

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MT BETHEL ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAMS!

If you haven't heard already, our two Odyssey of the Mind 3-5th grade teams not only did exceptionally well at the regional competition in March but did phenomenally at the state competition April 1st at Columbus State University. After placing first place at regionals, Problem 3 (Jacob S., Gracie C., Benny T., Sam L., Lola C., Suzanne W., Naomi C.) finished third in the state narrowly missing a spot to the World Finals by less than 4 points out of 350. They also won an Omer Award for their amazing team work and ingenuity. Thirty minutes before performing the team realized a costume had been left behind in Atlanta. They quickly started piecing material together to recreate the costume. One of the great attributes of OotM is parents and adult help is not allowed. These kids had to figure out how to solve this problem without their parents' guidance!

The Problem 5 team (Ariya M., Matt Z., Jennifer H., Quinn K., Nate A., Stefan I., Max I. and coached by Kelly I.) placed third at regionals and second place at the state competition. This ranking earned them a spot at the World Finals which takes place at Michigan State University May 24-27.

Mt Bethel is thrilled to again show their competitive strength in creative problem solving. Mt Bethel has had a team represent them at Worlds for 3 out of the last 4 years, when the program was brought back to Mt Bethel under Principal Appleyard's encouragement. The expense of traveling to Michigan and participating in this grand event of over 800 teams from over 20 countries is steep. The Mt Bethel team will have several fundraising events to help them get to MSU. This week, Mt Bethel along with the 2 teams from Dickerson and 2 from Walton whom are also going to world, will be hosting a spirit night at Menchies on Monday from 4-7pm. On Thursday they will be selling refreshments and baked goods at Spring Thing and Friday will be hat day at Mt Bethel. For \$1, kids can wear their favorite hat to school. They can make one wild and crazy or simply wear their favorite cap. Let's show them our support as they make Mt Bethel proud!