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Keith: welcome to the LeeCoSchools Edcast number seven with the West Smith station Elementary School's scholars Bowl team what a great group of kids this was

Kyle: yeah yeah they're they're fantastic they are exactly what you would think fifth and sixth graders would be which are giant balls of energy powered by the Internet

Keith: but it was a lot of fun to talk with them

Kyle: oh no it was fantastic I really appreciated them you know we made a lot of jokes together and one of the jokes that we make a bunch is they are big fans of slaying thine enemies

Keith: or crushing their enemies

Kyle: crushing their enemies and it's of course all in good fun but

Keith: yeah I mean obviously during the competitions win or lose they're perfect sportsmen but yeah we were just building some rapport with them before we started recording and we talked about them making their enemies cry and crushing their enemies and boy they latched on to that

Kyle: yeah it's like most children whenever they tell a good joke and an adult laughs they're gonna tell it to you another 700 times

Keith: you know what though I'm not that far off from them then

Kyle: you and the fifth grader got a mind thing going on

Keith: I think it's good that I've kept my childlike wonder I'm not completely beaten by life

Kyle: I agree with that that that is that that is true

Keith: you don't agree that's a good thing

Kyle: no I actually do I think it's fantastic

Keith: oh man but anyways if after listening to these great kids you have any questions comments complaints criticisms compliments colloquialisms conundrums or concerns you can find us on the web at www.lee.k12.al.us/edcast, you can find us on twitter @LeeCoSchools, you can find us on facebook at facebook.com/LeeCoSchools or you can reach us by email at edcast@lee.k12.al.us Kyle, if you would do your thing please

Kyle: ONWARD!!

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Keith: West Smith station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl team thank you all for coming and joining us today let's get started and let's introduce ourselves let's talk let's start with our sponsor miss flowers would you like to introduce yourself

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: I'm Miss Flowers I teach fifth grade here at West Smiths Station Elementary

Keith: very nice

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: My name is Aaron and I'm a student at West Smiths Station Elementary

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: My name is Rhys and I am totally a human

Keith: very nice

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: my name is Juliana and I'm a 5th grade student at West Smiths Station Elementary

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: my name is Ciara and I'm a 5th grade student at West Smiths Station Elementary

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: my name is Kate and I love video games here at West Smiths Station

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: I'm Payton and I'm in sixth grade

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: My name's Olivia and I ate mac & cheese for two days straight once

Keith: I could do that every day for the rest of my life and I wouldn't fit through those doors anymore though

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: my name's Micah and I'm a 6th grade student here at West

Kyle: cool so okay you guys are all involved with something called Scholars bowl so for people who have no idea I want someone to tell me what scholars Bowl is

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: it's an academic team where they take students that are smart they're smart and we go and we answer trivia questions and stuff like that and it's really fun you make a lot of friends it gives you an opportunity to do things that you couldn't do just in a regular classroom we learn a lot of things that we wouldn't even think about learning like fine arts I hated it and now I'm just like it's it's decent I can learn it

Kyle: it's better now

Keith: and so Olivia

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: it's where the cool kids hangout

Keith: you ain't wrong

Kyle: so what got you guys interested in scholars Bowl at all

Keith: aaron

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: reason why I came to scholars boys was I want to learn new things get a good scholarship and hang out my friends a little bit better because I don't really hang out with them a lot

Kyle: give you something to do together as a team

Keith: Ciara

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: I the Scholars' Bowl team because I wanted to meet new people go new places learn new things obviously and see the look of the loser's team the defeat in their eyes

Keith: let me tell you something, inflicting defeat upon your enemies is a valid reason and I respect it.
Kate

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: well I want to learn new things I want to go new places in Alabama I've never been before and well I had a friend who was on the team last year and she's sort of related to me and she's gone now and it helps me remember her a bit

Keith: That's cool

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: she's not gone like up in heaven but

Keith: OH! no longer a part of the team

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: no she's moved

Keith: important distinction

Kyle: yes thank you

Keith: Olivia...

