

NEWS RELEASE

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Three Mariemont Teams Advance to DI Global Tournament

While Mariemont teams always seem to perform well at the Destination Imagination team problem solving competitions, this year we can be especially proud that three teams from our schools have qualified for the DI Global Tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee at the end of May.

Destination Imagination is a world-wide educational program in which teams of four to seven students compete in solving open-ended Challenges and present their solutions at tournaments. Teams are tested to think on their feet, work together and devise original solutions that must satisfy the complex requirements of the Challenges. Teams select their Challenges and work on their solutions from November through March.

This year, several teams comprised of students from the Elementary, Junior High and High Schools won their respective divisions at the Regional Tournament in March and advanced to the State Tournament held in Mount Vernon, Ohio on April 16. For the first time in recent memory, three of those teams – two with students from Mariemont Elementary and one from Mariemont High School – performed so well that they qualified for the Global Tournament, held each year at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. At Globals, the three Mariemont teams will compete with teams from all fifty states and more than 20 other countries.

In order to raise money for their trip, the teams will be holding a Pancake Dinner (time and location to be determined). You can also support the teams by sending your tax deductible donation made out to ME PTO to Patty Dewey at 6817 Mt. Vernon Avenue.



Photos: The Crummy Cookies (5th grade students) includes Alex Copetas and Zach Weinland (front), Colton Urbanski (middle) and Abby Ewart, Lucy Hanley, Michael Wuertemberger and MJ Griesmer (back). Coaches (not pictured) are Ted Copetas and Jeff Ewart.

The T.O.F.S. (The Oily Foily Scientists) members are 5th graders Kristen Crabtree and Kayla Dewey (front), Joseph Robinson, Emery Shelley, Daniel Keyes, Nick McCarthy and Shannon Mathews (2nd row). Coaches (not pictured) are Stu Shelley and Katie Robinson.



Mental Sweat, a team of 11th graders, includes Alli Lynch and Kate Hassey. Not pictured are team members Ella Henning, Katie Arends, Lizzie Deadrick and Karyn Georgillis. Also not pictured are coaches Alan Henning and Kathy Lynch.

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