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Por-Q-Bots Headed to Atlanta!

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On Saturday, February 6th, Northeast Montana scored a significant honor when the Nashua Por-Q-Bots won the First Place Champions Award at the Montana FIRST Lego League Championship in Bozeman. Getting this award is such a noteworthy achievement that it includes an invitation to compete in the FLL World Festival in Atlanta, Georgia in April. To earn the Champions award, a team must score well in all of the categories, so that their total team point score is the highest.

The FIRST Lego League season starts out with over 14,800 teams in the US and Canada. Only 36 teams are invited from the Championship Tournaments in these two countries. An additional 10 teams are invited through an FLL Values selection process. Out of the original number of teams involved, less than half of one percent are invited to the FLL world Festival. The Por-Q-Bots are part of that tiny portion of FLL teams. The FLL World Festival includes 33 teams from other countries, to make a total of only 84 teams invited.

The team is comprised entirely of Nashua School Students. There are nine team members, and two student mentors. The students (all from 5th and 6th grade) are Jordan Ramsbacher, Shae Fisher, Natasha Chamerlain, Nolan Viste, Chase Williams, Nicole Williams, Shaylin Barnett, Morgan Guttenberg, and Ryleigh Delich. The two seventh grade student mentors are Sandy Viste and Ryan Scanlan. Coaches for this winning team include Laura Wagner, Janet Williams, Ryan Williams, and Patti Scanlan.

What was the participants favorite part of their winning weekend in Bozeman? Here is what some said:

Ryleigh Delich: "When they announced that we won. It was the very last trophy of all of them on the table. I knew the last trophy was the biggest one, and I didn't think it would be us. I didn't know it was us until everyone started screaming!"

Ryan Scanlan: "When our name was announced—no words can express it."

Chase Williams: "I liked it when we got to the target spot every round. We even made it there twice one round when we decided to start that mission again!"

Shae Fisher: "I liked it when everyone in the gym yelled 3, 2, 1, Lego! to start. And, I liked the ribs at our celebration party at Famous Dave's."

Jordan Ramsbacher: "I thought it was great when we did the skit for the judges and they never asked us about how much it would cost. It was crazy when we won first place."

Coach Ryan Williams: "I appreciate all the smiles and laughter throughout the weekend. I am so proud of our team, coaches, supportive school, and my family. These are the moments I live for."

Coach Laura Wagner: "This group of kids really came together. They have worked really hard, meeting up to 6 days a week right before the tournament. They are a super bunch of kids, and really fun to be with."

Since FIRST Lego League is something that is hard to explain in words, the Por-Q-Bots are planning some demonstrations to show the community what it looks like. For more information about the Por-Q-Bots, go to the Nashua School website, nashua.k12.mt.us –go to clubs and organizations, then to Por-Q-Bots. More information about FIRST Lego League can be found at www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/fll/.

Boys Basketball team heads for Divisionals

Scobey traveled to Nashua High School for a big conference game. Nashua needed to win this to place second in the district. Scobey started out with full force; the Spartans had scored 15 points to the Porcupines 10 in the first. Then things just went downhill for Nashua as Scobey outscored Nashua by one in the second to take the locker room lead, 26-20.

Nashua boys came out of the half ready to go, and they did so. Allowing Scobey to score 10 points and putting up 11 points of their own in the third quarter. Going into the fourth the Nashua boys fell apart and couldn't make up the deficit of points. End of the fourth came, but Nashua could only score 6 points in the quarter and Scobey put up 16 points giving the Spartans the win, 50 37. Willy Lauckner scored 4 points, Shae Stein scored only 2 points, Wilbert Ackerman put up 11 points, Sean Bengochea netted 5 points, and high scorer was Brandon Hansard with 15 points.

Nashua travelled to Dodson for their last regular season game. It was Dodson senior night, and they were ready to play some basketball. Nashua didn't let anything get in their way of playing their kind of ball, putting up 21 points in the first to Dodson's 10. The Porcupines got with it again and managed to put up an even bigger score of 26 in the second quarter with the Coyotes scoring only 10 again giving Nashua a 47-20 lead at the break.