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: I only came because one I was invited and two I thought I could get a scholarship from this

Kyle: absolutely

Keith: that's forward thinking and I respect that

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: well in fourth grade miss flowers pulled me out of my room after we took global scholar tests and she was she had these envelopes and I had no idea what she was saying so I was so confused about what this was and then I was like you know what I'm gonna do it and it turned out being really fun and I enjoyed it a lot I learned a bunch of new things I met a bunch of new people I went to a lot of new places and I think it'll help me in the long run because I want to go to Brookstone and also I want to go to Johns Hopkins School of Medicine because I want to study to be a surgeon

Kyle: cool very very cool and you're in the what grade now

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: fifth

Kyle: fifth grade yeah I'm sure I was thinking about college in the fifth grade

Keith: no no and out of the two of us I would be more likely

Kyle: yeah absolutely

Keith: so I want to go back to something that Kate said which is so what are some of the places that you've gotten to go as in Scholars Bowl that you hadn't before

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: Mississippi. we went to like uh wait was it Birmingham or Montgomery? for what? the lamp school... oh that was Montgomery. we went to alabaster I didn't even know they existed

Keith: yeah, some of the people who live in Alabaster don't even know they exist

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: we have the subsidiaries outside of Huntsville and the surrounding communities

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: just really where place called Mississippi. didn't they give us sweet tea or something? Texas makes steak. We also went to Hoover.

Keith: Hoover, yeah that's a north side of Birmingham

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: we just recently went to Birmingham for the state convention hmm and no it was really fun I stayed in a room with my best friend so it wasn't like I stayed in a room with someone I hated

Kyle: that's important

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: it was a little boring at times during the assembly things sitting in one room yeah but other times it was like it was fun to answer all these questions and know that you know that I knew all this stuff then I didn't even think I knew this but when I heard the question I was like I know this and I buzzed in and it was fine working as a team and I enjoyed working with my teammates because they're our friends

Keith: so let's so let's talk about competitions who can tell me how they actually work Ciara

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: so basically they'll give you like this random question and if you know it you'll buzz in if it's right you'll get ten points for your team and you'll move on to the next round well bonus questions and then they'll give you like two sets of questions you can end up getting about 30 points if you get all of them right and if you get it wrong the other team has time to try to guess it and they can get bonuses too

Kyle: so let me ask this your team is answering questions along side how many other teams

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: one

Kyle: just one so it's one one versus one team versus one team and so

Keith: it sounds like a bracket like March Madness with the brackets the okay

Kyle: so if you beat whoever gets the most points there advances down and then we go okay okay

Keith: and so then do you keep your bracket so you can frame it with your path of destruction along the way to victory like Sherman's march to the sea and I think this group might know what I'm talking about

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: no, not at all

Keith: Sherman's March to the Sea?!?

Kyle: they're not there yet

Keith: Civil War? Union General Sherman?

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: meh. we totally skipped the Civil War

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: since we're talking about competitions I want to say something about losing because we are gonna lose and it's really upsetting when we do

Kyle: sure

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: and it's like Shh when it happens it's just like well we did good we tried our best and even if it's like they won 300 to 0 we still tried and if when we win we're not gonna rub it in their faces we're gonna shake their hands say good game like they would us and even if they rub it in our faces we're not gonna rub it in theirs

Keith: yes, miss flowers

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: I was just gonna say a lot of times we go to these tournaments, there's not an elementary division, so we are in with the Junior High

Kyle: really?!?

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: so winning just makes it so much better

Keith: all the sweeter

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: so there are some times when we could get pretty much creamed but we learn from it and I never see anything but respect they're giving each other and the other team

Kyle: and of course we were we were joking earlier with the crushing people and all this other yeah we were we all know that we were just kidding there you mean you're going against kids two and three years older than them

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: ya

Keith: respect

Kyle: yeah absolutely okay so that's how the competition works oh they're gonna ask you a set of questions that is seemingly random how do you guys prepare for that

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: at the beginning of everything we got this big book and it was a book of cultural literacy and I've read like half the book and so that's how I prepare because it's just a bunch of categories and these are all the categories that they asked us so reading I want to read the whole book I haven't yet I'm planning to do that this summer but reading the whole book helps us prepare because it's all these categories and that's the questions they're asking us so you'll have a information for the games

Kyle: so let me clarify the book is a big book of questions and answers or it is a book of like general topics like let me tell you about how this works let me tell you about how this works

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: it's just they'll give you a big section like medical or mythology or folklore it'll give you a word and then they'll give you a definition of that word

Keith: the new dictionary of cultural literacy

Kyle: Wow you said you have read half of this book

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: I have read the medicine and health section the literature section the mythology and folklore section and I've read like two or three others so just

