



Rich Cronin's sixth-grade homeroom at Lake-Noxen Elementary School recently came in first place in its grade level in the national 2009 K'NEXpert Classroom Challenge Contest. From left, are Zane Denmon, Gary Weaver, John Nowak, Ashlyn Harvey, Lucas Nase, Adina Crown, Noah Crispell, Sami Matello, C.J. Carey, Crystal Audia, Kenley Cutter, Frank Petroski, Bobby Jo Engle, Kyle Roberts, Jonathan Brown and Justus Cole.

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"It was not an academic project," Cronin said of the bridge. "It was basically done on their free time. It was done on home-time for the most. I look for ways to channel their energy when they have down time."

The students also had to submit a written description of the style of bridge they chose and an explanation of why their choice of bridge was the best to support the dictionary.

The children also were required to send photographs of

the dictionary resting on their bridge.

Although it was the first time Cronin and his students entered the K'NEX contest, Cronin often uses K'NEX in the classroom.

"We use K'NEX in geometry a lot and physical science," Cronin said. "They make types of simple machines and demonstrate Newton's Laws of Motion. Everything I have to teach them in geometry I can teach them with K'NEX."

Because they came in first place, the students received a \$325 K'NEX education gift certificate for the classroom and a K'NEXpert Classroom Challenge Contest sign.

Each student was awarded a

K'NEX building set valued at \$20.

The students and their winning model are also featured on the Web site, www.knex.com.

STUDENTS COLLECT ITEMS FOR MILITARY TROOPS



Students of Susquehanna Prep/Apple Tree School in Forty Fort conducted a school-wide drive for articles for troops in Iraq. Sixth-grade students helped to sort and package the items for mailing. From left, are Mia Terrana, Plains; Mike Casey, Dallas; Will Mullin, Plains; Michael Kulick, Bear Creek; Jocelyn Fanti, Exeter; Drew Hutsko, Harveys Lake; Natasha Tullio, Pittston; and Tiffany Webb, Swoyersville.

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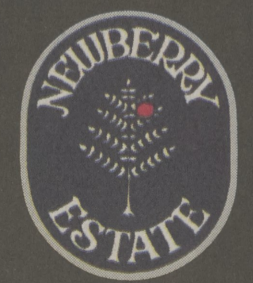
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