

# MINERAL POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Scoop

April 2015 🐾 Education... That's the Point.

## The Study of Ancient Egypt

QUESTION: If a mummy were to give you two dimes as change for a quarter, what happened???

(Continue to read on to find out the answer.)

The IMC was recently taken over by a multitude of ancient Egyptian artifacts created by Mrs. Soper's second semester social studies class. Each student chose a topic that was of major importance to the ancient Egyptians. Once their topic was chosen, a 3-D model was created along with a written research report as to why it was important to this ancient culture. As you can see, the students put in a lot of thought, creativity, and work into their projects.

Additionally, the students were able to experience an interactive video conference with the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology. Through the use of telepresence, students were able to explore the process of mummification including brain removal, evisceration, desiccation, and wrapping. Students were a little disappointed however, as a fabricated mummy was used. Additionally, the religious significance of mummification to the ancient culture was reinforced.

Visitors are welcome to come and explore our Egyptian artifacts in the IMC. And... the answer to the question is: Egypt you! (He gyped you.)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, April 30**  
M.S. track at Dodgeville  
(with Lancaster and Cuba City)

**Tuesday, May 5**  
M.S. Spring concert, 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 6**  
M.S. Progress Reports to be mailed

**Friday, May 8**  
Champion Games @ Boscobel

**Friday, May 8**  
Grade 6-8 Band to participate in the  
Trills and Thrills festival

**Monday, May 11**  
M.S./H.S. School Fair, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 12**  
M.S. track at Darlington Invitational

**Thursday, May 14**  
M.S. track at Lancaster Invitational

**Monday, May 25**  
Memorial Day—No Classes  
Grade 6-8 Band to march in Memorial Day  
parade, 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, June 3**  
M.S. Awards Program, H.S. gym, 1:00 p.m.  
Grade 8 Graduation to follow.

**Wednesday, June 3**  
Grade 8 Graduation dance, cafetorium,  
7:00-10:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 4**  
M.S. field trips

**Thursday, June 4**  
Last day of school

**Saturday, July 4**  
Grade 6-8 Band to march in  
4th of July parade



# Earth Day Art Project

By Lesley Macaulay

Earth Day is such a special and fun celebration throughout Mineral Point Middle School. In the art room the sixth and seventh graders are designing globes which will remind the viewer to help save our planet. Each group has researched different ways to "go green," and have come up with their own themes for the project. Saving energy, recycling, and preserving nature are just a few of the creative ideas.

The students love to get their hands messy when it comes to building 3-dimensional objects. It becomes a very competitive but exciting atmosphere once the ideas start flying and the construction begins. These globes will be displayed throughout both Middle School and High School during the week of Earth Day. 🐾



## Earth Day 2015

The sixth grade class welcomed Ed Faherty of Faherty Recycling from Platteville, Wisconsin to educate us on the importance of recycling and the many products created from recycled materials.

Did you know....

- plastic milk jugs can be made into deck boards?
- some of the things made from tires include mats for zoos, playground bases, shingles for house that last 50-100 years before having to be replaced?
- paper and cardboard can be made into kitchen countertops?
- cabinetry can be made from sunflower shells?
- and any plastic bags that are transparent or translucent (if you put your hand into the bag and can see your fingers through it) can be recycled?



## Middle School Math Team Results

### SHANNON PERFECT FOR GOLDEN TEAM

On Tuesday, March 17, students from Mineral Point participated in the SWAL conference math contest at UWP hosted by Cuba City. Mineral Point typically fairs very well at this competition but this year was special. The ten students that earned the right to compete brought home TEN gold medals.

The contest is divided into four sections. Each section consists of several challenging problem-solving situations that each participant must complete in fifteen minutes. Each problem is assigned a point value based on its level of difficulty. Points are earned by correctly solving a problem.

Leading the way was eighth grader Abigayle Shannon. Out of 78 participants, Abigayle finished in a first place tie with a **perfect** score of 64. Following in a tie for 6th place with scores of 59 were eighth grader Brady Palzkill and seventh grader Lily Wong. Right behind them in a tie for 8th place with 58 points were eighth graders Madisen Faull and Mitchell Schaaf along with seventh grader Nicholas Dubois. Eighth grader Sarah Toay (56 points, 14th place), seventh grader Morgan Vondra (55pts., 15th), eighth grader Matthew Berg (54pts, 19th) and seventh grader Owen Stephenson (54pts, 19th) completed the team. Also deserving recognition but not competing at the meet were alternates Noah Stanton and Grant Bossert. The team was coached by Mike Chambers and Deb Soper.