Keith: so just just starting off the Bible mythology and folklore proverbs idioms world literature philosophy and religion literature in English conventions of written English fine arts world history both have both halves American history both halves world politics American politics world and American geography anthropology psychology and sociology business thinking business and economics physical sciences and mathematics earth sciences life sciences medicine medicine and health technology this is Wikipedia before there was Wikipedia

Kyle: yeah yeah I mean it looks like an old school dictionary

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: basically the best thing to do is flip to a random page

Kyle: and learn something from there

Keith: don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes a famous command attributed to William Prescott an American officer at the Battle of Bunker Hill in the Revolutionary War

Kyle: Wow

Keith: Prescott's command has become proverb meaning don't act before you have some chance of success I mean

Kyle: and so you'll just you will just take time and I'm guessing you have practice sessions

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: every morning every single morning. we practice here every Thursday morning and then at the junior high they offer some afternoon practices where they can ride the bus over. South has a team as well, so they'll get together and practice and then I do have a handful that have been coming to my room in the morning every single morning and practicing before school

Kyle: really

Keith: that's awesome. let me tell you something a book like this would have been my best friend when I was y'all's age. I would have loved a book like that I would have been even more insufferable if

Kyle: you would have been

Keith: but I still would have enjoyed the book so before a competition do you know where or do you just okay everybody needs to pick a part of this book and memorize it basically or do you know before the competition hey we're gonna cover politics and religion or something like that

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: no. we never know. it's not as completely random as you might think there's a couple subjects that are the majority of the questions like science history literature geography. those are the main things. i one of my like very good subjects as medicine helps so every time I get one I buzz in and I say that answer but one time I said trachea instead of nose and Caitlin she's not here right now because she's not on the scholars' bowl team yet she had said nose she had buzzed and said it and the other team they didn't even try to buzz in and say nose after she said it out loud after I buzzed in and I was like I and I'm a little disappointed with this team because there it does state convention and they didn't try they didn't meet least try to get the answer they just sat there they were like okay

Kyle: so I get the feeling

Keith: disrespect my enemies for not being on their game

Kyle: I get the feeling what you lot are very competitive

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: we are

Kyle: is that true is everyone very competitive here it's just like some people aren't some people are

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: sometimes, working as a team, we try to one up each other like see who can answer the most questions yes and like with if I'm on a team with reece he's gonna get more questions than me if I'm on a team with let's say somebody newer then I most likely gonna get more questions because I've been in scholars' bowl since fourth grade along with Ciara so I've been in it longer than most because everybody joined this year because we didn't have it last year

Kyle: right so I'll give you guys are just a hair of a history lesson when we came through a hundred thousand years ago they only had scholars Bowl at the high school level so the only time we could ever engage in it was past ninth grade but ninth grade was the year you got to like test in and then you could do it 10 11 and 12 it's the only time so the fact that you guys have it as early as you do is fantastic

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: yeah and that is showing in our junior high and our high school teams as they're doing really well, too

Keith: because you're just you're feeding into it they're doing nothing but benefit from that

Kyle: well man it's like if you read half this book this year you read the next half next year you'll know all of it

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: well...she says she doesn't exactly memorize it. I mean if I hear the question it's like everything is in my memory but I can't just like say it all like right now but if I hear the question I'm gonna be like I know the answer to this

Keith: so give me an example of the question

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: okay um you can like open up to one and then like find a word and try to turn it into a question and then we'll see if we can answer it

Keith: okay this place was the location of a failed attempt by Cuban exiles to invade Cuba in 1961

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: hmmmm....I'm not really into history. port? geography! St. Paul.

Keith: alright edit point

Kyle: you gotta tell them the answer!

Keith: oh, Bay of Pigs

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: OH!!! I would not have gotten that.

Keith: it's the Bay of Pigs. so there are a few areas that they're gonna pull mostly from your history or science your literature okay and then so but then to the rest of y'all sort of specialize and we're gonna all right so we're all gonna know the core things and then I'm also going to take idioms or whatever

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: no people specialize in the core things we rarely ever get mythology for so for so many people to know it it's just like a competition to see you can get like the mythology questions right cuz like I'm gonna team with Reece it's just and we hear a mythology question we're gonna be like had the buzzer at our hands ready at any time to buzz in and if he buzzes in before me and gets the answer right I'm gonna be mad because I wanted to do it. but then both of them are gonna be mad if the other team buzzes in and gets it right

