

EMS Spelling Bee

by Bill O'Donnell

Autochthonous. That word was successfully spelled by 14 year old David Scott Tidmarsh from South Bend, Indiana to win the 2004 Scripps National Spelling in the 15th round. The National Bee is held in Washington, D.C. Lincoln Brown of Ellenville represented **Ellenville Middle School** at the Regional Competition at *Ulster County Community College* on March 17th and placed 9th out of 17 spellers from four counties.

The *Ellenville Middle School Spelling Bee* was held in the **Media Center** on March 4th. Twenty-five spellers from grades 5 through 8 took part in the Ellenville Bee. Lincoln, a 7th grader was the winner, and Maia Mares was the runner-up.

Participants (*bottom photo, with Mr. O'Donnell, left*) included Lincoln Brown, Rebecca Clayton, Stacey Contreras, Kathleen DiMilia, Ramon Felix, Carlos Gonzales, Nubia Graham, Kwasean Greene, Corey Hammel, C.J. Hulse, Tobey Kass, Tabettha Kennedy, Maia Mares, Guy Meyer, Samantha Owsinski, Geneva Payne, Alicia Potter, Tim Rose, Valeriya Sadchikova, Samantha Verbert, Krystle Vicens, Jason Wallace, Darien Wilson. 🍴



Ellenville Middle School held a Hawaiian Day on March 3rd, and transformed the school hallways and classrooms into a tropical frame of mind. Staff handed out leis at the entrance to the school and many staff and students dressed in tropical attire. Sand and umbrellas decorated the front lobby under palm trees. Information about Hawaii was shared on morning announcements and the entire school participated in activities in the school gymnasium.

Hula Hoop contests and volleyball games went on for grades 5/6 and their teachers in the morning. Grades 7/8 and teachers participated in the afternoon. There were also staff volleyball teams vs. the physical education teachers. The PE teachers won the bragging rights! The Ellenville Drum Line performed at both the morning and afternoon games to the delight of the students. Mr. Dion Placencia, Drum Line advisor, gave a rousing drum solo to end the afternoon performance. All viewed the day as a great success to warm up their winter blues and strengthen school spirit.



The **Ellenville High School Chamber Singers** served spaghetti and served-up entertainment to a full house on March 10th at the **HS Cafeteria**.



The **Cat in the Hat** (Elementary Reading teacher Mary Beth Moses) assisted with registration of volunteer readers for the **Elementary School Dr. Seuss Day**, as part of the **Read Across America** program, on March 5th, 2005. Each year the **Elementary School** celebrates Dr. Seuss's birthday by inviting readers from the district schools and the community to visit a classroom and read from a Dr. Seuss book.

