

THE CORRIDORS

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A Sleepy Day in the District

On Tuesday November 21st, Proctor High School participated in the district-wide “Pajama Day” as a way to bring awareness to the charitable organization, Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Students, faculty, and staff were all invited to participate in this awareness-building event. Sleep in Heavenly Peace has a strong commitment in supporting our community and is an organizing consisting of volunteers that not only build and assemble high quality beds, but also deliver them to children and families in our own community who are in need.



Proctor Drama Club Presents: *The Absolutely True Story of King Arthur*

By Corridors Staff

Proctor's Drama Club presented the fall play, *The Absolutely True Story of King Arthur* on November 3rd and November 4th. A huge standing ovation to our talented actors and stage crew at Proctor. We are very excited to come out again to support Proctor Drama Club with their production of *West Side Story* in the spring!



Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Bell

By Amina Cavcic



For this teacher's spotlight, we will focus on the one, and only Ms. Bell. She is a music teacher who teaches Music in Our Lives. Ms. Bell's room is in the main building (room 019). Ms. Bell is a phenomenal teacher who comes to work every day with a positive attitude. With this interview, I started with some general background questions.

First, I asked Ms. Bell what high school she attended and what clubs she participated in. She attended high school at the old UFA building on Kemble Street because (at the time), JFK and Donovan had just become middle schools after being high schools for a long time. She was in the orchestra and played violin, then switched to the string bass. She also did choir and dance.

Next, I asked her what was the most difficult subject or benchmark test she had taken throughout her high school career. She said that the Biology Regents definitely gave her the most trouble and she said that she thought Earth Science was going to be better, but it turned out to be just the same.

Then, I posed the questions, "Why did you decide to teach, and why did you choose your major?" She said that during the summer, she would help teach a class and on the last day, this 1st grader came up to her and hugged her and said, "Aw, Ms. Bell you're the best teacher I've ever had". Plus, her mom also taught kids. Ms. Bell majored in Music and her original plan was to be a performer.

I finally asked Ms. Bell to give some advice to students who want to pursue a teaching profession. She replied, "Make sure you love it, you can teach it, and enjoy what you do overall."

To end our interview, I asked Ms. Bell a series of fun questions:

How would you respond if a student told you, "My dog ate my homework." as an excuse?

"Let me see a picture of your dog."

If you had to sing karaoke, what song do you pick? "Fresh Prince of Bell-Air theme song."

What's your favorite instrument? "My voice."

Favorite Song? "Take Away" By Yolanda Adams.

If you could visit any place in the world, where would you go? "I love to travel and my sister went to Madagascar. I've seen her pictures on Facebook and it looks like a very beautiful place, with beautiful culture, food, and music. It overall looks very beautiful and I would like to travel there."

FBLA Fall District Meeting

By Geri Teal

On November 3rd, Proctor's FBLA club attended their Fall District Meeting (FDM). The FDM was a conference in which teams from all over the state came together and worked on many professional development skills, such as dealing with coworkers, working together in teams, and other professional morals. We had such a great time, and met many new people from all over New York State.

Spending most of the day at a banquet hall, we competed in Battle of the Charters at the end of the event. Battle of the Charters is a trivia game in which two people from each team or club gathered in a line, and one after the other they answered questions related to FBLA. Whether you got the question right or wrong, you went to the back of the line and tried again. However, if you got the question wrong, but the person behind you got the question right, you were eliminated from the battle. Should 3 people in a row get the question wrong, the question is voided, and they moved on to another question. Those 3 people who got it wrong were able to stay in the Battle of the Charters.



