

Inchy Bookworm Vending Machines Create Excitement for Young Readers



As Proctor's own educational foundation, REA³D awards grants which support life-long learning twice annually to worthy projects across the Proctor School district communities. REA³D is always proud to work collaboratively with other organizations to benefit the Greater Proctor Community. Kristal Berg, Proctor Hermantown Community Education Director, had the vision to purchase book vending machines at both Bay View and Pike Lake Elementary schools. Through REA³D grants, each school was awarded \$1,000 to purchase books for these machines. Instead of using coins in the vending machines, students will earn tokens to receive free books. The day the Inchy Bookworm machines arrived, students literally clamored around the machines and began asking how they could get books. The first drawings were held April 30 as a soft kick off celebration. The faces of students speak for themselves. ***Inchy is a huge success!*** (See what other grant projects were funded this year on page 7.)



Pike Lake Students Outfitted with Brand New Snow Shoes

A \$1,000 REA³D grant awarded to a Pike Lake elementary school project purchased twenty pairs of snowshoes for students. The snowshoes will help students have better access to their school forest learning projects year-around, and provide great exercise. Each one of the snow shoes has a personalized REA³D logo sticker on them to help spread the word about REA³D grant funding.

To the right are Blakely Lewis, Owen Nordby & Garrett Dimich wearing the brand new snowshoes. Their instructor, Mrs. Wood says, "The students were so excited to get outside in the snow with them! Thank you REA³D!"



REA³D by Candlelight Event Held On-Line for Second Year

REA³D by CANDLE-LIGHT ONLINE



Due to continued concerns over Covid-19, the annual **REA³D by Candlelight fundraiser** was again held on-line. The associated on-line auction, hosted by Twin Ports Bid, opened February 19, 2022 and closed the evening of February 25. The 82 items donated for the auction generated over \$7000. Event sponsorships added another \$7,500 to the total proceeds, for a net profit of \$14,500. ***Auction item donors and sponsors appear on pages 2-3 of this publication.***

The program portion of the event featured eleven illustrious honorees and performers, and drew an audience of over 200 people. ***See pages 4-5 for detail on the speakers, and how to view the on-line program.***

REA³D BY CANDLELIGHT 2022

A big thank you to the businesses and individuals who generously contributed to our 2022 REA³D by Candlelight On-Line Event. Please support our generous business sponsors and let them know you appreciate their contributions to REA³D.

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In addition, we want to thank all of those who contributed time, energy and creative talents to our REA³D by Candlelight event including: Kelly Okstad, Connie Stanley, Katie Cotrell, Shelly Vanneste and Rails TV.

REA³D's 2022 Online Program

If you missed it, check



Mary Jo White, 1960 graduate.
Television personality, producer,
and community volunteer.



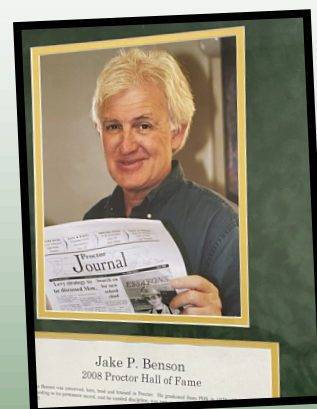
John Ward, 1968 graduate.
Former coach, teacher, mayor
and state legislator.



Angela Jean Lindberg-Livingston. PHS drama actor,
singer-songwriter, and piano
teacher.



Chais Eliason, 2009 graduate. Engi-
neer at Hendrick Motor Sports.



Jake Benson, 1970 graduate,
Proctor Hall of Fame inductee,
and *Proctor Journal* editor.

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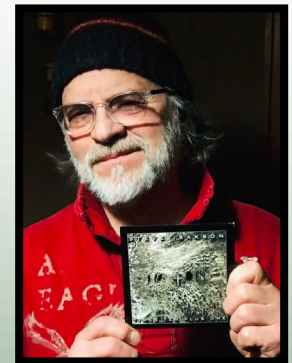
Lauren Verhel, 2008 graduate.
 PHS drama actor, jazz singer, fine
 arts teacher.



Tom MacLeod, 1969 graduate.
 NFL Hall of Fame inductee and
 firefighter.



Diane Morin, 1983 graduate.
 PHS record-holding athlete and
 current Bay View principal.



Steve Isakson, Singer-songwriter,
 and para-professional at PHS.



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REA³D Grant Expand's Student Access to Band Instruments

A REA³D grant of \$1000 was awarded to the Proctor middle and high school band program during the fall 2021 to purchase small instruments. The instruments will be provided to students who may have a great interest in participating as a band member, but have difficulties coming up with the money to purchase an instrument. Band Director Gordy Westendorf, who has served as director of the program for 34 years, says, "I know there will be some VERY happy students!"



Clarinets purchased with 2021 REA³D grant.

Do you have a musical instrument stored somewhere that is longing to be played?

Consider sharing it with the Proctor High School band, which has many budding musicians who may be challenged by limited access to working instruments.



