

Gifted & Talented News

November, 2009

Brain Bowl - Brain Bowl is a week-long, timed, single-elimination trivia competition. Four person teams compete against each other on such topics as literature, math, geography, languages, history and trivia. This competition happened the week of October 12th. We had 56 teams (224 kids) participate. The final rounds were held in the gym on that Friday morning in front of a large school audience. First, the two student finalist teams competed. In that round the team of 8th graders - **Andrea Green, Erica, Studee, Kirstin Kravik and Hayden Acker** beat the team of 8th graders - **Connor Hamilton, Theresa Mora, Grace Schjonberg and Justin Essert**. Then the student champs narrowly lost to our faculty team of **Mr. Barbeau, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Reardon and Senora Fruit**. Congrats to all our student participants and thanks to all the staff who helped!!

In Black and White - Literary and Art Magazine - Editors Named! This year's staff of 8th grade editors has been chosen for our literary magazine. All of these students applied to be part of this opportunity. They are: **Meggie Acker, Shanzeh Ahmad, Kayla Bauhs, Bridget Bellissimo, Tina Bouril, Adam Desantes, Jonathan Dowell, Hope Elliott, Andrea Green, Sara Griswold, Julie Handel, Jamie Herb, Rachel Hilgers, Alex Jedrzejczak, Yoko Kohmoto, Nicolette Krantz, Kirsten Kravik, Dagmar LeMans, Trent McKinnon, Bennett Miyagawa, Theresa Mora, Jane Mulkerin, Brianna Murphy, Kelsey Murphy, Heidi Neidhart, Anna, Ostermeier, Anja Pustaver, Allana Randall, Grace Schjonberg, Jon Stewart, Julia Tibbets, Anthony Williams and Kimberly Worden**. In October, the editors went into all the 6th & 7th grade English classrooms to present information about the magazine and to encourage all Glacier Creek students to submit their original writing or art work. Our first deadline for any submissions to this magazine is December 18th.

Destination Imagination Teams - Thanks to the wonderful commitment of parent volunteers, Middleton-Cross Plains Schools will have three middle school teams of students participating in the Destination Imagination Program (formerly called Odyssey of the Mind). These teams will work to develop solutions to creative challenges. They will present their solutions at a regional competition on March 13 at Waunakee High School.

Yahara River Writers Contest - Students in 5th through 8th grade have an opportunity to participate in this county-wide writing contest. Thirty-three school districts in the area send submissions to this contest. Students may submit editorials, short stories, poems or cartoons. Many teachers are teaching lessons on one or more of these writing styles. Interested students should contact their teachers to find out the specific contest requirements. The deadline for submissions to this contest is December 18th.

School Spelling Bee - The Glacier Creek School Spelling Bee is scheduled for Monday, November 23rd at 8:00 a.m. in the cafetorium. Classroom teachers will be selecting finalists from each block. The top 25 spellers will go on to the District Spelling Bee that will be held at the Performing Arts Center at Middleton High School on Tuesday evening, January 19, 2010. Interested parents may plan to attend either bee.

Odyssey of the Mind Day Away - Odyssey Day Away was started by our school district eleven years ago to emphasize creativity, teamwork and problem solving skills. Seventh and fourth grade students throughout the district will be participating. This year the Odyssey Day for 7th graders will be held on November 12th at the UW Memorial Union.

School Geography Bee - The Glacier Creek School Geography Bee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9 at 1:45 in the cafetorium. In November or early December, classroom teachers will have students participate in classroom geography bees to determine finalists for the school bee. Students can try to prepare themselves for this opportunity by working on their geography knowledge. Ten sample questions are posted everyday at: www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee Interested parents may plan to attend this bee.

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