

Pioneer Press

November 2024

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Pioneer Families,

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.

On October 18, we welcomed Mike Seege who incorporated his fast paced and high energy magic show along with his anti-bullying message to our student body. Mr. Seege performs at schools across Western New York and around the country. He weaves magic tricks with anti-bullying messages. The interactive performance helped our children understand that bullying will not be tolerated. Our students and staff are still talking about his show but more importantly they are also remembering the message on how to treat others with respect.

Plank North Book Fair:

It's Book Fair Time at Plank North! Look for flyers to come home soon! On November 5-7 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 6.

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Plank North Open House:

Our Open House at Plank North is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6 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 the library) 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 21, 22 and 25, 26 (1/2 days of school for students). Spring conference dates will be March 20, 21 and March 27, 28 (1/2 days of school for students). Conferences will be scheduled electronically using ParentSquare.

School Related Professionals (SRP) Recognition Day:

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024

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:

Once again, the Webster Teachers Association (WTA) and the Webster Central PTSA are jointly sponsoring the Oak Tree Award, seeking nominations of educators who exemplify excellence in their field, a commitment to their students, and leadership in their community. Any Webster resident or district employee, current or former student, parent, teacher, or administrative colleague may nominate a deserving individual for the elementary or secondary award.

Award nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Currently teach in a full-time position in Webster CSD and plan to continue to teach 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.

Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2025. Nominate someone today at this [link](#).

Important November Dates:

- Veterans Day November 11 (No School PreK-12)
- Open House November 6 (6:00-7:00 pm-details to be sent home)
- Scholastic Book Fair November 5-7 (students will visit during assigned class times/online ordering available as well open during Open House)
- Virtual PTSA Meeting November 12 (3:00-4:00 pm via Google Meet Link)
- Parent/Teacher Conference Days (Half Days of School) – November 21, 22, 25 and 26
(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.)
- Thanksgiving Recess November 27-29 (No School PreK-12)

Yours in partnership,

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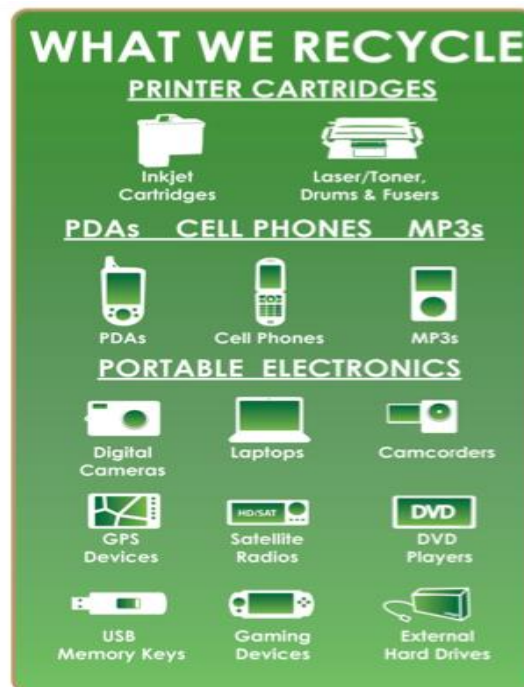
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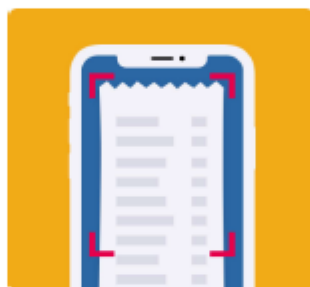


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Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



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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Veterans, Active Duty Service Members Invited to Dinner in Their Honor

Veterans and active duty service personnel and their families are invited to Spry Middle School for a free dinner in their honor. On Thursday, November 7, 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.



Event sponsors include Spry Middle School Builders Club, Webster-Fairport B.P.O. Elks #2396, Spry Middle School Student Council, Webster Community Chest, Wegmans, and Walmart.

31st Season for the Willink Student-Parent Band Concert

The Willink Middle School Student-Parent Band will perform Saturday, November 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the school. Don't miss this opportunity to listen to our students perform alongside parents, grandparents, siblings, and community members! Conductors Tiffany DiPiazza and Matt Osika lead a musical lineup that features music from Jurassic Park, the Muppets, as well as your favorite disco tunes and more!



Stay Connected!

With all of the exciting events happening in our district, be sure to stay informed by following the district on social media 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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Be sure to join us for these upcoming board meetings:

- Tuesday, November 12 - Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, Agenda: World Language, Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 13 - Board of Education Workshop, Agenda: Esports, Clubs & Activities (secondary), Webster Thomas High School Room 101/138 - 4:00 p.m.



Music “Notes”



By Miss Mossey

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 on 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

@PlankNorthMusic

Library News

Jen McCorry
School Librarian

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the library this month on November 5th, 6th and 7th. We will have to move the shelves around to make room, so book exchange will be cancelled for the classes who normally have library class on those days. We will resume our regular checkout schedule on Friday, November 8th.

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!

In an effort to encourage independent reading and to encourage the habits of lifelong readers, this year's school-wide theme is Reading Can Take You Anywhere. Throughout the year we will be encouraging students to read different types of books in order to go to different places through their imagination and learning. Some students will even be asked to tell more about their reading on the Morning Show! Please be on the lookout for monthly reading challenges revolving around this theme, along with a link for students to participate. These challenges will be communicated to families through Parent Square. November's theme is Folk Tales or Fairy Tales. This can be a story from the child's own culture or from a different culture. Please look for the Parent Square email with the link to participate.

Thank you again for all of your support! You can follow us for library updates on Instagram @planknorth_library. 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 **Gigi Castronova** and **Kayden Smith** 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.

Gigi Castronova is a fifth grader in Mrs. Merkey's class where her favorite subject is writing. Outside of school, Gigi attends All-Star Cheering as a flyer. At school Gigi is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a kindergartner helper. If you have Gigi over for dinner her favorite food is Grammie's lasagna. When Gigi grows up, she would like to become a chiropractor or a hairdresser. Gigi's favorite team to cheer for is the Miami Dolphins!

Kayden Smith is a fifth grader in Mrs. Merkey's class where his favorite subject is ELA. Outside of school Kayden plays right middle for the Lakefront Soccer Club. He also plays lacrosse for the Webster Warriors in the position of middle and attack. We asked Kayden what his favorite food is and he answered cheese pizza from Caraglio's Pizza. When Kayden grows up he would like to be a professional lacrosse player. When asked what team he likes to cheer for he answered the Buffalo Bills.



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NOVEMBER 5th, 6th, & 7th DURING THE SCHOOL DAY IN THE LIBRARY!

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Dates / Times / Place

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Watch for more details about the campaign and order deadlines. All online and paper order forms must be turned in by the due date on your child's custom catalog. (No late orders can be accepted.)

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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
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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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