



*Delta Convention Hall at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee at the start of Round 2 of the 2016 National K-6 Scholastic Championships. Over 2,200 players K through 6 from 47 states would participate in this four day event.*

### ***Bugbee Chess Team Finishes Thirteenth in K-6 Open at Nationals***

From May 6 through May 8, 2016, the Bugbee chess team travelled to Nashville, Tennessee to participate in the 2016 National Elementary School Championships. After a hard fought seven round battle in the competition's most difficult section, the K-6 Championship (open) group, the team captured 13<sup>th</sup> Place.

The four player Bugbee team competed with only one player rated above 1000 at the outset of the event. Bugbee third grader, Jake Lumelsky, won three games, scoring 3.5 overall, and was awarded first place in the 800-899 rating class within the K-6 open.

Bugbee was the only Connecticut public school team to compete at this tournament. In fact, Bugbee is the first Connecticut public school since 2006 to participate at K-6 Nationals. In 2006, Bedford Middle School (Westport), competed with a team of two sixth graders, finishing 17<sup>th</sup> in the K-6 open.

The team would like to thank Principal Noam Sturm, Bugbee School and the Connecticut Chess Organization for their support.



*The Yellow Jackets with their 13<sup>th</sup> Place Team Trophy just outside the convention hall at the Opryland Hotel. Left to right: Caitlin Striff-Cave, Jake Lumelsky, Sam Lumelsky and Ethan Striff-Cave.*