Keith: it's like sure there's no I in team, but there sure is an M and an E! well so first of all do you know what Trivial Pursuit is okay

Kyle: so Trivial Pursuit is exactly what you guys do in board game form yeah and so you can get Trivial Pursuit for different themes or they can just be general knowledge and for those who don't know you start in the center you have a little piece of pie and there's five or six pieces of pie each one represents a Content area knowledge base there

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: isn't there a harry potter trivia

Kyle: there is a Harry Potter Trivial Pursuit, there's a Lord of the Rings Trivial Pursuit so there's all kinds of things like that

Keith: it's like monopoly these days

Kyle: so you go around the board and you get the pieces and it's literally just scholars Bowl as a board game

Keith: so I guess what our point is

Kyle: you would be really good at

Keith: get that for next family game night and

Kyle: embarrass your family

Keith: make all of your family cry do it at Thanksgiving it will make you so popular

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: my family does not play board games with me

Keith: oh yeah

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: I mean my brother to play chess with me because I chess is one of those board games that I love and only my sister knows how to play it and I'm too lazy to teach anybody else in my family too because they'll just feel like they'll just I'm I'm not very good at teaching people because I just get frustrated but when they don't understand

Kyle: it's hard to see six moves down the road and them not be able to figure out the one move that's that's difficult to be in

Keith: that's me I have no one I can't figure out the one move

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: In Kindle, we're having a chess tournament to see who's going to the chess tournament and right now I'm undefeated for my grade, but I still have like 2 or 3 more people (stage whisper: I'm undefeated too!). I only got one stalemate.

Keith: yes, Aaron

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: in our 6th grade Kindle, Reece is undefeated right now but me Jeffrey and Aubrey are tied for third

Keith: Wow. See, I'd be tied for last

Kyle: I haven't played chess as much as I probably should have I enjoy those type of game strategy games like that but

Keith: I know how the pieces move but the strategy part of it

Kyle: yeah

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: the best strategy to have in chess is not to have a strategy

Kyle: chaotic strategy

Keith: just Jenkins it the whole time

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: I was playing against this one person today and we were playing and he had I had a plan to move his queen out of the way and move my rook over so that I sit right there and then I moved and he had nowhere to move because all he was all blocked and I was like check mate and it was like five seconds into the game there's actually a thing called three move checkmate

Kyle: I've heard of that I don't know how to do it but

Keith: that would enrage me

Kyle: alright so let me ask this question when's the most recent tournament you guys went to

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: convention. we went to the Beta convention. not all students are in the Beta club, so we have two on here well no two were fifth grade and who else with some sixth grade so you were all they were all okay sixth grade team. all three of us were on the fifth grade, but she didn't play for our team did she? No I wasn't able to go. our fifth grade team ended up placing first in state. you gotta think they're going up against 4th graders and 5th graders. out of about 55 teams or so. my sixth grade team they were going up against 6th 7th and 8th grade so at the beginning there were about 70 teams I think they were like 50 to it there was a lot more anyway the top 8 got to go to the oral rounds they tied for 8th and then they lost it with the time they turn their test in a little bit later than the other team so they didn't get to go to orals but to be number 9 out of

Kyle: out of that many that's really good that's fantastic

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: we like means here and our other didn't we place second first yeah we placed after our test and then we put up against everyone everyone got beat I thought it's gonna be a lot harder than it was and I was upset that there wasn't a challenge

Kyle: okay so let me ask this question y'all are obviously doing very well what's the secret what was the laugh for I'm gonna ask you what is the secret

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: we can't tell you the secret formula! don't tell them! it's our confidential secrets! well, our secret is... Don't spill the beans!!

Keith: all right the point of this question is so I manage the district Twitter and Facebook and I follow the West Twitter feed until I see you guys popping up all the time winning stuff so you've been hauling in the hardware winning and crushing your enemies as we have discussed

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: and watching them cry! we crush our enemies and watch them suffer

Keith: again we're just joking podcast listeners everybody are everybody's perfect sportsmen

Kyle: I'm gonna have fun editing this one by the way it's gonna be a blast

Keith: everybody is a perfect sportsman on as we're talking but as we've mentioned the six you six graders or have an uphill battle but you just younger and faster with the buzzers or are you just smarter than everybody or do you have somebody with a blow dart with poison tipped darts to take out the other teams

Kyle: so okay but something's working whatever you guys are doing something is working so do you think it's because y'all are training in the mornings or you just taking the book more seriously than other people

