

PROTSMAN NEWSLETTER



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A monthly newsletter for the Protsman Panthers

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"The most important people in a child's life are the child's parents and teachers. That means parents and teachers are the most important people in the world."

- Fred Rogers

#BeMyNeighbor



PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

As I reflect on the role of educators in the lives of our children, it is important to be mindful as we show kindness and empathy towards others. Children learn so much when they observe good modeling. We want to help create a world where acceptance of each other and celebrating our differences is the norm. We are striving to set positive expectations at Protsman and to provide peer mentors that are crafting their skills to become our future leaders. We are communicating the message through our Mindful Intentions for the week. During the month of November we have been working on making Protsman a kinder place, making others feel welcome, and working out conflicts in a safe and kind manner.

With Panther Pride,
Mrs. Sapyta

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OPERATION: LEARNING

The first grade department held their annual First Grade Boot Camp on November 15, 2019.

The transition into first grade can be overwhelming for some, so the teachers at Protsman made sure it was smooth for students and families by holding their First Grade Boot Camp.

"The demands of first grade curriculum are hard, and we wanted to help the parents out at home" Teacher Melissa Dillard said.

Students and parents participated in a "mission" that included games, classroom skills, and an obstacle course. The goal of the camp is to be able to apply these activities at home.

"We wanted to make it easy for parents to adapt any game at home into a learning game," Dillard said.

The boot camp came about with the help of a grant and the first grade team. The team worked together to create games that engaged parents and students while talking about the importance of learning at home.

"When we work as a team and collaborate with parents, the students are much more successful," Dillard 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!



BUCKLE UP!

Seat belt safety presentations took place on November 19, 2019 and November 20, 2019.

Protsman Resource Officer Kissenger held informative seat belt presentations for third grade students. Students learned about the importance of wearing a seat belt in every situation while riding in a car.

Support Our Students

Apples for Students

Collect register receipts from

Strack & Van Til
food market

to help our school earn **FREE** educational awards!

ONE CUP AT A TIME

Protsman's students and staff are working together to serve coffee on Friday mornings.

The coffee cart was a new addition to Protsman last school year and is continuing into this year. Teachers are able to place orders for coffees on Wednesdays and students work to fill and deliver those orders on Friday mornings.

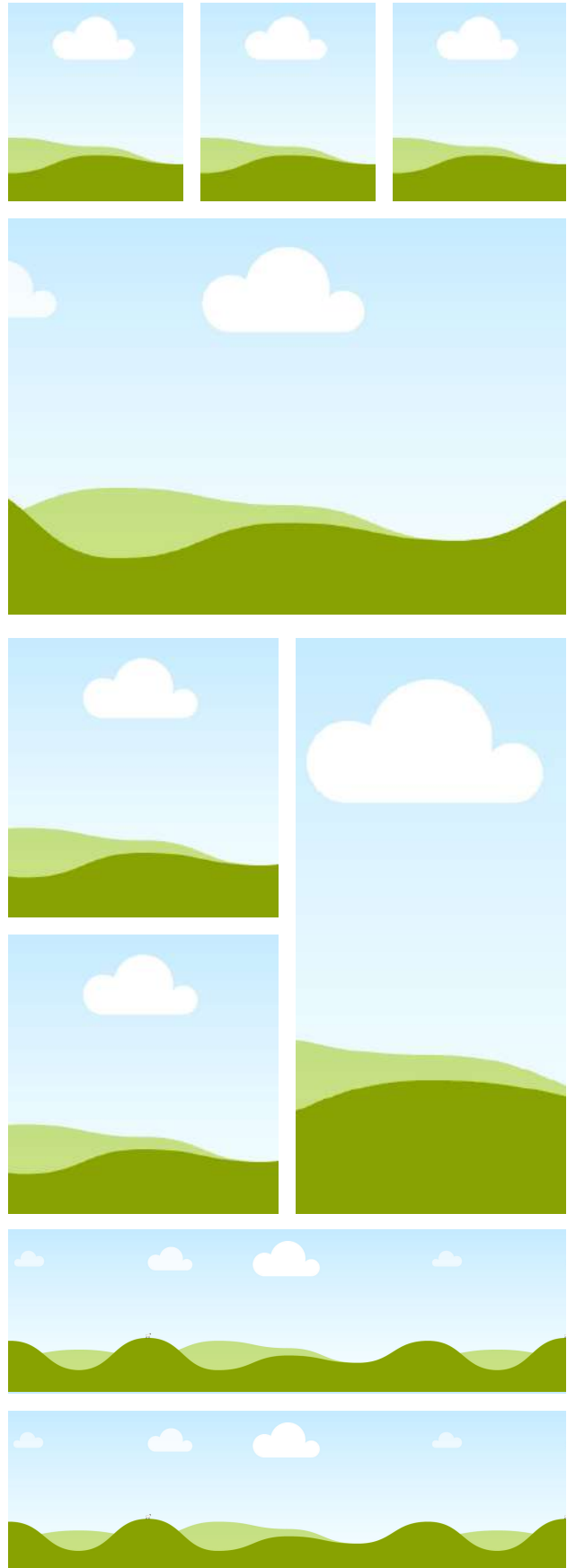
"Students look forward to coffee cart every day. I see kids in the hallway and they voice how excited they are for the next coffee cart delivery," Ciara Vazquez, coordinator, said.

Students from Mrs. Needles applied skills class and select fourth grade classes take turns making coffee, adding cream and sugar, topping it with a lid, and delivering the coffee to the teachers.

"Students are not only learning the skills of following an order, social skills, sequencing, and peer-peer work, but they are creating friendships with each other," Vazquez said.

The coffee cart is a great opportunity for students to grow inside and outside of the classroom.

"I have seen students come out of their shells and open up with one another. Students look forward to coffee cart every day," Vazquez said.



BREAD MAKING

Third grade students practiced their baking skills by making bread on November 25, 2019 and November 26, 2019.

Parent volunteers and staff helped students make their very own loaves of bread right before Fall Break. Students practiced measurements, making ingredients, and nutritional values. Previous third grade students recalled this activity as one of their favorite memories!



THE FIGHT FOR FUNDING

Protsman participates in the Red For Ed rally at school!

Teachers and students at Protsman showed their support for the "Red For Ed" movement by wearing red on November 19, 2019.

Teachers and students from around Indiana met in Indianapolis the same day to show unity in hopes of more funding for public education.

Other schools in the Lake Central School Corporation also participated in this important event.



THANKING OUR VETERANS

Veteran's Day was November 11, 2019.

Protsman families, students, and staff thanked our veterans during the breakfast and assembly on Veteran's Day.



COMING UP

Important dates to mark down in your calander.

DECEMBER 9-13 *Holiday Shop-In (Library)*

DECEMBER 19 *Holiday Party*

DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 6 *Winter Break*



CONTACT US!

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

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inquiries!