Creative Corner

Coffee

By Mahalia Starling

Coffee will not do
8:00 in the morning
And my eyelids grow heavy
My mind begins to drift off
Away from the conjugated french
verbs on my page
I'm tired and it's thursday
My coffee taste strange
More bitter than it usually is
And my eyelids are droopy
My hair sloppy
This morning cold, crisp and raining

Jocelyn Barnard

The changing seasons always produce different emotions each year, such as excitement, dread, happiness, and melancholy. These emotions vary and have different strengths depending on how the season shifts and the upcoming or previous holidays have affected oneself. Some love Christmas. Others hate it. Some enjoy Thanksgiving with family, while others are alone and saddened by that fact. Not everyone has the same experience.

Here is a short poem I have written to encapsulate these feelings, the realization of seasons changing, and the holiday memories of the past.

Good News

"Good news," he says.
"Tree's done?" I ask.
"All lit up," he replies.
"Looks good," I sigh.
"What's wrong?" he asks.
"Winter's come," I say.
"Why's that bad?" he asks once more.
Then I think a moment,
Unable to reply.
I ponder on the joys and such
Of winters have gone by.
The last one, though,
Ended in a night of cold and sad.
So instead of just explaining, I say:
"I miss my dad."

Witch's Garden

By Wilmary De Vargus



November Art Contest

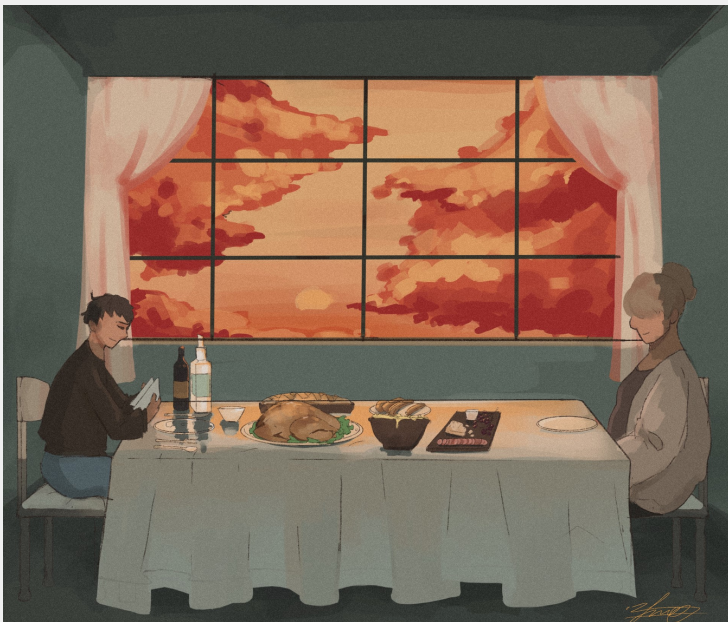
The Corridors recently hosted an art contest that was open to all students at Proctor. We selected the theme “Thanksgiving” to give students a focus on the holiday and to showcase student art that goes along with the theme of giving thanks. Of the submissions entered, the top three were chosen by The Corridors staff, who looked at each piece for creativity, originality, and attention to the theme given.

