

Schools

AMS Play, "Peter Pan, Jr." Performances – March 12-14



Putting on a play takes more than the magic of pixie dust! The Crew of AMS Theater Club is hard at work preparing for Disney's Peter Pan Jr. Teams are creating costumes and props, painting set pieces, designing hairstyles, writing articles and printing posters, taking photos, and preparing their Market-place. In the coming weeks, the technical aspects of sound, lights and stage crew will be added when those crews start practicing their "roles". Come to a performance on March 12th, 13th or 14th and be amazed at how these talented students transport you to Neverland! Tickets are \$5 and will be available for purchase starting January 31st at The Black Forest, The Homestead and the AMS Main Office.

Amherst Middle School Spelling Bee Winners and Finalists



AMS Spelling Bee Champion, Riley Mularien, grade 7 and Spelling Bee Runner Up, Miles Lim, grade 5



William Hunter of Amherst, a 4th grader at Applewild School in Fitchburg, is a finalist in the school's round of the National Geographic Bee contest. The top scorer from the school will take a qualifying exam to be eligible for the Massachusetts State bee to be held in Worcester in March. The National finals will be in Washington, DC in May.



Debbie Hinrichs, Social Studies Curriculum coordinator, Abby Kirk and Andrew Taylor.

Amherst Middle School Announces Geography Bee Winners

On Friday, January 9th the Amherst Middle School conducted their annual school wide geography bee finals. 28 students representing grades 5-8 had qualified to be in the finals after answering 7 rounds of preliminary questions on team.

During the school wide finals, individual and whole room questioning were asked as the finals rounds continued for over an hour in the Amherst Middle School Cafeteria. In the end, it came down to a multiple round battle between 5 students battling for a spot in the championship round. Ultimate-

ly, the two finalists were Andrew Taylor of grade 7 and Abby Kirk of grade 8. The championship questions were asked and each finalist was asked to answer each question on a paper in front of them. Abby Kirk became the school wide champion after correctly answering 2 out of the 3 championship round questions. Abby will now prepare to take a written exam to see if her score will be high enough to qualify her to compete in the NH Statewide competition in March held at Keene state college.



Amherst Middle School student finalists in the "Bee"

The AMS school wide spelling bee was held last week. Our champion was seventh grader Riley Mularien, and our runner up was fifth grader, Miles Lim. The bee went 12 rounds and the winning word was circumflex.

We are very proud of all of our participants and wish Riley the best as she moves on to the NH State Spelling Bee in February.

Students represented their grade in the spelling bee were:

- Grade 5 – Jack Dermody, Miles Lim, and Kayli Pike
- Grade 6 – Anna Goyette, Austin Pollio, and Erika Roldan
- Grade 7 – Claire Dudek, Caroline Lamar, and Riley Mularien
- Grade 8 – Seth Facey, Alana Hoskins, and Abigail Kirk

▶ Compaq Big Band Returns to Souhegan High School For Jazz Night #2

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MY Camp Jazz Session, appeared with Boston Pops as winner of the Fidelity Investments Young Artists Competition, and competed as a finalist in the Great American Songbook Competition. She's won various Downbeat Student Music Awards, including best Junior High and High School Jazz Vocalist for four consecutive years.

The February 13th performance will include vocal charts popularized by the likes of Ella Fitzgerald, Diane Schuur, Natalie Cole, Joanie Sommers, Queen Latifah, and more, plus instrumental selections

from the books of Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band and the bands of Buddy Rich, Maynard Ferguson, John Clayton, Count Basie and others.

The CBB will be joined by jazz ensembles from Souhegan HS, Woodbury MS and Alvirne HS. General Admission at the door is \$10.00. Doors will open at 6:30pm. For more information about The Compaq Big Band, go to www.compaqbigband.com. For event information, please contact Carl Benivides at cbenivides@sprise.com.

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