



# Student/Parent Information Night

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Franklin Elementary School Cafeteria

6:30pm-7:30pm

**IF YOUR CHILD IS CREATIVE...** is crazy about puzzles, loves to paint and draw, can build anything out of cardboard boxes, writes amazing stories, thinks up whimsical new worlds, has a flair for drama and acting, is totally into science, or has rewired your toaster into a working time machine (or wants to), then you may have a Destination Imagination child.

## WHAT IS DESTINATION IMAGINATION?

The DI program encourages teams of learners to have fun, take risks, focus and frame challenges while incorporating STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), the arts and service learning. DI participants learn patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics, respect for others and their ideas, and the collaborative problem solving process.

Teams meet in October through February to creatively plan and organize their challenges. Each team, four to seven students, and adult team manager(s) have until March 5<sup>th</sup> to develop a creative solution to one of the six chosen challenges. After months of creating, developing and practicing their solutions, teams attend the Regional Tournament on Saturday, March 5 2016 at Olympus Junior High School. Teams also solve an on-the-spot Instant Challenge at the tournaments, where they must think quickly on their feet and work together to solve a problem in around five minutes. Competition Levels:

\*Primary: non-competitive K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade (Rising Stars!) \*Elementary: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades \*Intermediate: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade

## WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT?

The cost of registering a team is low—only \$95 for one team. Rising Stars! teams are only \$60. Teams meet at their own convenience with an adult volunteer (parent/ faculty) Team Manager, making it easy to work around other activities. Team Managers are given a Roadmap resource to guide them as they lead the team and have great support from other Team Managers and local DI officials. Teams are responsible for the cost of supplies, materials and all tournament fees – approximately \$125 per student for the year.

Please email questions to:

Franklin Elementary Coordinator: Christine Kesterson [christinekesterson@gmail.com](mailto:christinekesterson@gmail.com)

LBCS Coordinator: Kathleen Zaro [kathleenzaro@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenzaro@yahoo.com)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your school DI coordinator will assist in helping form teams and serve as an information resource. **DI is a volunteer led enrichment program. Parents are responsible for recruiting their own Team Manager(s). Team Manager(s) are responsible for facilitating the team's schedule and activities.**

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### Destination Imagination Information Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Please list interested team members and team manager(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Please return this DI Information form to your school's office or the DI Information night on September 22 at 6:30pm \*\*\*