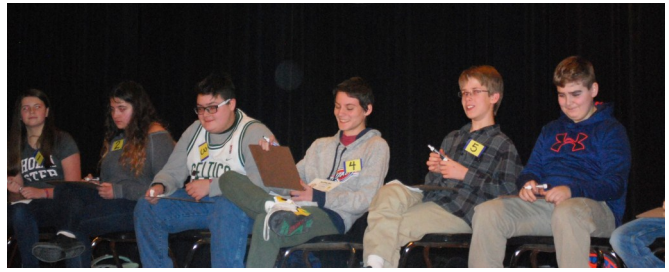




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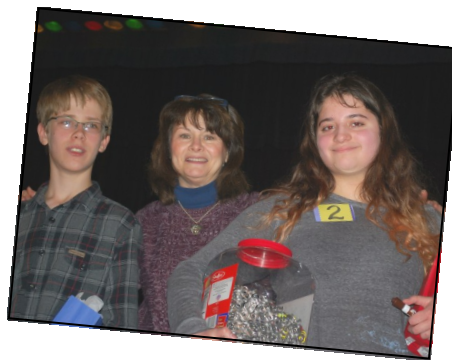
The Official Newsletter of the AuSable Valley Middle School

The Middle School is deep into Spelling Bee season! This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year AuSable Valley Middle School has participated in the CVES Regional Spelling Bee, a prerequisite for the renowned Scripps National Spelling Bee that is often aired on ESPN and featured on news channels.



On January 10<sup>th</sup> during F set, the top spellers for each grade level competed for first and second place in their grade. After a whopping 4 rounds, the winner for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade was Preston Rein with word "reckless" and the runner-up was Mya Witherwax. For the 8<sup>th</sup> grade contest, which also lasted 4 rounds, the first place winner was Lucas Tardif, with the word "conundrum"; runner-up was Geneva Mongulla.

Preston Rein and Lucas Tardif plan to represent AuSable Valley Middle School and will compete with over 68 area students at the 2018 CVES Regional Spelling Bee this year in Peru on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm. The runners-up, Mya Witherwax and Geneva Mongulla, will be prepared to fill their spots if the winners can't compete on that day. It will be a great experience for them and an exciting competition for our area; the winner will go on to compete at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington DC.



## EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION...

In case of severe weather conditions, or any other type of emergency, the following is a list of radio stations that will make an announcement: **WIRY AM1340, FM95XXX, WOKO FM98.9, STAR 92.9, WIZN 106.7**, and also **WPTZ Channel 5 & WCAX Channel 3**. Every effort will be made to contact the public at the earliest possible hour.



## LEGOS® MAKE LEARNING FUN

Eighth grade students in Ms. Longware's technology education classes exhibited their creativity to artifacts with LEGOS®. The unique designs were used as a springboard to learn and apply other skills including math, illustration, and technical writing. Each student created a full scale multi-view drawing of his/her artifact following the principles of engineering drawing. Then they developed the step by step technical instructions to recreate the artifact. The instructions were tested by others and if necessary, the designer and tester worked together to clarify the instructions to make the assembly process more accurate.

The artifacts will be on display through the end of January outside the main office of the MSHS. When you visit the school, please stop and take a look at the incredible assortment of student work.

This project is one of many that utilize LEGOS®. If you have extra brick and figures that you no longer use, we'd gladly add them to the classroom collection.



**February 2**      **Early Release @11:32am**

**February 14**     **BOE Meeting @6:00pm**

**February 19-23**  
**Winter Break - NO SCHOOL**

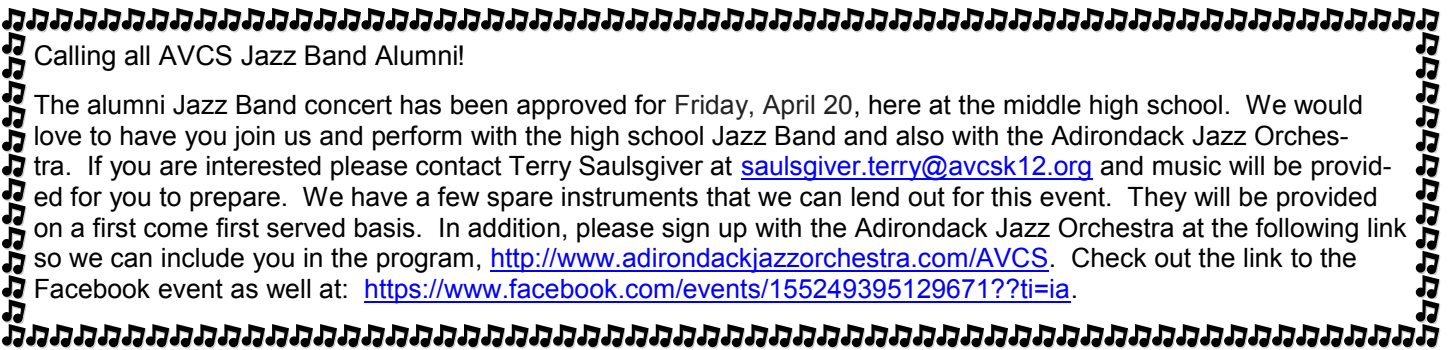
**Looking Ahead**

**March 9**            **25 Week Marking Period Ends**


 Mrs. Durocher's and Mr. Frazer's 7th and 8th grade Social Studies classes recently participated in the National Geographic Geographic Bee. The five 7th grade finalists were Kate Knapp, Zachary McLean, Carson Garcia, Preston Rein and Sadie Stafford. The five 8th grade finalists were Catherine Anthony, Eben Dorr, Nathaniel Echardt, Cal Stevens and Hayden Lowther. The AVCS school champion for the second year in a row is Eben Dorr. Zachary McLean finished in second.



Many thanks to all students who participated!


 Calling all AVCS Jazz Band Alumni!  
 The alumni Jazz Band concert has been approved for Friday, April 20, here at the middle high school. We would love to have you join us and perform with the high school Jazz Band and also with the Adirondack Jazz Orchestra. If you are interested please contact Terry Saulsgiver at [saulsgiver.terry@avcsk12.org](mailto:saulsgiver.terry@avcsk12.org) and music will be provided for you to prepare. We have a few spare instruments that we can lend out for this event. They will be provided on a first come first served basis. In addition, please sign up with the Adirondack Jazz Orchestra at the following link so we can include you in the program, <http://www.adirondackjazzorchestra.com/AVCS>. Check out the link to the Facebook event as well at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/155249395129671/?ti=ia>.