Introducing Digital Events

What and Why?
By leveraging technology, SDLAX HPL is able to offer additional events to give students more opportunities. This year, the Vocabulary Showdown and Geo Bee are going digital!

Vocabulary Showdown in October

Geo Bee in January
Battle of the Books!

District Event is February 6, 2020

What is the Battle of the Books?

"The statewide Battle of the Books program is designed to promote a love of reading among our students. It encourages students to read a variety of books and remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books. It is a fun, academic-based competition that has been very successful in school district's throughout the state in encouraging students to read."

As part of the competition, students will form teams and work together to read through the 20 titles that were chosen for the year.

In his eight years, Matt Hessel-Mial had the most fun writing stories he made up. He even had some of his stories published in a book, The Great Planet Swap & Other Stories. Now his parents would like you to try to have as much fun with your imagination. So... sharpen your mind and go to work.

Event: Matt Hessel-Mial Writing Showcase
Date: Introduced in February
Grade Level: Grades 2nd thru 5th

How Do Students Get Involved?

HPL Teachers will introduce this event. Flyers will be available for interested students.

About the SDLAX Academic Biathlon

The SDLAX HPL Academic Biathlon is a creative problem-solving adventure that teaches and rewards creative and divergent thought processes, cooperative brainstorming, general intellect, leadership and a flair for the dramatic—all while providing an entertaining and educational experience for all. Four-person teams will complete the Academic Biathlon while displaying good sportsmanship and teamwork. Each team will ultimately showcase the outcomes of creativity and positive risk-taking. This event is open to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders.

The Events!

STEM SPRINT: Students work together to solve hands-on STEM challenges.

P.O.L.E. VAULT: An open-ended question from the “vault” leads to a team performance challenge and solution.
(Problem Solve, Organize thought, Link together, and Entertain)