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: we train in the mornings almost every day we force ourselves to like the subjects we're studying me myself I'm gonna like

Keith: I have not heard from Micah this entire time since he said hello so let's go ahead and hear from Micah

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: we win because of me and Reece

Keith: there are 8 of you here and I am disappointed that none of you mentioned it: the wonderful leadership of miss flowers

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: THANK YOU MISS FLOWERS! Spending an entire day with this group is very interesting

Kyle: oh it has to be

Keith: we're right at about 35 minutes and I can't imagine the whole day it's got to be fantastic

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: oh it's amazing

Kyle: all right next question what is some of the coolest things you've gotten to do as a team who we not heard from

Keith: Micah what's the coolest thing you've got to do as a member of the scholars' bowl team

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: won first place with me and Reece

Keith: here's a follow up question Micah would it have been better if it been you by yourself

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: no, I need Reece

Kyle: miss flowers how do you handle the egos in your group here

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: oh we have very high egos

Keith: we've noticed

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: very high self esteem when it comes to competitions. they do this and they feed off each other and have a good time which I think helps because they're great friends, but when we get into the competitions and we get serious that does go away. we do have times when somebody will get mad at somebody else for missing something and I gotta look at them and say let it go or I'll pull them off the team if it gets too bad, but I hardly ever see that.

Kyle: well I'm a group of kids like this who are competing like this I think that's a normal normal thing to expect because they are doing good you know maybe if you've got one of your groups taking first place one of your groups getting ninth out of a such a large number that would I would have a big head

Keith: oh yeah I mean you know and is well deserved it's if you guys were coming in last every time and you still come in here y'all need to chill

Kyle: so coolest things we've gotten to do someone else

Keith: so Micah won with Reese let's go with Olivia

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: cool thing that I like is going on the trips I socialize a lot so I get to know people a lot more when we go on trips

Keith: hey Payton what's the coolest thing you've gotten to do on the scholars' bowl man

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: it's mostly the traveling that I like the most but we won second place and I did the most in that one, well most I've done ever. You don't try your best in any other?

Keith: we are learning

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: yes

Keith: Kyle, not only are you and I learning things but they're learning things about each other

Kyle: this is a really good session we're having

Keith: we're gonna bill them like \$100 an hour. all right let's go with Kate

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: the bus rides the bus rides are amazing we get to chill with our pals we get to chill with friends

Keith: do you get a full big ol' bus to yourselves

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: no we share with like South or the Junior High we get the front of the bus to ourselves I want it

Kyle: so y'all in front of the bus kids not back of the bus kids

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: no the back of the bus is just bad! the junior high kids with their creepy selves

Keith: you'll be you'll be one of them soon though

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: once we went on a trip the whole trip we just could hear coach Harris and like all the other adults just yelling at the junior high kids be quiet and turn down that music it was like turn on the music like all the way up and then we want to tell him to turn it down and it was just it was horrible

Keith: Aaron was the coolest thing you've got to do as part of the scholars bowl team

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: only once or twice I got to...crush my enemies and watch them suffer

Keith: you got us drawn in I was waiting for it

Kyle: good job very well crafted

Keith: very well

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: um the coolest thing I've gotten to do so far I got to - I do love the traveling like everybody else I love the competition it it's really exhilarating and when I'm told like scholars' bowl the academic team is not a sport just yeah it is if it gets your heart pumping then yeah it is a sport I will debate with somebody on that subject I'm really good at doing that arguing and I get in trouble for it a lot I became friends with a lot of people that I would never even remotely talk to at my regular classes it's just really fun overall scholars Bowl

Keith: it seems like it miss flowers I have a question for you the rest of y'all put your hands down for a minute the funding situation I like do you guys you know you gotta do any fundraising for the

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: yes the subway card we have done several things we can get sponsors I've done car washes selling spirit items we're about to start to raise some money well we kind of it's academic team that's incorporated the high school to junior high and elementary so and Corey Harris is our main sponsor and they're about to go do some things not the elementary but the older ones and we're gonna have to start fundraising

Keith: so if so somebody listening to this podcast we're to say I like to help support them what would be the best way for them to do that

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: contact myself (Miss Flowers) or Coach Harris, Corey Harris at the Junior High.

