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## Odyssey of the Mind Destination Imagination



The kids of Butte Falls did it again!

On April 8, after qualifying at the Southwestern Regional competition in March, two teams from the grade school went to Corvallis to compete in the OM-Destination Imagination State Tournament. This two-part competition celebrates creative problem solving by some very talented and gifted kids.

The team that represented Butte Falls Elementary Division I consisted of: Cody Kinyon, Jake Lyon, Jordan Dyke, Crystal Hoppes, Ayn Marie Hailicka, Nathan Bedard and Jenny Jones, coached by Deanne Strong and Sherry Sipple.

The Intermediate Division II was comprised of Jesse Barnett, Melody Carlisle, Dusty Hayes, Shawna Henagin, Brandy Johnston, Ronnie Lyon and Shelley Marquard. Cathy Carlisle and Laurie Dyer coached the intermediate team.

The elementary team did an excellent job putting together a creative solution to "Mixing Apples and Oranges" which they chose as their long-term problem. They had certain criteria which had to be included in their program. All seven of the kids interacted with each other very well and their performance was almost flawless. They received a *daVinci* award for one of their technical elements at the regional competition. The team worked hard

against some very large schools and finished in a wonderful 5th place. Many friends and family traveled to Corvallis in support of the teams and celebrated this wonderful victory.

The intermediate team chose to tackle "Instant Pudding Improv" for their problem. This was something new this year but these kids made it look easy. They combined long hours of research with a variety of unknown factors to present a humorous solution to their problem. They too had their best finish ever with a 2nd place win. They also earned the *daVinci* award for their performance technique and for the way they worked together at solving their overall problem. What a thrill for the team and the coaches! They were even more surprised to learn that they were only 7 points away from winning 1<sup>st</sup> place and continuing on to the World Competition. They were also the only single A team to make it to the State Tournament!

The Town of Butte Falls can be very proud of these kids. They not only performed well at the competition but were well behaved and respectful as well. These children are a real asset to the community so take the time to say, "well done!" when you see one of these great kids.

By Diana Lyon and Laurie Dyer