

MS Scholars Place at Grinnell
By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School Scholar Bowl teams competed in Grinnell on November 27. All three teams—sixth, seventh, and eighth, competed well with the seventh grade placing second and the eighth grade finishing in third place.

The seventh grade team members included Alicia Vargas, Elizabeth Romero, Estrella Aguilar, Brandon Karnes, Jemma Juenemann, and Koen Schaben-captain. They went 4-1 defeating Ness City 40-30, Logan 50-20, Western Plains 40-20, and Grinnell 60-40. Their only loss was to Heartland Christian 20-50 placing the Dogs second.

The eighth grade team went 4-2 for third place. They lost their first two rounds to Heartland 40-80 and Grinnell 50-70, before defeating Triplains 70-20. They then lost to Healy 40-50 then won three in a row over Logan, Western Plains 70-40, and Ness City 60-20. Team members included Briella Knowles, Lakin Wark, Cristian Garcia, Ben Masoner, Elizabeth Weiner, and Takoda Cline-Captain. “We did better than we did earlier this season,” said Briella Knowles. “We buzzed in a lot more. We are more confident in our answers. Sometimes we need to slow down and think about what we are doing before answering.”

This was the second competition for the sixth grade team members—Blake Horobik, Cameron Sweigart, Jaxon Juenemann, MaKenlea Focke, and Ruxin Arnberger-Captain. They competed well and was able to score some points but did not gain any wins as they lost to Heartland 30-50, Grinnell 10-40, Triplains 30-40, and Western Plains 30-60.

Their next contest will be December 4 at Cheylin with only 7th and 8th grade teams competing.