

Destination Imagination: Richland Schools Moving on to State

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This weekend (March, 24 2018), students from Leona Libby Middle School, Lewis & Clark Elementary School, White Bluffs Elementary School, and Enterprise Middle School will compete in the state level Destination Imagination tournament.

Destination Imagination is a program that empowers students to follow a creative process to solve a challenge over the course of 2-4 months that will be tested at local, regional, state, and global tournaments.

This week we will be profiling **5 teams** from schools in the **Richland District** that will be competing in the **Washington State DI Tournament on March, 24th!**

Teams choose from 6 categories: technical, scientific, engineering, fine arts, improvisational, and service learning.

Rules

1. ONLY the team members can do brainstorming and physical work.
2. The manager may facilitate focusing sessions, ask the team what skills they need, and compile a list of materials needed for the team's solution.

Enterprise Middle School

Team name: Squid Squad

Participation in DI has brought the students together as a team. They had to listen to each other's ideas, then choose a path forward even if it wasn't their idea that was chosen. They have also learned to think on their feet,

The Challenge that the team chose was the Improvisational Challenge, which this year was "Treasure!" The challenge required them to research 8 explorers and 8 cultures. For each culture, they had to choose an artifact, an item or idea of cultural significance.

At the tournament, two explorers and one artifact were chosen from their list at random. The team was given an unusual place. They then had to prepare a skit in which the two explorers and

other characters found the artifact and returned it to its culture. Partway through the skit, they opened an envelope to discover what setback they needed to incorporate into the skit.

Leona Libby Middle School

Team Name: "Oh, I Get It Too!"

The group had to learn to work together, share ideas and take turns with team input. They have been able to learn new skills like painting, sewing, papier-mache, and building skills. They learned to revise, compromise and revisit what didn't work the first time around.

Our team challenge was the technical challenge, called Maze Craze. Teams had to design and create a device (the Maze Traveler) that will navigate the maze at the DI tournament. But there's a catch! They did not know the exact design of the maze until the day of the tournament, which means they had to be prepared for a variety of options.

Teams also designed and built a prop that transformed inside the maze, as well as remove an object from the maze. And to tie it all together, they wrote and presented a story about their Maze Traveler's journey.

Lewis & Clark Elementary School

Team Name: Global SarCATstic Kat Korp

DI has impacted they students by teaching them about teamwork and communication!

This year, the team participated in the "Change of Tune" challenge. They had to write and perform a two-part musical that included a change of plans in the storyline and a change of scenery.

They wrote and performed all their own songs for their performance.

White Bluffs Elementary School

Team Name: Wild West Wolves

The DI team learned how to solve problems with the creative process. They also learned how to reflect on and refine their solutions through their failures. As a group, they bonded by celebrating team milestones together with cooking decorating parties and pancake breakfasts on competition day.

The Wild West Wolves also competed in the Maze Craze challenge for their age group. They designed a maze traveler that transformed in the middle and removed an object as they exited the maze.

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About the Foundation

The Richland Education Foundation supports Richland schools and the students in the district. They help schools get grants for much needed supplies in classrooms. However, the foundation's main function is awarding scholarships to deserving students.