

## **It's Almost Time for the 2nd Annual Apollo Elementary Geography Bee!**

**Do you know which continent lies entirely north of the Tropic of Cancer?** Apollo Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will once again have the opportunity to answer questions such as the above when they participate in the fun and challenging National Geographic Bee! To qualify for the school bee, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be participating in mini geography bee challenges in their individual classrooms during the month of December. These classroom bees will determine grade level finalists for our school bee which will be held the afternoon of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

After the school bee, our school champion will have the opportunity to take a written test in an attempt to continue on to the state bee, held on March 27, 2015. State winners are invited to National Geographic headquarters May 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> to compete in the national finals for scholarships and exciting prizes. The national winner receives a \$50,000 scholarship, a lifetime subscription to *National Geographic* magazine, a Galápagos trip, and \$500 cash!

**Wondering how to prepare for the geography bee?** Although the classroom bees are still a few weeks out, it's not too early for interested students to start brushing up on their knowledge of the world we live in! The National Geographic website (<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/>) is a great resource. You may also want to use atlases and Bee study books to strengthen your geography knowledge, download the Geo Bee App for practice quizzes and continue to explore more about the world that you live in!

A big thank you to Mrs. Ferranti for once again volunteering to be the teacher coordinator for this fun and challenging PTA sponsored event! (Answer above is: Europe)

**Practice online each day with ten new questions from the Geo Bee Quiz:**

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/quiz/today/>

**Seterra Free Online Map Quizzes:** <http://online.seterra.net/en/>