Nashua put in some bench and allowed the starters to get a break. The Porcupines scored 16 points to the Coyotes' 13 in the third to take an even bigger lead of 63 to 33 into the fourth. The Dodson Coyotes came out and scored some points the fourth quarter shortening the lead of the Porcupines. Nashua scored 13 points in the fourth and Dodson scored a big 26. The final results were Nashua 77 Dodson 59. Sean Bengochea had 2 points, Lauckner had 10 points, Stein had 13, Ackerman had 14, Hansard had 15, and high scorer Dustin Kelm had an amazing 23 points.

Tournament time!!

The Nashua boys were third in the district behind Saco/

Pink Panther Returns

On Friday February 5th, the Nashua elementary students performed a half-time show called the Nashua Pink Pantherettes and the Inspectors. They performed during the girls varsity game at the Nashua School. Starring in this performance were Anika Peters, Shaebree Trueax, Cordelia Nickels, Devin Fromdahl, Macala Adkins, Lauren Padden, Kaydin Sibley, Aidan Peters, Kaitlyn Adkins, Kelsey Long, Mersades Strong, Taylor Laumeyer, Jaelle Chamberlain, Amari Zeluff, and Brennan Peters as the Pink Pantherettes. And starring as the Inspectors were Sawyer Sibley, Fletcher Clampitt, Walker Laumeyer, Dalton Lanning, Tyler Turner, Blue Fettig, and Eli Zeluff.

Whitewater and Lustre Christian. This put the Porcupines against Frazer the very first game. Nashua, not over looking any team, was ready to go; they put up a nice lead of 8 going into the second, 23 to 15. The next quarter was even better as Nashua scored 30 points to Frazer's 15 to lead at half, 53 to 30.

Nashua came out of the locker room and took it easy only scoring 17 points in the third to the Bearcubs' 12 points. The fourth quarter came around, and Nashua was ready to put this W in the books. The Porcupines put up 20 points to get an even bigger lead, and Frazer had scored another 12 points, the final results being 54 for Frazer and 90 for your Nashua Porcupines. Jared Busch has 6 points, Jordan Sibley added 1 point, Lauckner had 11 points, Stein had 13, Dillon Fisher had 3 points, Kelm had 14 points, Ackerman had 10, Sean Bengochea had 7 points, and high scorer, Hansard, finished with 25 points.

Nashua boys advanced to play the Scobey Spartans in the semifinals. Scobey had beaten Dodson to make it to this game. Nashua started off strong and got a quick lead of 6 at the end of the first, 8-2. Coming to the end of the half Nashua was still leading, 14 to 9.

Scobey came out of the locker room ready to play and scored 11 points to Nashua's 7 in the third. The fourth quarter is where it matters, and the Porcupines just didn't have it in them to get the win losing 34-39. Stein had 8 points, Kelm had 4 points, Sean Bengochea had 3 points, Hansard had 9 points, and high scorer Ackerman had 10 points.

Nashua crossed to the other side of the bracket to play Hinsdale. With a win Nashua would head to divisionals. Nashua got a great start and at the end of the first quarter the Porcupines were up 12 to 10. In the second quarter Nashua outscored Hinsdale again scoring 12 to 7 to take a 24- 17 halftime lead.

Hinsdale closed the gap outscoring Nashua by 2 in the third, but Nashua scored 18 big points in the fourth quarter to secure the win over Hinsdale, who only scored 11. The final score was 46 to 34 Nashua Porcupines. Anthony Bengochea had 2 points; Willy, Stein and Sean Bengochea all had 4 points. Hansard added 6 points. Dustin Kelm had 12 points, and high scorer Ackerman, had 14 points.

Second Grade

We have been learning about the presidents!

We celebrated Valentine's Day on Presidents Day. We looked all over the classroom to find letters that spelled out a greeting. Mrs. Cole is a good hider as we are still looking for a few letters. We had treats and then opened our boxes that each student designed as part of our valentine train.

Lady Porcupines 8-10 Heading into Districts

The Nashua Porcupines Girls Varsity were defeated by the Scobey Spartans 37-29 on February 5th. The Nashua Porcupines ended the first half with a score of 11 and the Spartans with 18. The final score was Scobey 37, Nashua 29. Leading scorers for the Porcupines were Rachel McMurry with 10, followed by Cami Rosencrans with 7, Jana Tihista with 5, Darbi Borgen with 4, and Hannah McMurry added 3.

