

Greater Lawrence Academic Bowl

Get Involved with the Academic Bowl



Calling all parents! It's time for you to get involved with the 2009/10 Academic Bowl.

A Great Place to Start

You can start by going to our website at www.glec.org and selecting %Enrichment+ and then %Academic Bowl+ from the drop-down menus. From there you'll find a host of useful information including the competition schedule, most recent match results, tips to help your child and a whole lot more.

A Community of Students

The Academic Bowl involves over 300 seventh and eighth graders, drawn from virtually

all of the middle schools in Lawrence, Andover, North Andover and Methuen. The program was started in 1987 by the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative (GLEC) and middle school principals to foster teamwork, promote academic excellence and build community among neighboring schools.

Lessons for a Lifetime

Your sons and daughters benefit tremendously from being part of the Academic Bowl. Participation helps build critical thinking skills, team leadership skills and



self confidence. Most of all, the students develop a bond with one another that transcends whatever social or cultural differences they may have perceived before they began learning and working as a team.

It's a Different Kind of Super Bowl



Pro football has nothing on our competitors! But unlike the Super Bowl you see on TV, these students rely more on brain than brawn. Your

child's school is paired with another local school to form a team that competes against other teams for points. And while there are

no tackles or tight ends, there's plenty of excitement when it comes to watching a match.

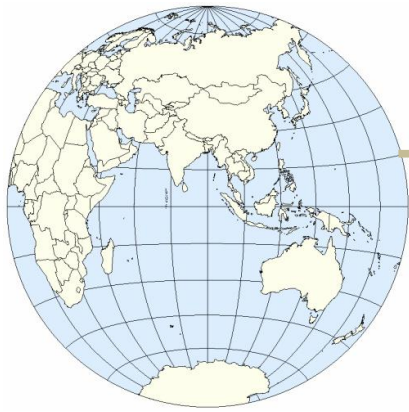
Track Your Team Online

Go to the Teams page of the GLEC site to find out who your child's school is partnered with and to see their team name and banner. Go to the Results page for their ranking to date and don't forget to check the schedule so you know when and where the next match is being held. We'd love for you to join us if you can!

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, April 6th

Students and Parents are encouraged to join us for "Parent Night."
(Event details to follow.)



Preparing Students—One Match at a Time

One of the most common questions we receive from parents is, "What can I do to help prepare my child for a match?" Most of our questions and exercises reinforce middle school curricula and frameworks. So if your son or daughter prepares well for class, they should do well participating in the Academic Bowl.

Calling All "Mathletes"

There are typically a lot of math questions, but also construction projects and activities that send students to the dictionary to look-up and learn new words. This year each squad is focusing

on a different 1/8 section of the world, a different aspect of the U.S. Government and Constitution, and on three different National Parks. All of this information can be downloaded from the Content Outline page of the GLEC website.

Take Time to Review

Students should spend a few hours before each competition reviewing the content designated for that match. In some cases, they may need to research the answers. For example, in their second 3-way match, students can count on hearing questions about the

major bodies of water for their assigned part of the world. So they will need to find some maps or globes



containing that information. Here's a question preview for Squad 2: What body of water is the source of the Nile River and where is that body of water located?

Parent Support Makes a Big Difference

How else can parents be part of the Academic Bowl? Well, there are a number of ways for you to participate.

one is on February 1 at 6:15 p.m. (Go to the GLEC website for further details.) As a non-profit organization,

matches. If your company would like to become a sponsor or if you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution yourself, please contact us.

We also need volunteers to help us deploy interactive questions on the website and to notify other parents about upcoming matches. And advisors can always use help with refreshments when they host matches.

Contact Us to Learn More

The Academic Bowl is part of GLEC's Multicultural Enrichment Program. For more information, contact Academic Bowl Quizmaster and GLEC Enrichment Director Jim McConaughy, at jmcconaughy@glec.org or 978-685-3000, x123.



You can attend a match and bring your camera to take pictures for the Student Yearbook and our website. Or you can attend a parent advisory meeting. Our next

fundraising is almost always a pressing need. This year we need to raise \$10,000 to cover the cost of students' awards, yearbooks and bus transportation to and from

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