

**NORTH MUSKEGON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
DESTINATION IMAGINATION© PROGRAM**

North Muskegon Public School District is proud to participate in the **Destination Imagination©** program. Destination Imagination© is a nationally based program designed to develop creative problem solving skills, as well as training in teamwork and leadership skills, for students. Students form teams of up to seven members, and the team is to choose and solve a challenge published by the national organization.

The Destination Imagination Program has two levels. The **Rising Stars level is for students in kindergarten through second grade.** It is a non-competitive introduction to the program. At this level, the challenge usually involves creating a skit that includes all challenge elements/items, and designing/building simple props, costumes, and sets as part of that solution. The students then present their challenge solution (i.e.: skit) at a regional competition held in Muskegon, usually in March. All students who participate in Rising Stars will receive recognition and medals for their work. The students also participate in an Instant Challenge at the tournament that may involve either a creative building task or an impromptu skit.

The second level of the Destination Imagination program is a **Competitive Level for students in grades three through twelve. Teams are divided into Elementary, Middle School, and High School Divisions.** Within each division, the teams compete against each other, and may advance to state-wide or even international competitions. Teams at this level may choose challenges from one of five categories: Construction, Science, Theater Arts, Improvisational Comedy, and Community Service. The students compete at a Regional Tournament held on **March 10, 2012** at Mona Shores High School. Teams placing in the top three spots in their challenge category are eligible to compete at the State Tournament held at Central Michigan University on **April 14, 2012.** Teams placing in the top two spots in their category at the state tournament are eligible to compete at the Global Finals Tournament held at the University of Tennessee on **May 23-26, 2012.**

**All students are eligible for the Destination Imagination program.** Program and registration fees are covered through our fundraising. The challenges are appropriate for students with varied skills and abilities. The important ingredient is that students are willing to work positively with team members in cooperation to produce a solution to the team challenge. The Destination Imagination program requires that all solutions are produced by the students. Teams are guided by adult volunteer Team Managers to ensure that they stay on track to include all challenge elements, and to ensure smooth teamwork. Team Managers will determine when teams meet; some teams meet weekday afternoons or evenings, while others meet on weekend afternoons or evenings.

The program is especially interested in forming a high school division improvisational comedy team for the 2011-2012 season.

**The North Muskegon program is looking for returning or new parents/grandparents/caregivers who would be interested in managing a team.** The program will provide a mentor and training for managers to assist them with team management.

**To register for the program, please fill out the attached form and return it to either the MS/HS office or the elementary office no later than Friday September 16, 2011.**

I am looking forward to another exciting and award winning season. Please call me with any questions at 750-0200 or by email at [mnadeau\\_ihs@comcast.net](mailto:mnadeau_ihs@comcast.net).

Sincerely,

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Program Coordinator

North Muskegon Destination Imagination