

## Scholar Bowl Team placed Third at League By Russ Aumiller

The Golden Plains Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholars' bowl teams participated in the Western Kansas Liberty League competition held in Palco on Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

Both of our teams finished pool play with 3 wins and 2 losses. All of the matches were very close. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade team did not advance to bracket play while the same record for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team was good enough to qualify them for the championship rounds.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders came up a bit short in the first match of bracket play falling to the eventual champions, Grinnell. They then had a very tight consolation match against Weskan. The match ended in a 60-60 tie leading to 3 different tiebreaker questions before Golden Plains won the bronze medals.

Eighth grade third place team members included Candace Taylor, Joseph Yanez, Taryn Fleckenstein, Malilah Green, Jaiden Koerperich, and Karrington Schaben. Competing for the seventh grade team were Tylor Todd, Brooke Stoll, Wade Rush, Ashley Stoll, and Hannah Bange.

This meet concluded the middle school scholar bowl season for this year. "It wasn't as good a season as last year," said Candace Taylor, "because we didn't place in as many meets. The questions seemed harder." Joseph Yanez is looking forward to competing in high school next year.