



Northeast School Principal's Newsletter

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Got Geography?

Do you know which continent alpacas are mostly found in the wild? Northeast students do! March 15th marked the 20th anniversary of the Northeast Elementary School Geography Bee! This was the first year that Northeast hosted this flagship event during a school day, which maximized student and parent involvement. In fact, we set an all-time record with 54 teams and 156 students participating!



If you're new to the GeoBee, this trivia contest welcomes teams of 2 or 3 students to challenge themselves in world knowledge connected to areas of focus in their Global Studies class. Teams were grouped at the kindergarten level, grades 1&2, grades 3&4 and grade 5. Several qualifying rounds led to championship rounds and ultimately, we crowned 1st through 3rd place winners who walked away with some prizes.

Then event was loaded with tons of trivia and fun! Clever team names like The Compass Crew, GOLivias, Geo Dragons, DomiNation or The Banana Boys kept the crowd smiling. Each round got more intense as the teams continued to raise the bar of rigor. Even the kindergarten went into a triple tie breaker!



Our school was more than lucky to have an outstanding team to pull this event off! Co-Chairs Melissa Cortale and Ashu Mehndiratta and PTA President Sabrina Brewer as well as parent volunteers Loraine Tacardon and Helen Black oversaw the design and execution of the GeoBee. From registration to decorations right down to the questions, this team impressed us all. Their hard work, coordination and dedication created an unforgettable experience that our students will remember forever!



The Northeast Community is so very proud of all our participants. Taking a chance and being on stage is no small feat. The months long preparation and courage to be in the GeoBee is a testament to our students' commitment to the Northeast magnet and their own personal growth. We congratulate all of them!

I would like to acknowledge our GeoBee championship round winners.



Kindergarten

1st Place - Yellow Cactus Megalodons: Vivian Liebermann, Willa Crowley, Xavier Black

2nd Place - Black Turtles: Peter Johannsen, Roman DiPietro, RJ Tretola

3rd Place - NJ Kinder-Gardeners: Lucian Segedy, Joseph Hsu, Carter McDonald

3rd Place - Team Global Kids: Max Tilner, Jack Kramer, Walter Gillespie



Grade 1&2

1st Place - Geo Tigers: Deven Reddy, Cormac Thompson, Leonardo Randazzo

2nd Place - Global Puppies: Jolie Tang, Mia Srikanth, Winnie White

3rd Place – DomiNation: Jameson Keating, Nathaniel Clark, Ari Penta



Grade 3&4

1st Place - The Compass Crew: Benjamin Mohren, Arya Saireddy, Madelibe Muntz

2nd Place - Globe'easters: Nir Vainsencher, Boris Simonov, Olivier Dupre Deriphonse

3rd Place - The Globallers: Freddie Forbes, Cameron Youngs, Nate Kolbe



Grade 5

1st Place - NE Explorers: Sebastian Mills, Armas Kikoski, Bryce Stokes

2nd Place - Northeast Navigators: The Final Chapter: Marcel Arbelaez, Toby Arbelaez, Jack Stofkoper

3rd Place - M&Ms: Alexa Rodriguez, Manvi Manivannan, Paula Roever







**Early Dismissal
1:10pm**

**Parent
Conferences**
(Evening)

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**Parent
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(Afternoon)

March 21st