

## **Junior High Knowledge Bowl**

Students at Edgerton public recently wrapped up a successful Jr. High Knowledge Bowl season. The students have been participating in local meets since October. On December 20, the team was divided into three teams to participate in the sub-regional competition in Marshall. Edgerton Red, Edgerton Black, and Edgerton White battled against 50 other teams with Edgerton Red successfully ranking 4th after a tie-breaker round for 3rd place. This earned Edgerton Red a trip to the regional competition. Freshmen Alex Bootsma, Lauren DeJong, Brayden Kuiper, and Luke Veldhuizen participated in the SWWC Service Cooperative's Junior High Knowledge Bowl® Regions 6 and 8 Regional Competition held on January 5, 2017, at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

Forty-eight teams from twenty-six school districts participated in the event. During the contest, teams of students (grades six through nine) competed in a written round consisting of 60 questions and four oral rounds of 45 questions each. Questions tested students' recall, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills. Questions were interdisciplinary, including American history, world history, government, current events, economics and law, geography, literature, English, math, physical science, life science, earth science, health and psychology, art and music, and general knowledge of Minnesota.

Winning teams were New London-Spicer – 112.5 points, Edgerton Red - 107.5 points, and Glencoe-Silver Lake Blue with 100.5 points. Teams were awarded a plaque for their schools, with first, second, and third place medals given to team members. The competition was sponsored by the SWWC Service Cooperative's Student Activities Program with support from the Student Enrichment Sponsors.