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HR teacher _____

It's Odyssey of the Mind Time!

2019-2020

Odyssey of the Mind Team Try-outs – September 3rd, 2019

Friendship Elementary is excited to head up our Odyssey of the Mind teams for this academic year. Try-outs will be held after school on Tuesday, September 3rd. Please be sure to have a ride home promptly at 4:15.

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) is a fantastic year long creative problem solving activity that can benefit your child in so many ways! Check-out <https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/whatis.php> & <https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/2019-world-finals-videos/> for more information.

The following dates should be reserved:

Spontaneous Workshop **Tentative- Davis Middle Nov. 16th**

Regional Competition at **Cherokee Bluff HS March 7, 2020**

State Competition in Columbus, GA **Tentative April 4, 2020**

World Finals at Iowa State University **May 27-30, 2020**

Please think carefully about your decision to commit to OM in regards to the time commitment as well as the potential financial commitment if a team advances to State and World Finals. Teams are limited to 7 members and members cannot be replaced.

Each team must provide a judge to work at the regional competition and if the team makes it to State, the judge must also volunteer at that competition. Judges must attend a training session dates and locations to be announced later. If you are willing to be a judge please check that box for each team your child is trying out for this year.

You may go to the long term problem synopses at www.odysseyofthemind.com to learn more about the problems. You can only be on one team but please indicate your first, second and third choices. Having multiple options better your chances of being in OM.

Problem	
1 – Grades 3-5 Longshot Solution	Circle team choice 1 2 3

2 – Grades 3-5 Net Working	Circle team choice 1 2 3
3 – Grades 3-5 Classics...The Effective Detective	Circle team choice 1 2 3
4 – Grades 3-5 Balsa Limbo	Circle team choice 1 2 3
5 – Grades 3-5 Gibberish or Not	Circle team choice 1 2 3
6 – Grades K-2 The Fashion Bug	Circle team choice 1 2 3

Children should choose one of the following projects to complete and bring to tryouts on Sept. 3rd. They should complete one of these projects **without** outside assistance (sorry, parents...this is just for the kids).

- Create an animal that changes moods or personalities based on its wardrobe selection.
- Recreate a painting by a famous artist using recycled materials.
- Create an original moving vehicle that can perform an action of the student's choice.
- Create a Rube Goldberg Machine using as many simple machines as possible.
- Write and perform an original short play where there is a mystery to be solved.

My child has permission to try out for OM and if selected participate on one team. Teams meet one to two days afterschool per week. I have reserved all of the dates listed above for the competitions and understand the obligations.

Please initial below to indicate your understanding.

___ **We understand the commitment lasts the entire school year**

Please list other afterschool activities days and times:

Student

Name

Grade

Teacher

Parent/Guardian

Name

Signature

Parent/Guardian email

Parent/Guardian Phone Number

- I volunteer as a judge.
- I volunteer to assist the coaches with practices.
- I would like to coach one of the teams

***The number of FES teams will be limited to the number of coaches available. Please consider coaching &/or co-coaching a team!**

Interested participants should turn in their applications to Mrs. Hill in room 228 by Thursday, August 29th.

All questions regarding coaching or participating should be directed to Nicole.hill@hallco.org.

