

February 2009

As is usual in a middle school, Alexander Middle School is busy with lots of activity! Our first semester Honors Dinner is scheduled for the evening of Monday, February 9th. We would like to extend a special thank you to all students for the great effort put forth during our first semester. We had 251 students in grades 5-8 that achieved a grade point average of 3.0 (or higher) for the first semester of the 2008-09 school year. We are very proud of these hard working students.

February is Youth Art Month and many of our students from Humke and AMS will have their beautiful works of art on display at various locations. The following are a list of students and the exhibits that their work will be shown. **Central Wisconsin Cultural Center “Emerging Artists” Exhibit – January 15 to February 26:** Emma Sprehn – Weaving, Shannon Books – Chinese Painting, Whitney Rowe – Collagraph Plate and Print, Casey Tiffany – Jewelry, Ketura Luginbuhl – Pottery, Anna Peterson – Egyptian Painting, Jacob Thompson - Basketry, Nick Weiler – 200 Lines Drawing, Gracie Le – Snowy Landscape Painting, Maggie De la Cruz – Paper Mache Mask, Cole Kaberle – Metal Name Design, Gracie Moffett – Aboriginal Art, Milo Brunette – Monet’s Waterlilies Painting. **YAM/McMillian Library Regional Art Show – February 2 to 27:** Hope Machon – Monet’s Waterlilies, Logan Cleary – Snowy Landscape, Amanda Schaeftbauer – Metal Turtle, Cali Ogurek – Fish Painting, Gabrielle Smith – Weaving, Lynzy Stelzer – Collagraph Plate Mixed Media, Alyssa Dachel – Art & Science of Spiders and Their Webs, Paige Stanislawski - 200 Lines Drawing, Brandon Binnebose – 200 Lines Drawing. **Leigh Yawkey Show in Wausau – March 7 to April 5:** Katie Somers – Maori Swirl, Laura Sprehn – Chinese Brush Painting, Ray Klumb – Semi Truck Drawing, Breanna Harn – Egyptian Painting. If you have a chance to stop in and view these wonderful art pieces I am sure you will find it well worth your while.

Congratulations go out to eighth grade student, Zachary Cyboran, Zach is our 2008-09 Geography Bee school champion. He has completed a written test that was sent to the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C. If Zach is among the top 100 finalists in the state, he will compete at the state level.

AMS eighth graders have been selected to complete the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The students will be completing this on Wednesday, February 11. NAEP is also known as “The Nation’s Report Card”, because it measures and reports what America’s students know and can do in core subjects of reading, math, writing and science.

Our AMS MVPs are hosting a fifth grade activity night on Friday, February 20 from 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. This is a free fun social night for students. Hotdogs and drinks will be served along with face painting, bingo, a cake walk and other great games. Please mark your calendars and encourage your fifth graders to attend. The AMS MVPs will also be hosting a lock-in for our seventh and eighth grade students on Friday, March 13th. Our eighth grade students are already talking about the fun they had last year at the lock-in. Please consider volunteering to chaperone this evening, many volunteers are needed for this event to take place. I am sure this year will prove to be another big success and many memories will be made.

This year our AMS Yearbook Club will be selling our first ever full color yearbook. The week of February 16 – 20 students will have the opportunity to order a yearbook during their lunch hour for \$8.00. Yearbooks will then be distributed sometime during the last week of school.

The Nekoosa School District will be making up two cold weather emergency school cancelation days. These two make up days will be on Monday, February 16 and Friday, March 27. Students will be expected to be in attendance on these days.

Stay warm and enjoy the remaining days of winter.