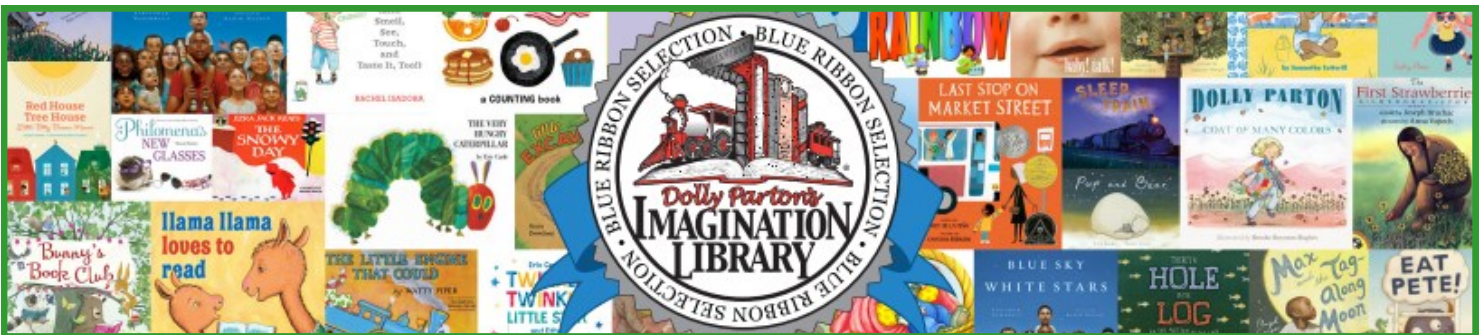
Above: Assistant coach Tanner Hall holding the measuring plates as we zero in the laser device.

Technology Assists Measuring Shot Put and Discus Throws

A REA³D grant purchased a measuring device for the PHS track program to measure the shot put and discus throws of athletes competing at track and field meets. The measurements are used to assist the athletes at practice and to help them correct techniques in their throws. The use of this device increased the speed of running these events at meets. The device also provided for more accurate measurements for the athletes during competition.



Above: The laser measuring device being zeroed in at the discus throwing cage.



Dolly Parton Imagination Library on the Horizon for Proctor's Littlest Learners

Thanks to an inspired community member, and REA³D's interest in community partnerships, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library may be providing books to Proctor youth ages 0-5 over the coming year. The Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children

from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia and Republic of Ireland. Inspired by her father's inability to read and write, Dolly started her Imagination Library in 1995 for the children within her

home county. Today, her program spans five countries and gifts over one million free books each month to children around the world. Russell Haberman has stepped up to be the local community contact for this wonderful resource, and has asked REA³D to partner in its introduction to our community.

REA³D Awards \$11,460 in Fall 2021 and Winter 2022 Grant Rounds

Title of Project	Contact	What was funded with REA ³ D grant	Population Served	AWARD AMOUNT
Public Speaking Project	Tanner Hall	Video camera and accessories to be used for student self assessment	100 PHS students	\$470.00
Farm to Fork Project	John Martin	Chef coats, associated attire for State Pro-Start Competition	5 PHS students	\$1,000.00
Chili Bowl Creation Project	Jay Kaelberar	Pottery wheel, associated pottery items to create bowls for fundraiser	125 PHS students, 120 community members	\$1,050.00
Sensory Regulation Support Project	Rachel Burlet and Julie Holm	Items that support special learning needs related to sensory regulation	Students with special needs in 41 classrooms	\$977.00
Band Instrument Project	Gordy Westendorf and Katie Sandor	Band instruments for students who cannot afford them	3-5 present and future PHS band members	\$1,000.00
Athletic Banner Project	Lowell Harnell	Outdoor Banners honoring Proctor athletes	Entire school district community	\$613.00
Outdoor Classroom Seating	Mark Hughes	Benches for outdoor classes	Pike Lake students	\$1,000.00
Snowshoes for Elementary Students	Caitlin Wood	20 pairs of snowshoes embossed with REA ³ D logo	140 Pike Lake primary students	\$999.80
Track and Field Equipment Support	Nathan Johnson	Laser measurement tool and accessories for discus throw and shot put competitions	25-30 PHS students, ages 11-17	\$1,000.00
Books for Vending Machines	Lynn Peterson/Jennifer Gajewski Lundberg	Initial book purchases to stock book vending machines	950 Bay View and Pike Lake K-5 students	\$2,000.00
Junior Level Football Support	Philip LaFlamme	Pants for 5 th -6 th grade football players	72-90 3 rd -8 th grade football players	\$1,000.00
Third Grade Leveled Book Club Books	Ana Urban	To purchase 5-6 copies of novels to be used in book clubs during ELA rotations.	100 Bay View students	\$350.00

What can REA³D do for YOU?

Do you have a great idea? Apply for a **REA³D** Grant! Since 2007, REA³D has awarded \$106,614 to 170 school and community projects which further learning in academics, art or athletics.

Next Granting Cycle Deadline: **4:00 p.m. November 4, 2022**

Request a grant application at rea3d@proctor.k12.mn.us or go to www.rea3d.org to download the grant application. Call 218-428-0098 for more information.

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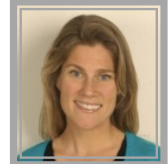
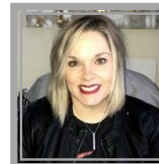
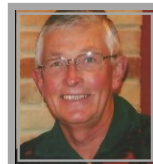
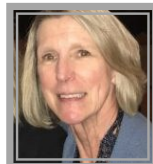
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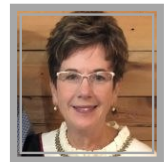
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- A passion for community learning projects?
- A desire to be involved in local grantmaking and fundraising?
- A "can do" attitude and optimistic vision for REA³D's future?

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