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We hosted our Wellsville Middle School Spelling Bee on January 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the MS Library. Nine students from grades six through eight advanced past the grade level spelling competition to the school's overall Spelling Bee competition. Parents attended the competition and the students did very well as the competition lasted several rounds. Our top three finishers will advance to the Franklin County spelling bee in Williamsburg on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. They were Eli Owings (3<sup>rd</sup>), Marissa Haagensen (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Luc Becker (1<sup>st</sup>).

The Middle School will be having our Sports Pictures for Boys Basketball & Cheer after school on Thursday, January 21st.

In terms of sending home 1st semester grade cards, a paper copy of 1st semester grade cards was handed out to students at the end of the school day on Thursday, January 7th. In addition, parents received an Alert Solutions notification (by phone and/or email) the day before (Wednesday) informing them of this grade card procedure.

On Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> the MS mailed parents their child's state assessment results from last year in the subjects of Mathematics, English Language Arts and for some classes their Science scores as well. This gave parents an opportunity to look at the student's performance level and to track their grade level expectation.

On Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup> Wellsville hosted the M.S. Boys Basketball "A" team Tournament. This was a tournament for both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams. Schools competing were Prairie View, Anderson County, Iola and Wellsville. The tournament was well attended and a success. The Wellsville 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team finished the tourney in 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division.

We have been working the logistics and schedule for this year's 2016 state assessment tests. We will have two test sessions with testing beginning in mid-February and concluding in late April.

The sixth grade is recycling old, working electronics. They are also collecting ink jet cartridges during the month of January. As always we also collect Box Tops for Education. We use the money to buy classroom materials.

We concluded the 1<sup>st</sup> semester with a finals schedule for the last two days of the semester. It included a seminar period at the end of the day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> that gave our students different fun activities to participate in as we finished out the second quarter and went into the semester break.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- January 25<sup>th</sup>: MS Boys BB @ SFT
- January 28<sup>th</sup> : MS Boys BB @ Oz
- February 3<sup>rd</sup>: FBLA District @ Emporia
- February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Franklin Co. Spelling Bee @ Williamsburg Elem