

Pioneer Press

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Pioneer Families,

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 6, 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 "Reading Will Take You Anywhere". We also introduced our new 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 4 – Green and Gold Day

October 11 – Superintendent Conference Day (No School PreK-12)

October 14 – Columbus Day (No School PrK-12)

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:

The Webster Central School District is continually looking for ways to improve our safety and security features. As part of this continuous improvement process, we have decided to move forward with a more sophisticated program for visitor check in/out. This new system will allow visitors to complete the check in process once they arrive at the building utilizing an iPad that is located in the vestibule. All visitors are still required to show valid identification in order to complete the check in process and receive a visitor badge. Please follow this [LINK](#) to register as a visitor prior to entering the building. This step will need to be completed one time a year and can be completed from any device.

School Picture Make-Up Info:

We will be hosting a make-up day for school pictures on Wednesday, October 30 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 6, 2024 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.

Webster CSD to Host Family Engagement Forum:

Webster CSD will host a Family Engagement Forum and the entire One Webster community is invited! The event will take place Monday, October 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the second-floor professional development center at Spry Middle School, 119 South Avenue, Webster. The primary goal for the Community Engagement Forum is to afford parents/guardians, Webster CSD staff and students, and the broader community a space to network and partner on a variety of activities. The district will share information on relevant topics in family engagement, hear from parents and students directly, and strategize collaborative action steps for moving forward.

Yours in partnership,
Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

Jennifer Allen, Assistant Principal



REDEMPTION PROGRAMS

Redemption Programs mean \$ for our School!

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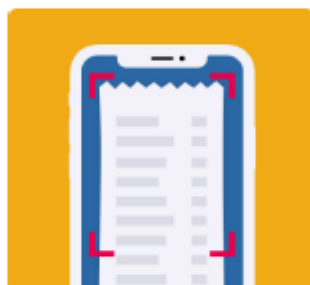


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Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



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!
pnptsa@websterpts.org



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Webster CSD Off to a Great Start!

As we complete our first full month of school, we want to thank our staff, students, and families for making this a wonderful start to the 2024-25 school year. We look forward to another year of thriving together and hope to see many of you during school events.

Board of Education Member News

Charlie Roods has resigned from the Webster CSD Board of Education for personal reasons. We thank Charlie for his service to our district and community. He served as a supportive and valued member of the BOE since 2022 and will be missed. The board will meet this month to decide next steps.

Webster Marching Band to Host Autumn Fanfare

Webster CSD invites all families to attend the Webster Marching Band's annual Autumn Fanfare on October 5 at Webster Schroeder High School's Warrior Stadium. You won't want to miss this premier show and competition hosted by *The Pride of Webster* that features field band performances from Marcus



Whitman, LeRoy, Rochester, Hilton, Greece, Webster, Orchard Park, East Irondequoit, Medina, Victor, and Lancaster. Gates will open at 5:00 p.m., and the show will begin at 6:00 p.m., rain or shine!

This year Webster Marching Band proudly presents *Death of a Star*. This performance takes the audience on a journey through a star's life cycle, from its brilliant beginnings to its transformation into a black hole. The show opens with vibrant music and colors, representing a massive star in its prime, and closes with the final movement depicting the star's explosive end.

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](#).

Follow us on X:

[@WCSDProud](#)

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www.facebook.com/WebsterCentralSchools

Visit our website:

www.websterschools.org

Be sure to join us for these upcoming board meetings:

- Tuesday, October 8 - Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, Agenda: Secondary ELA, Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 15 - Board of Education Workshop, Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.



Music "Notes"



By Miss Mossey

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.
- 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!
- Fourth graders are at the beginning of a project that has students creating patterns and rhythms using hand drums. We are exploring how to use the drums to create unique sounds to incorporate into the patterns. Oh! And we're singing a great song about junk food. 😊
- 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

@PlankNorthMusic



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!

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.

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 – **September & October**

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 **Brianna Leusch, Xavier Bascoe, Addie Tempio** and **Xander Bascoe** for the months of September and October. Mrs. Craig and Mr. Sayers sat down with the students to ask them a few questions, and here are the responses.

September Student Athletes:

Brianna Leusch is a 5th grader in Ms. Napalitano's class where her favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Brianna plays lacrosse for the Aces Travel Team in the positions of defense and middle. She also participates in swimming with the Fairport Area Swim Team (Fast). At school, she is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a kindergartner helper. If you have Brianna over for dinner her favorite food is sushi. When Brianna grows up, she would like to become something in the medical field like a nurse or a doctor. Brianna's favorite team to cheer for is the Buffalo Bills.

Xavier Bascoe is a fifth grader in Mrs. Peffley's class where his favorite subject is science. Outside of school Xavier plays basketball for the Webster recreation team which his dad has the pleasure of coaching. He also runs on a travel track team called Running Flower City. Xavier is very involved in school activities. He is in the Plank North band where he plays the saxophone. He is an outstanding member of the Plank North Safety Patrol with the job of kindergartner helper and door holder. He also is on the Ridge Runners Track Club and sings in the Plank North chorus. We asked Xavier what his favorite food is and he answered shrimp scampi. When Xavier grows up, he would like to be a scientist or an Olympic runner. When asked what team he likes to cheer for he quickly answered the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team.



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

October Student Athletes:

Addie Tempio is a 5th grader in Mrs. Peffley's class where her favorite subject is reading. Outside of school, Addie participates in the RGA gymnastic club where she likes to compete on the vault. She is also involved with 4-H where she shows dairy cows and rabbits. At school Addie performs in the Plank North orchestra where she plays the violin. Addie is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a kindergartner helper. If you have Addie over for dinner her favorite food is cheeseburgers; she likes them out and at home. When Addie grows up, she would like to become an elementary school teacher. Addie's favorite team to cheer for is the Buffalo Bills.



Xander Bascoe is a fifth grader in Mrs. Peffley's class where his favorite subject is science. Outside of school Xander participates in basketball for the Webster recreation team where his dad coaches the team to many victories. He also runs on a travel track team called Running Flower City. Xander is very involved in school activities. He is in the Plank North band and plays the saxophone. He is an outstanding member of the Plank North Safety Patrol with the job of kindergartner helper and door holder. He also is on the Ridge Runners Track Club and sings in the Plank North chorus. We asked Xander what his favorite food is and he answered fettuccine alfredo. When Xander grows up he would like to be an Olympic champion. When asked what team he likes to cheer for he quickly answered the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team.



Congratulations to our Student Athletes of the Month!

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Who: Plank North students and their families

When: Sunday, October 27th, 2:00-3:30pm (Rain or Shine)

We will be parking our cars in the schools parking lot and opening our trunks so the children can “trick-or-treat” from car to car.

Each family should bring candy to distribute from their trunk. Each child should be dressed in their costume and carry a bag/bucket to put their goodies in. One adult **must stay at your trunk** and **another adult should accompany your children** as they walk around.

Families may certainly combine to do a trunk. We want everyone to have fun and be safe!

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

Please note: all costumes/trunk decorations should be school appropriate and child friendly

We hope to see you there!



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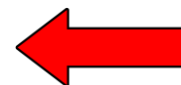



Parents/families, please purchase your PTSA membership today!

WebsterPTSA.org/JOIN

If you have not already purchased your PTSA Membership, please do so through the link above! The cost is \$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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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