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### **Langston Road Elementary Wins District Academic Bowl; Matt Arthur Elementary Wins Runner Up**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Langston Road Elementary School won the district's Elementary School Academic Bowl. Children from 17 elementary schools competed with a total of 147 team members at this annual event. Matt Arthur Elementary won second place.

The Langston Road winning team is pictured (from left, front to back): Sawyer Bennett, Stuart Creque, Earl Harrison, Christian Christian; Principal Dr. Elgin Mayfield, Coach Mori Harris, Leslie Melton, Isaac Melton, Brody Burch and Coach Christie Lehman.

Houston's fifth grade Gifted and Talented Education students, with an occasional fourth grader participating, competed throughout the day in a single elimination competition. After five rounds of questions, Langston Road Elementary prevailed over Matt Arthur Elementary in the last round. Mossy Creek Middle School hosted the bowl on Nov. 15.

Students answered questions in the categories of math, science, language arts, social studies, fine arts and more. The questions are based on quiz bowl general knowledge and Georgia's curriculum. Students answer toss-up questions to move on to bonus questions and score points. Only one team is named the winner and some of the rounds are nerve-racking.

Sample questions follow, with answers provided at the end. Are you smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> grader?

**Math** – Dalton is playing a form of quiz bowl where he earns 10 points for each correct answer and loses 5 points for each incorrect answer. In one game, Dalton answers 11 questions correctly, but gets 4 other questions wrong. What is Dalton's final score for that game?

**Science** – Clinkers are formed when this substance starts to cool down. This substance can be called a'a [ah-ah] or pahoehoe [pa-hoy-hoy], depending on how it flows. Before this substance comes to the surface it is called magma. Name this hot, melted rock that may flow out of a volcano.

**Language Arts** – A child uses this literary device when he says, "I have a million things to do," or, "I'm so hungry I could eat a horse." Identify this device, which uses exaggeration for comic effect.

**Social Studies** – This war was caused largely by the impressment of American sailors. Battles included Horseshoe Bend, New Orleans, and the burning of Washington. What war between the United States and Britain resulted in a stalemate?

**Fine Arts** – A musician with "perfect" this can correctly identify one by itself, with no other reference point. What element of music generally refers to the highness or lowness of a sound?

**Current Events** - On October 8, this woman won her 21st medal, breaking the record for World Championships medals won by a woman. She is the 2016 Olympic individual all-around, vault and floor gold medalist, and balance beam bronze medalist. She was part of the gold-medal-winning team dubbed the "Final Five" at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Name this woman.

Academic Bowl contributes to continuing efforts for recognizing and promoting academic excellence and good citizenship in the following ways:

- creates good work/study habits;
- broadens individual horizons of factual information;
- develops poise and confidence in students presenting themselves to the public;
- develops teamwork and good citizenship qualities; and
- instills an appreciation for the pursuit of knowledge.

The Matt Arthur Elementary team is pictured (from left, front to back): Adriana Kissire, Oliver Golbeck, Connor Harrison, Aaron Matthews, Christopher Burks; Coach Peaches Tankersley, Charlie Gallion, Nyhah Cobb, Lyla Rex, Addisyn Griffin, Kimber Collier and Coach Jessica Augsburger.



“Participation in this competition is an outstanding experience that provides for deep student learning in a team setting that results in academic engagement, enjoyment, and enthusiasm,” said the Director of Gifted Education, Jan Jacobsen. “They spend time in collaboration and in preparation for competition.

Students have the opportunity to meet other students from across the county who share similar interests.” She added, “Many thanks to all who make this annual event possible: Houston County Board of Education, the schools, Mossy Creek Middle, the HCBOE transportation department, the competition workers, parents, and most importantly the children.”

For more information about the academic bowl, contact Jacobsen at 478-988-6395, ext. 10393, or [Jan.Jacobsen@hcbe.net](mailto:Jan.Jacobsen@hcbe.net).

Answers: 90; lava; hyperbole; War of 1812; pitch; Simone Biles

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