



# PROTSMAN

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

PROTSMAN PUBLIC RELATIONS

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*Ms. Kathy Sapyta  
Principal*

Dear Protsman Families,

The summer has been a very busy one as I have transitioned into my new position as Principal of Protsman Elementary. I have had the opportunity to meet many new families and have enjoyed the kick off to the new school year!

The Protsman staff takes great pride in building relationships with all of our families. It is our goal to reach out and assist you in any way we can.

A primary focus in our building is on student learning. The staff is committed to providing what each student needs to enable them to grow and develop into lifelong learners.

We have a "Kids First" mentality and all of our decisions are driven with

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## Put Yourself in the Lego State of Mind

*by: Ms. Kathy Sapyta, Principal*

At Protsman Elementary we have begun the school year by working together as a community. Each teacher and student added to a Lego block to create a structure together to kick off the school year.

We are using the mindset of learning targets, while using the best practices and purposeful direction. We want to use creativity and "thinking outside the box" with an end purpose in mind. We are focusing on the journey of exploration and discovery. The success of all students depends on each and every one of us, just like the success of a Lego structure depends on each and every block.

Collaboration is extremely important when building with Legos. There are times when some blocks work together to serve a specific purpose in the structure, while others may be utilizing their talents by providing support to the other pieces in the structure. We, as educators and parents on the same team, serve the same purpose.



Together we can build, revise and restructure ourselves and our design using collaboration. Each time we come together, we create something different. The more we build together, utilizing each piece, the better/stronger of a structure we become. Together we will build a great school year!

## Counting through the beginning of school



In Ms. Stacey Hemphill's first grade class, students learn how to count using coins and various shapes.





## A warm Protsman welcome to new principal

*by: Danica Mileusnic, Senior at LCHS*

Protsman welcomes the new principal, Ms. Kathy Sapyta for the 2018-2019 school year.

"I had heard some wonderful, very positive things about the Lake Central School system. I was looking for a new challenge in my career and the opportunity presented itself. I like change, I like meeting new people and I love education," Ms. Sapyta said.

Ms. Sapyta spent most of her career teaching in the Merrillville district, teaching 1st through 4th grade and later becoming a principal.

"I'm really excited to get to work with the teams of teachers. They are very dedicated, very committed to their profession and to the students here," Sapyta said.

Outside of school, Sapyta enjoys gardening, visiting her sister's lake house and visiting her son at Butler with her husband of over 30 years.

"It takes the families, the teachers, all the staff and the kids. We all work together, [and] we all have the same goal: to do what is best for kids, to keep them safe and secure and put them in the best learning environment possible. When our goals are all aligned school is an awesome place to be," Sapyta said.



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that in mind.

Please keep the lines of communication open with your child's teacher. The Protsman teachers are re-energized and excited.

Let's make this a great school year for everyone!

With Panther  
Pride,  
Ms. Sapyta

## The letter 'D' stands for dance party

Ms. White and Ms. Wilshke's kindergarden classes participated in a dance party in honor of the letter 'D'.

