



# Alexander Middle School

"In the middle -- kids come first."

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The start of second semester is underway and with that comes a fresh new start for students and staff. A number of activities to keep our winter dull-drums at bay have been scheduled. Please mark your calendars and join us.

Our AMS MVPs are looking forward to sponsoring Alexander Middle School's second annual Dodgeball Tournament on Saturday, March 29. Fifth grade students thru adults are welcome to form teams and register for the event. Registration forms can be found in the high school and middle school offices. A Scholastic Book Fair will be set up on our stage during the tournament, the public is welcome. Activity nights are scheduled for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades on the following dates; Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> for 4th grade, and February 22<sup>nd</sup> for 5th grade. Each activity night will be held in our cafetorium from 3:45 – 5:00 p.m., with a number of fun games and food for the students to enjoy.

"Which continent is home to Lake Tanganyika and the Great Rift Valley?"

"The Volga and Don are major rivers on which continent?"

"The Great Barrier Reef, located in the Coral Sea, runs just east of which country?"

"To visit the Millennium Dome and Hyde Park, where London's Live 8 concert took place in 2005, you would travel to what European country?"

These are the types of questions AMS students were asked to answer in the National Geographic Geography Bee 2008. Grade level play-offs were held at each grade level, with the top scoring students after seven rounds qualifying for the school bee. Rounds were: State Geographic Comparisons, U.S. Geography, U.S. Cities, Odd Item Out, Continents, Cultural Geography and Traveling to World Capital Cities. Grade level representatives were as follows: 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Emma Crider, Jared Olson, Brett Sutherland & Tarek Tuttle. 5<sup>th</sup> grade - Hallie Anderson, Alyssa Dachel, Colton Haasl & Erik Stojak, 6th grade - Alex Ashbeck, Ajit Deshpande, Bradly Savage, & Travis Webb. 7th - Ben Collins, Mason Elsen, Molly Warner & Eric Wolfe. 8<sup>th</sup> grade - Mackenzie Carlson, Jarod Coyer, Colton Evenson, & Taylor Mathewson. After an exciting school play-off Colton Evenson won. He will submit a written geography test to try and qualify at the state level. Congratulations to all on their geography knowledge! Answer to the questions listed above are as follows: Africa, Europe, Australia, United Kingdom

A Regional Youth Art Exhibit was held at the Cultural Center in Wisconsin Rapids. Six of our AMS student's wonderful works of art were on display. An opening reception was held on Sunday, January 27 from 12:00pm-3:00pm. The following AMS students had their work on display: Lianna Schwalwnberg, Haley Baker, Rachel Glaza, Hallie Anderson, Chrystal Booher, and Alesia Baldwin. We are very proud of their beautiful work.

We love showing off our student's works of art. If you have a chance, please stop in and enjoy the beautiful artwork on display throughout our building.