

# THE PROTSMAN PSA

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

3/13-3/17 IREAD  
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3/16 & 17  
Environmobile

3/20 2nd Grade  
Soil & Water  
Presentation

3/21 2nd Grade  
Environmobile

3/21 Student  
Council Meeting  
7:30

3/22 HSA Meeting  
3:00

2/27-3/31 Spring  
Break



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## VALENTINE'S DAY FESTIVITIES



On Tuesday, Feb. 14, parents filed into Protsman Elementary School to help chaperone for their child's Valentine's Day party. After an hour filled with candy, games and other activities, loving and happy feelings were spread all throughout the halls of the school.

## CAMP KINDERGARTEN

On Friday, Jan. 27, Camp Kindergarten was held. It was a family literacy event with a camping theme. The students returned back to school from 6-8 p.m. with their families. Some of the fun activities included making and eating s'mores, playing a variety of games on tables in the cafeteria, looking for sight words in the stars inside of tents, playing sight word twister, a rhyming fishing game, hopping down the Brown River on numbers 1-20 in the Gym, making a bear or a raccoon

face, coloring camping pictures, reading and writing the room with camping words, singing camp songs and doing camping yoga in the LGI room and having a story time in the Music Room.

Hopefully it gave parents some ideas of how they could take literacy to the next level by making some changes to games they have at home. This was our 3rd Annual Camp Kindergarten and we plan on continuing it and adding to it each year in the future!

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## COLOR RUN

Come join us at Lake Central's Second Annual Color Run hosted by the Student Council. The event takes place at Lake Central on May 13 from 7 a.m to 12 p.m. Check-In time is from 7- 8:30 a.m. and the race starts at 9 a.m. The main event is the 5K run, and there will also be a 1-mile children's fun run. During the race, participants are doused with color at various color stations ending with one final color celebration at the finish line. There is also a kid fun zone available consisting of a coloring station, a water splash zone, music, and more. Early Registration ends April 15. Late Registration ends May 5.



## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Thank you to everyone who donated to our 2016 Jump Rope for Heart. We raised \$5,143.18 for the American Heart Association. Students had a great time jumping in the gym. Our event was a huge success. Protsman has been a proud participant of Jump Rope for Heart for many years and looks to continue this event for many more years to come.



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## ART SECTION

[Protsmanart.wordpress.com](http://Protsmanart.wordpress.com)

**Kindergarten:** We've been busy in the art room this winter in Kindergarten. We have made our first clay artwork, a pinch pot that we molded and shaped with our hands by pinching. We also learned about famous abstract action painter Jackson Pollock and painted with marbles while moving. And we have been learning how to draw a self-portrait.

**First Grade:** First graders used clay to create ceramic snowmen. Students also learned about famous artist Michelangelo and studied his Sistine Chapel artworks. They learned that Michelangelo lay on his back and painted over his head and so students tried this out themselves. They taped paper under their desks and drew over their heads. They found out this was not easy!

**Second Grade:** Second graders made Angry Bird rattles out of clay. They painted and decorated their birds in a variety of fun colors and added feathers and google eyes.

**Third Grade:** Third graders created silly fish out of clay. They were allowed to add as many silly features as they liked, such as tongues, teeth, extra eyes, etc. They painted their fish in bright vivid colors.

**Fourth Grade:** Fourth graders created an ancient Egyptian Tablet out of clay. They decorated the tablet with a pharaoh, queen or Egyptian god. They added lots of colors and beads to complete the project.



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## STUDENT COUNCIL SPREADS KINDNESS

Protsman Student Council sponsored Random Act of Kindness month during the month of February. Each grade level thanked different awesome staff members in our school. During our last meeting, students were read *Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson. This book is a story that teaches a powerful lesson on being kind to one another. The author mentions that when you are kind to someone, it's a "ripple effect" like throwing a stone into water. Our student council members realized that it's important to be kind today because you don't know if there will be a tomorrow. As student leaders, members came up to the bowl of water, mentioned something that they had done that was kind that morning, and put their stone in the water to watch the "ripple effect".



## KARATE RECORDERS

This quarter the fourth grade classes have been working through the Recorder Karate book. After demonstrating mastery over a song in the book, students get a "recorder belt" tied to the bottom of their instrument. The colors of the belt match the difficulty level of each musical exercise, just like in real karate. Students begin at the white belt level and work their way towards a black belt. Pictured are students from Mrs. Susan Kucharski's fourth grade class.



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## PRESERVATION PARK BY MISS THOMAS

During the first half of the school year third grade students learned about everything environmental and Green. Students studied energy conservation, ways to prevent pollution, types of soil and erosion and how to limit our use of Earth's precious natural resources. After studying these topics students worked in groups to solve a fictitious real world problem. Queen Anne's island is in trouble. The water is being polluted, the natural resources are being used up, the soil is eroding and the air is getting harder to breathe. Students created a plan, made a 3D model of their park and presented their design, goals and plan to a panel of judges made up of parent volunteers. The students worked really hard on these projects and were able to show what they learned through this final project.



## FLATBOAT PROJECTS

Fourth grade students were given "blueprints and lumber" when they returned to school in January. The class also read the book *The Floating House* to learn about a flatboat traveling pioneers and to get design ideas. Students' flatboat creations are displayed in Protsman School's display cases near the entrance.



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## SPOTLIGHT ON MRS. MICHELLE VOGT

Mrs. Vogt considers all of her students VIPs, but once a week, one special student gets to show off their VIP worthiness. One day, Monday through Thursday, Mrs. Vogt chooses a student's name from a hat. The day and student chosen stays a secret. No one except Mrs. Vogt knows when or who is chosen. If that student chosen has a good day with no behavior issues, turns in all their work and more, they become the VIP on Friday. If they do not have a good day, their name is put back into the hat and can be chosen at another time. The VIP gets to sit at a special VIP decorated desk, gets to wear cool shades and a VIP lanyard all day, is able to use colored gel pens, markers, and special pencils on all assignments, and also has access to neon paper and special post-its. By the end of the year, all students will have the opportunity to be a VIP.



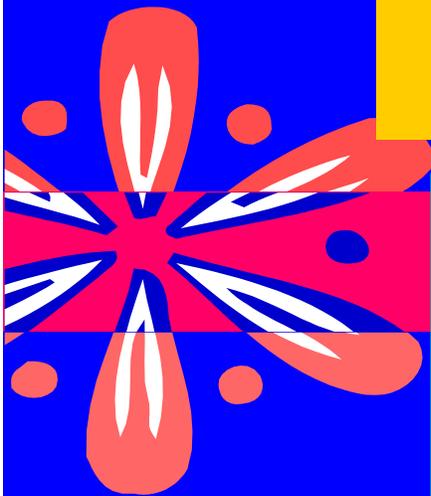
## ADDING MORE WINS

The Protsman Math Bowl team has spent numerous months preparing for its competitions this year. After a successful performance at Kahler the team found itself ranked one of the best in the state.

"I [am] pleased to tell you that we won our local division contest at Kahler. We also came in 14th place in our state division. I am so proud of these young people. They have been working since Christmas at practice and they work everyday for their homeroom teachers. Their hard work has been successful," Mrs. Heather McGrath said.



# PROTSMAN ELEMENTARY SECOND ANNUAL ART SHOW



You won't want to miss this! Every student in Protsman will have at least one piece in the art show. Bring your family and friends to Protsman to celebrate all the amazing art.

