

PROTSMAN NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

 September has been an incredibly busy month for us at Protsman. We celebrated College Go Week and had our Walk-a-Thon fundraiser. The teachers have been very busy digging in to their instructional skills and strategies with our students. All of our teachers and support staff are working very hard to ensure that our students are successful!

Our Spell Bowl team is actively engaged in practice to prepare for the November Spell Bowl Competition and the Garden Club has added some mums to our courtyard for the fall season.

 During the month of October we will be celebrating One School/One Book! This is such a wonderful event both at school and at home. It truly gives families an opportunity to carve out some family time while reading a great book.

Our Title I Parent Night will be Tuesday, October 8, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in our LGI room. Our Protsman reading specialists will be giving tips and strategies to assist in helping your children at home. Ms. Ostrom and Mrs. DeVries will also be here that evening to speak with parents and give tips and strategies for our students participating in our English Language Learners program. A note was sent home on September 23, detailing the event.

On Friday, October 11, the HSA will be sponsoring our Fall Family Night from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Come out and enjoy the fun!

Our first grading period ends on Monday, October 14. Time is flying by! Just a reminder that our Fall Break is on Thursday, October 24 and Friday, October 25. This is a great opportunity to take some time to spend with family and friends and reenergize heading into November.

Once again I want to thank you for partnering with us in your child's education.

With Panther Pride,
Mrs. Sapyta 

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ABC PARTY

All kindergarten classes participated in Chicka Chicka Boom Boom day on September 20th.

Students engaged in group activities, created crafts, and played games in celebration of learning the alphabet. The day is coined "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Day" since all classes read Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, which taught the students even more about their ABC's.

"The kids love this day. They are absolutely excited about this day," Teacher Mrs. Taylor Popa said.

The alphabet unit starts at the very beginning of the school year, where students begin reading, writing, and applying the letters through interactive activities to gain a better understanding of words and their components. Once all classes have completed the unit, the grade celebrates their achievements through a series of festivities. This year, kindergarten students participated in an alphabet fashion show in addition to Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Day.

"We've done this for many years. We try to change it up every so often and try to do different activities," Popa said.

Each activity included in Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Day had a different focus towards the alphabet. Students took on a STEM focus while building an alphabet coconut tree, a creative focus when making name bracelets, as well as many other focuses geared towards a specific task.

"[The activities] are all things to celebrate the alphabet," Popa said.



APPLES FOR TECHNOLOGY

Learn more about the Apples for Students Program that Protsman Elementary is participating in!

Protsman is participating in the Apples for Students Program with Strack and Van Til. We have an amazing opportunity to get FREE technology, classroom supplies, and resources for our students! All you need to do is save your receipts from Strack and Van Til and send them to school with your student! We will do the rest! The more receipts we receive, the more points we earn and ultimately, the more prizes we can redeem for our students! This program has already started and will run until **March 13th**.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Schultz at jschultz@lcschools.com or ext. 3602.

Happy Shopping!



FALL PLANTING

Check out Protsman's very own Garden Club!

The Protsman Garden Club met on September 25th to plant mums for the fall. Students also worked together to clean up the courtyard, to keep Protsman growing.

The Garden Club is under the direction of Miss Beiriger and Mrs. Hinton.



FROM STUDENT TO TEACHER

Meet Stefanie Angus, a current senior at Lake Central, who aids through the Education Professions program.

Angus's passion for teaching is rooted at Protsman Elementary School where she was a previous student of Mrs. Thomasia McCarter. As the years went by, Angus and McCarter stayed in contact. When Angus became a part of Lake Central's Education Professions program, she knew exactly what teacher she was going to learn from.

"[Mrs. McCarter] was like a mom to me...we get along so well," Angus said.

Through the Education Professions program, Angus visits Mrs. McCarter and helps around the classroom to gain experience prior to entering the education field. She acts as a student teacher for the students.

"I like interacting with the kids. I like watching them learn. When you teach [the students] something and they understand it...that's the best part," Angus said.

Angus envisioned herself becoming a high school English teacher, but because of this experience, she is also interested in becoming an elementary school teacher.

"I am kind of on the fence right now. But I love those little kids. They are attached to me now," Angus said.



SIDE BY SIDE

Third grade students of Mrs. Diane Webber had their parents visit them during the school day to see what being a student is like.

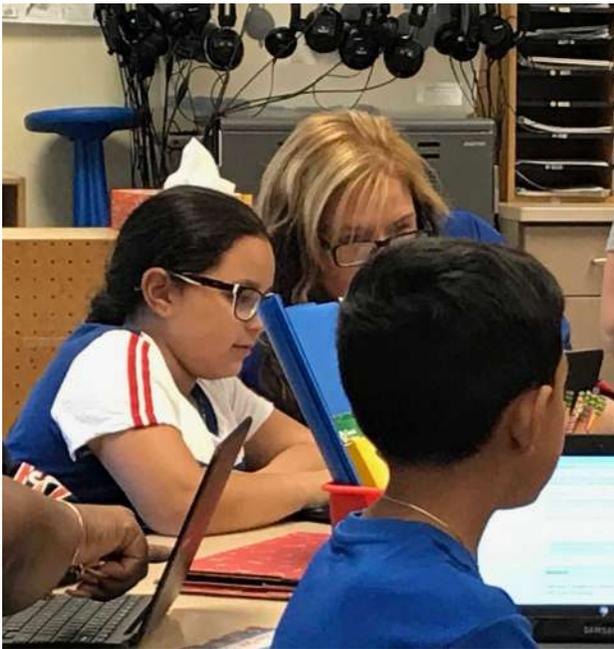
Parents got to sit "Side By Side" with their student to observe what the average day of a third grader at Protsman is like. The goal is to help students, as well as parents, adjust to the new school year.

"From second grade to third grade, there really is a pretty big jump...it is a little bit of a shock. Having [the parents] come in and sit with their child and actually see what we do everyday gives them a chance to see them in action," Webber said.

Students worked on their test-taking, reading, and free response strategies while parents visited to inform them about what skills their students exceed in or need to improve upon. This experience has been proven to help both parents and students inside and outside of the classroom.

"I came from another district five years ago and that district did this as a school...I liked the concept so I brought it here [because] the parents really like it," Webber said.

Webber is looking to expand the "Side by Side" project by holding one visitation day per subject in the near future.



COMING UP

Important dates to mark down in your calander.

OCTOBER 8 *Parent Night*

OCTOBER 11 *Fall Family Fun Night*

OCTOBER 24 & 25 *Fall Break*

OCTOBER 31 *Halloween Party*



CONTACT US!

Are there any classroom activities, school events, or special reminders you would like to see in the October News letter?

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