

Masters Knowledge Challenge Quiz – 18-hole Knowledge Open 2025

Hole 1

Wisconsin law required special education students to be included in general classrooms starting in what year?

- A. 1969
- B. 1973
- C. 1977
- D. 1981

Answer: B. 1973

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Hole 2

Sandy Slope Elementary School is AASD's first Geothermal Building. It uses geothermal heat pumps and wells for heating and cooling by taking advantage of Earth's relatively constant subsurface temperatures to regulate indoor climate. These wells are part of a closed-loop system where pipes circulate a fluid to exchange heat with the ground. The number, depth, and spacing of these wells are crucial design considerations, which are influenced by factors like building size, local climate, and geology. Sandy Slope has 120 wells. What is the approximate depth of each well?

- A. 125 feet
- B. 275 feet
- C. 500 feet
- D. 750 feet

Answer: C. 500 feet

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Hole 3

May 2025 marked the 7th year of AASD's "Pledge to Education Signing Event" for graduating seniors who plan to pursue an education degree. This pledge guarantees an interview with the district's Chief Human Resources Officer upon completion of an education degree. How many AASD alumni who signed this pledge are now teaching in AASD schools?

- A. 3
- B. 7
- C. 9
- D. 13

Answer: C. 9

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Hole 4

Great Northern Laminations strives to be an employer of choice in the Fox Valley. On average, an employee works for Laminations for nine years. The longest tenured employee before retirement was 43.5 years; a current employee is at 42 years. In the last 10 years, how many people have retired from Laminations with 30 years or more of service?

- A. 21
- B. 6
- C. 13
- D. 19

Answer: A. 21

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Hole 5

How many room bookings did the newly renovated Appleton Public Library have in the first 12 weeks open (2/15/2025- 5/10/2025)?

- A. 9,053
- B. 6,742
- C. 3,317
- D. 1,722

Answer: C. 3,317

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Hole 6

AEF's largest project grant to date was awarded this month to add what to all AASD elementary classrooms?

- A. regulation toolkits
- B. arts integration lessons
- C. career exploration curriculum
- D. math manipulatives

Answer: A. regulation toolkits

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Hole 7

Who helps review AEF scholarship applications and select recipients each year?

- A. An impartial AEF scholarship committee
- B. High school staff committees
- C. Scholarship fund representatives or family members
- D. All of the above

Answer: D. All of the above

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Hole 8

During the 2023-24 school year, 1,466 AASD students took Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. Out of the 1,839 exams taken (some students took more than one exam), what percentage of exams received passing marks?

- A. 65%
- B. 68%
- C. 71%
- D. 75%

Answer: D. 75%

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Hole 9

Project SEARCH is a business-led collaboration that helps youth and young adults with disabilities gain and maintain employment through hands-on training and career exploration. Since the beginning, Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital has welcomed over 100 interns (AASD students). How long has this partnership been in place?

- A. 5 years
- B. 17 years
- C. 12 years
- D. 20 years

Answer: C. 12 years

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Hole 10

How much did AEF award in grants and scholarships during the 2024 calendar year?

- A. \$215,500
- B. \$285,750
- C. \$332,570
- D. \$362,570

Answer: D. \$362,570

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Hole 11

AEF grants totaling more than \$9,700 were deployed to pilot STEM equipment and curriculum with AASD elementary students to ensure excellent use of referendum dollars. Now, kindergarten-5th grade students participate in ____ minutes of STEM curriculum weekly in dedicated STEM classrooms.

- A. 30
- B. 40
- C. 50
- D. 60

Answer: C. 50

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Hole 12

Financial markets have experienced much more volatility so far in 2025 than in recent years. While frustrating, it's important to remember that timing the market can be very costly and being out of the market for even a few days can dramatically impact long-term results. If you had invested \$10,000 for a full 10 years ending 12/31/24, that amount would have grown by 13% annually to a total of \$34,254. However, if you had missed out on just the best 10 days in that entire 10-year period, what would your return have been?

- A. \$23,760 (9%)
- B. \$18,744 (6%)
- C. \$15,812 (5%)
- D. \$13,600 (3%)

Answer: B. \$18,744 (6%)

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Hole 13

During the Civil War, the famous Wisconsin Iron Brigade was involved in most of the major campaigns of the war, including Gettysburg, Bull Run, and Appomattox. The brigade's mascot was a live animal that they carried into battle. What was that animal?

- A. Bald eagle
- B. Badger
- C. Turkey
- D. Muskrat

Answer: A. Bald eagle

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Hole 14

Which U.S. Supreme Court Justice's father was charged and convicted of attempting to siphon cash from the family's life insurance business?

- A. William O. Douglas
- B. Antonin Scalia
- C. John Paul Stevens
- D. William Rehnquist

Answer: C. John Paul Stevens

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Hole 15

Which of the following Appleton high school teams were State Champions?

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| 1. Appleton East Girls' Golf (1983) | 2. Appleton West Girls' Golf (1983) |
| 3. Appleton North Boys' Golf (2000) | 4. Appleton North Softball (2005) |
| 5. Appleton East Baseball (1998) | 6. Appleton West Baseball (2004) |
- A. 1, 3, 4, 5
 - B. 2, 4, 5, 6
 - C. 2, 3, 5, 6
 - D. 1, 3, 4, 6

Answer: D. 1, 3, 4, 6

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Hole 16

What famous actor said, "Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself, but it's what you do for others"?

- A. Bing Crosby
- B. Danny Thomas
- C. Jerry Lewis
- D. Frank Sinatra

Answer: B. Danny Thomas

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Hole 17

Who was the President of the U.S. when the first federal estate tax was adopted?

- A. William McKinley
- B. William Howard Taft
- C. Woodrow Wilson
- D. Calvin Coolidge

Answer: C. Woodrow Wilson

In memory of Mark Smith

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Hole 18

Which one of the following statements about Harry Houdini is NOT true?

- A. In the 1880 census, Harry Houdini lived on Appleton Street in Appleton, Wisc.
- B. In 1918, Harry Houdini registered with the selective service as Harry Handcuffs Houdini.
- C. Harry Houdini was born in Appleton on March 24, 1874.
- D. Harry Houdini's father served as Rabbi of the Zion Reform Jewish Congregation in Appleton.

Answer: C. Harry Houdini was born in Appleton on March 24, 1874. (Houdini was actually born in Budapest, Hungary.)

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Hole 19

From the Annex Wealth Management Financial Literacy Series, what is the total average cost to achieve a trade school certification?

- A. \$11,400
- B. \$13,500
- C. \$17,600
- D. \$19,700

Answer: C. \$17,600

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