A High Plains 3rd grade student said “I learned you have to wash your hands really good, palms and fingernails. My favorite part was the glow machine to see how well I could wash off all the germs.”

This year Polk County Extension has been utilizing a School Enrichment program to help reinforce the importance of proper handwashing to slow the spread of germs. At the request of teachers over 200 youth learned, practiced, and demonstrated proper handwashing techniques using a black light and glowing “germs” A 3rd-grade teacher at High Plains said, “this program teaches the kids about the importance of handwashing, but it actually shows them the why.”