

Create With Destination Imagination

Dear Parents,

This year once again Wilbur S. Pence Middle School will be competing in the Destination Imagination program. If you are not familiar with this wonderful program, let me give you a bit of background information. DI allows students to build creative problem solving and teamwork skills. There are two components to the competition. **Instant Challenges** allow students to practice thinking on their feet and the skill of making quick creative decisions. The **Team Challenges** are carefully created brainteasers that inspire the teams to come up with a solution after months of preparation. Students compete at the regional level first and then the top teams may compete at the state level. Challenges are written to develop acting, writing, musical, technical and artistic skills. We must get our teams organized soon because the regional competition is early in March and we want our teams to have optimal time to get their Team Challenge ready. **We cannot have teams without parent support. Please try to volunteer to be either a manager, co-manager, or an appraiser (judge) for your child's team.** Relatives can also be appraisers if you want to be sure to see your child's performance. Once you are involved in DI, you get hooked. I began managing 25+ years ago and now I am a regional and state appraiser plus your coordinator. I do it for the students and it is FUN! Last year we had very successful teams at the regional level and state level. Pence teams have consistently competed at the State Tournament and several teams went to Global Finals several years in a row!

Please look at the attached Team Challenge brief descriptions. If you and your child are still interested, please complete the permission form and send back to school. The team managers will contact your child when we are organized and ready to begin!

Important Dates:

9/30/19	Destination Imagination Kickoff meeting Parents and students – Room 139 7:00PM
Nov. TBD	Regional Team Manager training
Feb. TBD	Appraiser Training at Handley (snow date 2/9/19)
3/7/20	Regional Tournament at Handley (snow date- March 8)
3/28/20	State Tournament at Atlee High School

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Challenge and DI Coordinator

My child _____ has Permission to participate in the Destination Imagination Program at Wilbur S. Pence Middle School and will attend the Regional Competition on March 7 with his/her team.

(Snow Date – March 8)

(parent signature)

Grade level _____

Birthdate _____

Power 30 teacher _____

Home Phone _____

Emergency Phone or Cell Phone _____

I would like to volunteer in the following role:

_____ Team Manager (you will get training)

_____ Co-Manager (split duties)

_____ Appraiser (Judge) Regional Tournament

My child has read the Team Challenges and would like to work on the following challenge:

_____ 1st Choice *

_____ 2nd Choice *

_____ 3rd Choice *

*If you have friends that want to work with you, it helps if you all choose the same choices.