Middle School Scholar Bowl Teams Place Well at League By Hannah Bange

On February 19, the Middle School Scholar Bowl teams (seventh and eighth grade) travelled to Ransom Kansas for the WKLL league scholar bowl. The meet began in pool play, where both teams placed first with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade finishing in second place and the eighth grade team placed third.

The eighth-grade team consisted of Jorja Juenemann, Mia Rogers, Jordyn Fleckenstein, Will Bruggeman, and 7<sup>th</sup> grader Abe Taylor. "It felt awesome to be the only seventh-grader on the eighth-grade team," said Taylor. "I felt really smart being chosen to compete with the older kids."

The team went 4-1 in pool play. They competed against Logan in the first round winning 60-50. Round two, the Bulldogs took on the Healy Eagles, winning 100-40. In the third round, Golden Plains won against Weskan 60-20. In round four of pool play, the Bulldogs fell to the Palco Roosters in a close one of 40-50. Round five was another victory as they defeated Triplains 60-50. The Bulldogs went 4-1 overall in pool play, giving them place first in their pool.

While the eighth graders were working hard, seventh graders Maddy Green, Dominic Stout, Wyatt Amlong, McKinzie Horobik, and Owen Patmon were also showing their knowledge.

The seventh grade team competed in pool play as well to begin the meet. Their first round was successful as they defeated the Logan Trojans 80-30. In round two, the Bulldogs had a ghost round. This is where they are competing against no one, but still gain points for correctly answered questions. In the third round, Golden Plains beat Weskan 85-10. The Bulldogs fell to the Palco Roosters 50-60 in the fourth round. In the fifth round, they beat Triplains 55-20. The seventh grade team also placed first in their pool with a record of 4-1.

After pool play, both Bulldog teams moved on to the Semifinals. The eighth grade team competed against Heartland Christian and lost 75-10. They then moved on to compete against Logan for 3rd place where they won against the Trojans 75-25.

The Seventh-grade team won their Semi finals game against Western Plains 30-40. Then they moved on to compete for first. In the Championship match against Heartland Christian, the Bulldogs lost in a close matchup 50-40. This was the final middle school meet of the season.