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: definitely one of the advantages of the academic team is the cost for everything because which expense we're going to Nationals this year that is in Savannah Georgia \$350 and with food that's like a little over \$400 because we're staying for five days it's gonna be

Keith: when is this

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: this is on June 12 to 16

Keith: this will be this will be out before then okay

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: but back to - the best thing about

Keith: oh yes if it was crushing your enemies I swear...

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: the first thing is this this is actually the coolest thing I've actually had to do

Kyle: awww

Keith: that is so so sweet

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: the second one is the bus ride and the third one is crushing my enemies

Kyle: so one of the cool things about scholars bowl is that y'all are going to be able to like as long as you're in the same school you'll get to do this as a team for a long time is that right you get to be the same group

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: right, well my sixth graders...we're all about to have tryouts on, I think, May first and the 6th graders are gonna try out for the junior high team

Keith: you know just you don't automatically get to just move on to the next

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: no!

Kyle: I appreciate that

Keith: but I have a lot of faith in this group

Kyle: yeah oh yeah okay we're very close to our time so let's sort of start right now let's wrap this up is there anything you want anyone who's listening to this to know about Scholars Bowl as a whole any of the things you do how how some of the fun times you have

Keith: not enemies crushing

Kyle: no enemies crushing who's first I didn't it was one of you two about know who's first was playing there go ahead

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: if you like what you've heard about scholars' bowl, about you know crushing your enemies and stuff you should actually try to join in

Kyle: ya'll sound like a pretty inclusive group

Keith: so there's one here at West and there's one at South do they have one at the other two East and Wacoochee

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: nope. they had one at Wacoochee, but not this year and nothing at East yet.

Keith: okay so only the cool kids at West and South, the coolest kids at West who are the best in the west

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: it's really fun, if you'd like to try out you can I'd suggest it thank you Keith: Olivia

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: if you want to be as cool smart kids you should come join us it gives you a lot of great opportunities to meet new people and if you go to our school and if you want to try out this year we are very welcoming we're not just gonna exclude you just because you're new we're gonna try to teach you as many new things as we know and

Kyle: when are tryouts

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: May first

Kyle: okay

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: at the junior high

Kyle: okay so so even these kids had to try out at the junior high elementary through high school

Kyle: Wow

Keith: everybody convenes at the junior high for tryouts okay and that's every year or well I guess it goes from year to year but first part of May is okay so keep a keep an ear out for first part of May if you're interested

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: May first at the junior high Smiths Station Junior High. you learn a lot of things about people. you learn to be observant if somebody's nervous you

know that if you know the question buzz in because they might not you learn just because people are smart doesn't mean they're not cool and they're not fun because hang out with these people is really fun and it's not like they're just they just talk about scholars bowl all the time we can talk about other stuff fun stuff and it's really fun to like know that you have these friends that like are there with you like and they have to be like they can't be like no

Kyle: well I've found over the course of my life that some of the people I enjoy hanging out with the most are smart so just because you can have high-level conversations

Keith: awww, thanks!

Kyle: also Keith. so I mean yeah I think that's

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: and also if you feel like it's good to know that you have somebody that's like on your level that knows what you're talking about like what if I go blabbering about Greek mythology to my best friend she's gonna be like I do not care but if I go blabber Greek mythology to Reece or Ciara they're gonna they're gonna engage in the conversation with me so it's good to know that you have somebody that you can do that with

Keith: Reece and Ciara just found out they're not your best friend!

Kyle: alright last two questions and then we're going to wrap up

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: it's really hard to talk about scholars' bowl in front of my class friends because they don't understand

Keith: here's the thing why don't you get shirts that go it's a scholars bowl thing you wouldn't understand I would say keep that as possibility you know what I'm gonna let you have that one free of charge

Kyle: all right last question last statement

Keith: Ciara

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: also if you like impressing your friends with new things this is definitely yours because when you go back to your classroom you can be like did you know such and such and such and your friends be like wow

Keith: you are so smart you're like a Einstein to the rest of the class well West Smith station elementary scholar bowl team we really appreciate your chatting with us

Kyle: it was great conversation

Keith: a blast thank you Miss flowers thank you so much for sharing the group with us

West Smiths Station Elementary School Scholars' Bowl Team: well thank you. we really appreciate it, this has been a unique experience for them so I'm so glad we got to do it

Keith: we wish you guys the best of luck at the national competition in Savannah but thank you guys very much y'all take care and everybody listening be awesome

Kyle: go defeat thine enemy

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