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Students Participate in the *You Be the Chemist* Challenge

Ephrata Area School District students in grades 5 – 8 recently participated in the Lancaster County Regional *You Be The Chemist* competition, an interactive question-and-answer challenge developed for students to enhance their science education.

The team competition encourages students to prepare by both seeking out their own chemistry resources, as well as reviewing a specific study guide. Additionally, students met after school to review science topics, including the scientific method, properties of matter, chemical formulas and equations, chemistry in the human body, and much more.



First Place: Brendan Morrell,
Cameron Neff, Kimani Njoroge



Second Place:
Ayden Kern, Todd Weist



Third Place: Breelyn Beyer, Haleigh Cline,
Vittoria Faccio, Augusta Good,

This year, an additional video component was added to the event to determine who moves on to the state level of competition. Students are to explain the topic - *how chemistry relates to space and the states of matter* - in an engaging manner and formally cite all their sources. They also must submit a storyboard template to show their planning process.

The *You Be the Chemist Challenge* was created by the Chemical Educational Foundation (CEF), a national non-profit organization dedicated to fostering a greater understanding of the value of chemistry. The program is sponsored locally by Brenntag North America, a chemical distributor in Reading, PA.

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