



Participants in the **Ellenville Grades 3-5 Chess Tournament**, held on Saturday, January 31, 2004, included, above: *Alija Ajanovic, Lucas Augustine, Dylan Beaver, Hasaun Brand, Katlyn Cassidy, Ashley Chireno, Joshua Chireno, Zachary Kasloski, Tobey Kass, Gage Klipper, Allyson Knee, Evin LeHuray, Jeffrey Maier, Elizabeth Pace, Kyle Randel, Kyle Reilly, Justin Rodriguez, Tim Rose, Logan Rotolo, Michael Ryman, Takura Sophia, Alex Torres, Daniel Torres, Jack Walter, and Michael Youmans.*

ECS Staff involved with the special program included *Pat Corbett, Michael DePuy, Sandy Kapela, and Bill O'Donnell.*

First place winners, below: *Dylan Beaver, Gage Klipper, Jeffrey Maier, Kyle Reilly, Justin Rodriguez, and Takura Sophia.*



As part of their study about colonial America and the Revolutionary War, fifth grade classes at **Ellenville Middle School** attended a presentation called "Bite the Bullet" on February 9th. The program, focusing on colonial medicine and lasting about 45-50 minutes, was presented by the staff at Washington's Headquarters, Newburgh. The role of a medical doctor and dentist was explained in detail and the students viewed the medical tools used as well as remedies for particular diseases.

For example, in colonial America anesthesia was not a remedy, so when a leg had to be amputated during a war, the doctor would have the soldiers bite down on a bullet, which is how the term "biting the bullet" originated. Presenter Lynette Mathews, below, went on to demonstrate how brain surgery was performed by using colonial medical tools on a grapefruit.



Above, *Jeanette Oates*, as *Anna Leonowens*, is welcomed by the King's children in **Ellenville Middle School's** performance of "Getting to Know... The King & I" on February 20th & 21st in the **High School Auditorium**. (Above photo by *Joan Beck*)

Below, *Steven Wendel*, as the King of Siam, readies his wives for the banquet welcoming the British Ambassador. The musical was directed by ECS Music Teacher *Roger Haener*, assisted by **Middle School Drama Club** Advisor *Bill O'Donnell*.



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