Our winners are: 1st Place: Lwe Doh Say

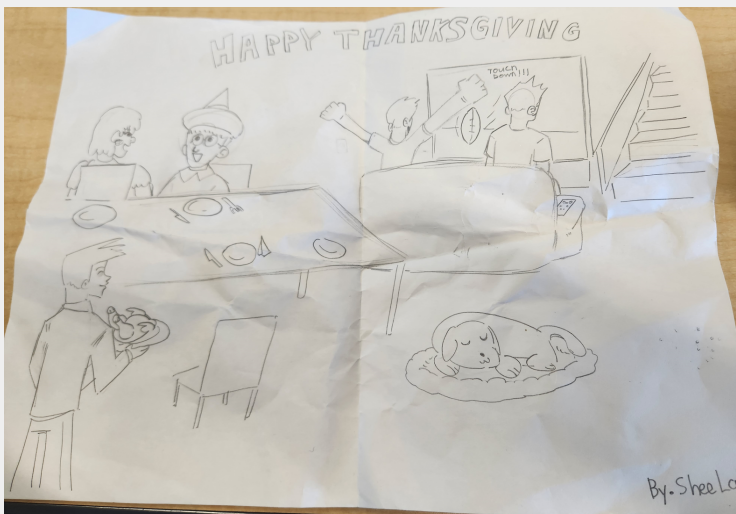
2nd Place: Shee Lah

3rd Place: Bu Soe Paw

1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



Local History

By Aimen Shabain

Built during The Great Depression, Proctor High School received funding from the federal government. One of the main reasons for building the school was to offer opportunity for young people to work and feed their families, giving them hope in the dark times.

Thomas R. Proctor High School still offers many opportunities for teachers and students alike. Since then, the high school has graduated nearly ninety classes. In two years (in 2025), the school will teach its 90th class. Due to its large size, Proctor High School offers a section of courses that many others do not.



Magnetic Mondays Fundraiser

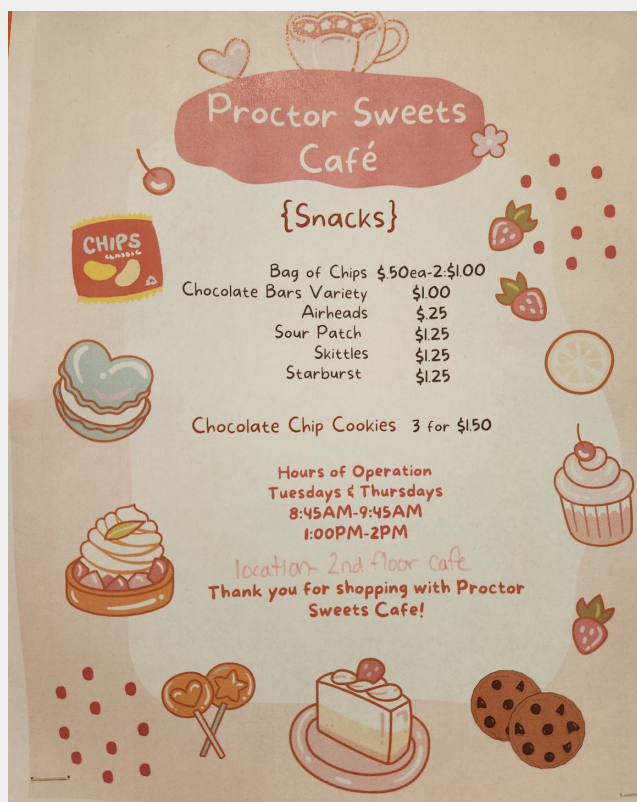
By Nataleea Dingle



Proctor's Magnetic Mondays club will be holding a Holiday Poinsettia Sale. Magnetic Mondays is a club that welcomes allies, and anyone of the LGBTQ+ community.


After placing your order with a club member, you will take your ticket and head to River Road Greenhouse (9182 River Rd Marcy). The phone number is (315)-736-3252. Anyone who gets a ticket can choose any poinsettia color you want, what size, and order it between November 24th through December 15th. The earlier you go the more will be available. The River Road Greenhouse is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:30PM, and Saturday/Sunday 9-3.

The cost of for each plant is: \$7 for 4.5", \$15 for 6.5", and \$30 for 8". The money is due right when you purchase the ticket. You can also Venmo the money to Mrs. Golden, or Mrs.Tahan. When you get to the greenhouse, simply hand the ticket to the cashier and you'll get whatever plant you checked off on the ticket.



Join Us!

~PHS Winter Ball~



When: Friday, January 19th
Where: Delta Marriott Hotel
Time: 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Price: \$60/person

Tickets on sale the week of January 8th in Rooms A302 and C135 afterschool.

**Only 300 tickets will be sold due to restaurant capacity. Please bring a signed permission slip and your ID when purchasing ticket.*

Permission slips can be picked up in the bins outside A302 and C135.

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