The Nashua Porcupines defeated the Dodson Coyotes 65-47 in the final regular season game. Leading scorers for the Nashua Porcupines were Rachel McMurry with 24, followed by Kassidi Sibley with 12, Hannah McMurry with 8, Tihista with 6, Borgen with 4, Lena Chamberlain and Jennifer Ramsbacher both with 3, Rosencrans and Mary Damon both adding 2.

The Nashua Porcupines beat the Malta M-ettes JV, 48-38, on February 8th. Leading scorers for the Nashua Porcupines were Sibley and Tihista both with 12 each. They were followed by Hannah McMurry with 10, Rosencrans with 7, Damon with 4, and Rachel McMurry added 3.

The Nashua Porcupines girls JV beat the Scobey Spartans 37-31. The Nashua JV girls ended the first half with 16 while the Spartans only had 13. The second half the Porcupines outscored Spartans 21 to 18. Leading scorers for the Porcupines were Mary Damon with 10, followed by McKenzie Clampitt and Freia Henz both with 6, Lena Chamberlain, Cassidy Dahl and Hannah McMurry all adding 4, and Jennifer Ramsbacher with 3.

The Nashua Porcupines JV Girls were defeated by the Malta M-ettes freshman, 33-53. Leading scorers for the Nashua Porcupines were Damon with 1. She was followed by Clampitt with 9, Lacey Fortin with 4, Henz with 5, Hannah McMurry with 3, and Chamberlain with 1.

Fifth Grade

Six members, (Shaylin, Chase, Ryleigh, Nolam, Nicole, and Morgan) were 5th graders on the winning LEGO team. Fifth grade is very proud of them. The 5th grade also constructed a wonderful 5th avenue for Valentine's Day.

Because they got their 20 good marks for Assertive Discipline, the 5th grade class has chosen to go to the Art room and have Mrs. Hanson instruct them with a project. Luckily, Mrs. Hanson has agreed to this idea.

They have been busy learning about fractions in Math.

Dressing up for spirit days and supporting our High School Basketball teams has been very important to the 5th grade.

Pizza Party

The first grade is enjoying their pizza party they won by bringing in the most food for the JMG food drive. The first grade brought 205 pounds of food

Thanks to all the parents that helped them.

Elementary Music Festival

On February 8th the 5th and 6th grade band played "Stonehenge" by Michael Story in Malta. The participants were as follows: Chloe Koessl played a piano solo, Natasha Chamberlain vocal and euphonium solo. The two duets were performed by Brooke MacDonald and Kira Rosencrans, and Shae Fisher and Jordan Ramsbacher. The Quartet consisted of Chloe Koessl, Emily Skyberg, Faith Keys, and Lane Nickels. "The festival was really fun", says Chase Williams, a fifth grader, "We did really good. The hard practice definitely paid off."

Summer Opportunities

June 13-25: The Schwanke Honors Institute is being held in Missoula. This is a chance for upcoming Juniors and Seniors to live on campus and participate in college level classes. The application deadline is April 1, 2010.

June 13-25: Summer Transportation Institute is being held in Bozeman. This is a 2 week course that introduces students to the career fields in transportation. This program is available to students entering 10th, 11th, and 12th grades next year. The priority deadline is March 1.

July 18-25: MED START will be held on the MSU-Bozeman campus. Application packet arrive in mid-March. Open to incoming juniors and seniors. Students selected will explore a wide variety of health related careers, both clinical and non-clinical.

Just a reminder: The LIVE OUT LOUD workshop by girls for a change is open to girls in grades 8-12. The registration fee is \$20. Deadline for registration is February 23. The workshop is in Bozeman on February 27th.

See Ms. Rorvik for more information on these summer opportunities and summer workshops.



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2. Using foil to lift, remove brownies from pan. Remove foil. With sharp 3-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter, cut 12 brownies.
3. In medium microwavable bowl, microwave caramels and whipping cream uncovered on High 1 to 3 minutes, stirring every minute, until caramels are melted.
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