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Ashwaubenon Enters 24 Destination Imagination Teams, Hosts Regional Tournament

Ashwaubenon, WI – March 19, 2010 – On Saturday, March 20, Ashwaubenon High School will host the Green Bay Regional Destination ImagiNation Tournament. The Ashwaubenon School District has 24 teams, from elementary through high school levels, participating in this competition that includes schools throughout the Green Bay and Fox Valley area. The competition begins at 9:00 a.m. and is free and open to the public.

Throughout a season and during each competition, teams need to solve two different kinds of challenges. The Team Challenge is a problem that teams work on over several months, incorporating research, technical design, and character/script/presentation development. The Instant Challenge is a problem that teams must solve in a very short time period during the actual tournament. All 1st and 2nd place teams advance to compete in the Wisconsin State Tournament on April 17th.

Creative problem solving, leadership, teamwork, innovation, critical thinking, inquiry, design, and presentation are some of the skills learned through participation in the Destination Imagination (DI) program. DI is the world's largest co-curricular creative problem solving competition. It provides kindergarten through college students the opportunity to hone their out-of-the-box thinking skills and prepare for real-life advancement in education and employment...the very skills that post-secondary schools and top employers are searching for in today's young adults.

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