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North Muskegon Elementary School Destination Imagination[®] Team Ties for Sixth Place at Global Finals Tournament

A team of fourth grade students from North Muskegon Elementary School in Muskegon, Michigan tied for sixth place in the Improvisation Challenge at the Destination Imagination[®] Global Finals Tournament held at the University of Tennessee on Saturday, May 23, 2009.

According to the program coordinator, “the Global Finals tournament is the Little League World Series of creative problem solving. We were proud to represent our school and our state. This is the first year this team has competed in the Improvisation challenge, and we were thrilled to achieve a top ten finish.”

Destination Imagination[®] is a process-based program helping young people build lifelong skills in creative and critical thinking, teamwork, time management and problem solving. Up to seven participants work together as a team for eight to twelve weeks to create their unique solution to a Team Challenge, which can have a focus that is theatrical, structural, improvisational, scientific or technical - or a blend of several disciplines.

The North Muskegon Program is offered free to all students at North Muskegon Elementary School. The program offers skill building workshops in theater design, acting, engineering, and writing, along with the opportunity to participate in team competition. The program is funded by a partnership between the school, parents, and community groups. The team still needs to raise funds to cover the cost of attending the Global Finals Tournament, and to fund the program for the 2009-2010 competition season.

Donations may be sent to the North Muskegon DI Program c/o Ms. Debbie Bennett of North Muskegon Elementary School at 1600 Mills Av., Muskegon, MI 49445.