



AE/MS 2014 Spelling Bee participants. Front: Damien Fuller, Garrett Munson, Britta Johnson, Myles Powers, Alexis Cate, Scout Armstrong, Aarionne McMahon, Betsy Abrahamson. Second row: Gavin Elliott, Will Furtkamp, Hunter Hawks, Aidan O'Donnell, Brynne Makechnie, Sophia Reynolds, Lexi Emeny. Third Row: David Reynolds, Jack Newton, Matt Bent, Aidan Kellogg, Nelson Makechnie, Riley Keezer, Aiden Cox, Hannah Asbury, Sofia Weber, Aura Howe. Back Row: Jesse Wagner, Luke Weber, John Maynard, Alex Crucitti, Tiffany Poulin, Katelyn Barton, Sadie Duquette, Savannah Drewry.

Lexi Emeny is AE/MS Spelling Bee Champ

It took 14 rounds to pick the winner

finalists went through 14 rounds before we were able to declare a winner.

Lexi's name will be placed on a

By Amanda Lauster
AE/MS Reading Teacher

On March 7, 33 AE/MS students in grades four through eight participated in the school spelling bee. This year's bee was full of challenging words such as omniscient and cajolery.

AE/MS Spelling Bee Champ Lexi Emeny (right) and runner-up Jack Newton.

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Our AE/MS 2014 Spelling Bee Champion is seventh grader Lexi Emeny. Her winning championship round word was pharmacy.

This year's runner up was another seventh grader – Jack Newton. The two



AE/MS Spelling Bee Champ Lexi Emeny (right) and runner-up Jack Newton.

plaque in the lobby alongside other former AE/MS Spelling Bee Champions.

C-O-N-G-R-A-T-U-L-A-T-I-O-N-S!!

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vertical height of the pyramid has the same relationship to the perimeter of its base as the radius of a circle has to its circumference.

If you were to print 1 billion decimal places of pi in ordinary font, it would stretch from New York City to Kansas.

3.14 backwards looks like PIE.

"I prefer pi" is a palindrome -- it reads the same backwards as forwards.

The first million decimal places of pi consist of 99,959 zeros, 99,758 ones, 100,026 twos, 100,229 threes, 100,230 fours, 100,359 fives, 99,548

sixes, 99,800 sevens, 99,985 eights, and 100,106 nines.

There are no occurrences of the sequence 123456 in the first million digits of pi – but of the eight 12345s that do occur, three are followed by another 5. The sequence 012345 occurs twice and, in both cases, it is followed by another 5.

The first six digits of pi (314159) appear in order at least six times among the first 10 million decimal places of pi.

At position 763 there are six nines in a row, which is known as the Feynman Point.

The fraction 22/7 is a well-used approximation for pi.



AE/MS fourth graders have joined the band program. Front: Sierra Provost, Aaron Weeks, Brendon Miller, Garrett Niemyer, Julianna Baptiste, Rylee Sweeney. Middle: Dana Buswell, Wesley Koziol, Shannen O'Donnell, Jeremy Johnson, Sophia Reynolds, Anthony Hammond. Back: Tyler Champagne, Jesse Neimyer, Colby Jones, Fenn Davis, Logan Smith, Alexis Plante, Madison Colby, Lilly Carlson, Mr. Stewart.

AE/MS Music Department Expands Musical Opportunities

Fourth graders welcomed into school band

By Adam Stewart
AE/MS Music Director

Excitement abounds in the AE/MS Music Department! March is Music in Our Schools month, and in celebration of that fact we are rolling out two major portions of our new music curriculum. You may have already heard the melodious squeak of a recorder from a neighbor nearby as our third graders have begun learning the recorder. Also, you may soon hear the delightful sounds of beginning band instruments filling the air as our fourth graders have been invited to join the band program.

Our third graders have begun learning how to play the recorder. This year, we will be using the Recorder Karate program. This program allows students to earn colorful belts to be worn on their recorders upon the completion of each piece. Along with helping students learn to read and play music, this program is noted for improving dexterity and listening skills while students perform both in large groups and individually. We will continue our recorder learning into fourth grade and see how many of our best and brightest can earn the coveted black belt!

I am very pleased to announce that this year we have 20 fourth graders joining the band program! This will just about double the size of our band pro-

gram and thankfully get the majority of our instruments off the shelves and put to good use challenging student's brains and making beautiful music.

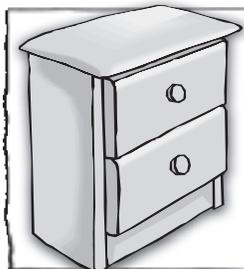
In fact, we have more interested students than instruments, so if you happen to have an instrument gathering dust and taking up space in your home, please consider donating it to our program. We will be sure to put any and every instrument to good use, regardless of its current condition. Our band program is projected to continue growing with many larger classes in the elementary school, so this is a very exciting time to be a musician at AE/MS!

Some dates to look forward to:

Thursday, April 17: Our kindergarten through fourth grade Spring Concert will feature our kindergarten through second grade chorus singing classic American music, our third graders debuting their recorder skills, and our fourth graders singing several songs as well. Show starts at 6:30 PM.

Thursday, May 15: Our Middle School Concert will feature our Advanced Band and Chorus along with the unveiling of our new and improved Beginning Band and a special piece prepared by our eighth grade students. It's shaping up to be a memorable night; don't miss it! Show starts at 6:30 PM.

Thank you all for your continued support of our music program here at AE/MS. We look forward to seeing you soon!



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