## Accelerated Reader Goals Reached

Once again our students have done a fantastic job reading their way through the quarter. Congratulations to the following students for meeting their 3rd quarter goals! Mrs. McCoy

*"Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light."* – Vera Nazarian

Bryann Cody  
Emily Cody  
Gunnar Gorgan 2x  
Mason Horn  
Mason Hughes  
Ian Keyes  
Andrea Kieler  
Skylar Martin 2x  
Haily Murphy 2x  
Emma Olson  
Sadie Owens  
Keira Schrank 9x  
Nolan Springer  
Kylie Swaziek  
Rita Wilson 2x  
Macy Aschliman  
Jacob Carpenter 5x  
Brayden Dailey  
Henry Dailey  
Raven Day  
Natalie Finley 5x  
Kane Gunderson  
Ivy Lawinger  
Grant Lee  
Victoria Handel-Liegman  
Daniel Nordstrom  
Tatum Novak 3x  
Chloe Oberhauser  
Olivia Olson  
Jacob Perez  
Cloe Rule 3x  
Taylor Schmidt 2x  
Bode Schmitz  
Will Straka

Megan Toay  
Justin Baehler  
Wes Berget  
Mckenna Bowers 2x  
Nick Dubois 3x  
Grady Gorgen  
Jaden Kieler  
Payton Lawinger  
Isaac Lindsey  
Cody Pierce  
Dalton Schrank 6x  
Maggie Schubert  
Owen Stephenson  
Morgan Vondra  
Nicole Johnson  
Madeline Williams  
Ben Basting 2x  
Grant Bossert  
Natalie Chitwood  
Wyatt Evans  
Ryver Galle  
Tessa Hanson  
Sara Heisner  
Bodhi Logueflower 2x  
Simon Mitchell 2x  
Larry Steffes  
Kylie Sullivan  
Flo Torres 2x  
Blaise Watters  
Blake Wendhausen  
Annie Wilbanks  
Lily Wong  
Michaela Acherman  
Mara Aschliman

Matthew Berg 2x  
Jackie Carpenter  
Karissa Deutsch  
Brandon Dolphin  
Madisen Faull  
Zula Flanary  
Zoe Hay 3x  
Kaitlyn Kinch  
Kyla Lindsey  
Miranda Oellerich  
Justice Perez  
Brandon Putman 2x  
McKenna Reichling  
Mitchell Schaaf  
Abby Shannon  
Samantha Socha  
Katie Wilson  
Karsten Bakken 3x  
Bailey Bennett  
Megan Berg 2x  
Curtis Cox  
Riese Federman 3x  
Simone Fitzsimons  
Morgan James  
Savannah Jones 2x  
Josie Lindholm  
Brady Palzkill 2x  
Daniel Pittz  
Dana Schmitz  
Logan Schmitz  
Noah Stanton  
Sarah Toay 3x  
Trystan Trace  
Karen Wilbanks 2x  
Cole Wilson 2x

*(number)X = how many times a student exceeded their goal*

# *From the Desk of Ms. Dahl, Middle School Principal*

The end of April is near and the end of the school year is quickly approaching. It seems like it has been awhile since we sent out our Scoop newsletter. We did not publish a March newsletter. March was a very hectic month with the WIAA tournaments and spring break. We have many upcoming events in May and June, so make sure you check out the event calendar in this edition of the Scoop.

Mineral Point Middle School would like to thank the band Stone Crazy for their donation to the Middle School Band. The donation was made in memory of Scott U'Ren. As a student Scott was involved in the music department and he was also a drummer for Stone Crazy after graduating from MPHS.



Another donation was made to the Middle School by the Mineral Point Kwik Trip. Students were given a Green Bay Packer drink cup which is good for refills at Kwik Trip. Even though some of our students are not Packer fans, they were more than happy to grab a drink cup. Thank you to Julie Jewell and the staff at the MP Kwik Trip.

The above examples are another reason why the Mineral Point Community is a great place to live and work! 🐾

## *Just for fun:*

Q: Why couldn't the Pirate learn the alphabet?

A: Because he was always lost at C!

## *Worth quoting:*

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." – Jane Goodall