

CAD showcases our children's creative talent, artwork & involves the whole community in a day to celebrate cultural arts, bringing in over 2000 people to enjoy all activities!



CAD Sponsorship levels:

- Sponsors of all levels will be recognized in signage on the day of the event at all entrances as well as the main page of our website as monies are received.
- A Sponsorship video will be published and shared on social media after CAD
- All level sponsors who are exhibitors will receive a sponsor sign to display at their table for the day of event
- Silver & Gold sponsors receive complimentary tables. Please register on our cheddarUp link below.
- We would appreciate any amount to offset these costs and better provide cultural arts dollars that directly benefit the students of our 11 Webster schools.

Bronze:\$75 Silver:\$125 Gold:\$250

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Our direct payment portal can be accessed here:

<https://cad-2025.cheddarup.com>

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2025 COMMUNITY ARTS DAY

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MAY 10th
10-4pm

WEBSTER SCHROEDER H.S.
875 RIDGE RD, WEBSTER, NY



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The Art Of Having Fun

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!

**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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