

Odyssey of the Mind



Informational Meeting and Sign up! Wednesday, September 26 at 7pm Steuart Weller Cafeteria

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program/competition which provides creative problem solving opportunities for students K-college. Teams of 5 to 7 kids work together to problem solve and develop their creative talents. Odyssey provides a positive atmosphere for the team work and competition. Participating in an Odyssey team is exciting and fun, but it is also time consuming and a challenge. Think of it as a sports team for the creative side of the mind.

Teams choose a problem in the fall and create an 8-minute presentation with their solution. There is no "right" answer, so the more creative the better. After collaboratively developing a solution, the team writes the script, makes the costumes, props, and set and then performs the solution. All of this is done on a limited budget and **WITHOUT** parental input. Each team presents their solution at a tournament on March 16, 2019.

Strong Commitment by kids and parents

It's a weekly commitment in October, November, and December and more in January and February (meeting frequency and times are set by the team's coach). All team members should attend the meetings, as a team succeeds only through cooperative effort. Each team must have volunteer parents to coach and judge.

Teams will be selected and formed by the coaches and are made up of a coach, assistant coach and 5 to 7 student members.

We need Coaches and Assistant Coaches. No experience necessary! Training is provided!

This program is not able to function without VOLUNTEERS! Please consider becoming a coach or an assistant coach. The more coaches we have the more kids can participate! Training is provided for coaches and assistant coaches.

If your student would like to participate or if you would like to learn more about this fantastic program, join us on September 26th in the cafeteria to find out more.

Kristy Balwinski

Odyssey of the Mind Registration Form

Steuart Weller Elementary School

*Please return to your child's teacher to put in the PTO box in the office or email to kristy2500@gmail.com by Friday, October 5th! *

Please Write Clearly

Student Information

Name: _____ Gender: _____
 Grade: _____ Phone: _____
 Teacher: _____

Parent Information

Mother's Name: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Father's Name: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would be willing to Coach _____ yes
 I would be willing to be an Assistant Coach _____ yes

Interest Information

Is this your first time? _____ If no, who was your previous coach? _____
 Problem Interest (number 1-3 with 1 being highest interest)
 _____ Problem 1 – OMER to the Rescue, Again
 _____ Problem 2 – Hide in Plain Sight
 _____ Problem 3 – Classics.... Leonardo's Workshop
 _____ Problem 4 – Structure Toss
 _____ Problem 5 – Opposites Distract
 _____ Primary – Museum Makers (Grades K-2)

To read the problem synopsis go to www.odysseyofthemind.com

Meeting Availability

*Coordinating times when seven members of a team can meet is challenging. Team placement may depend on your student's available meeting times. **Please indicate all days/times when your student is available***

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|-----------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Morning | | | | | | | |
| Early Afternoon | | | | | | | |
| After School | | | | | | | |
| Evening | | | | | | | |

If you have any questions, please contact Kristy Balwinski at kristy2500@gmail.com