

Kennewick Elementary Students Advance to Global Finals!

Students from Amistad Elementary and MidColumbia Partnership Will Travel to Knoxville to Compete in Destination ImagiNation Global Finals

Months of teamwork and some very creative brainpower brought success to our students from Amistad Elementary and MidColumbia Partnership in Kennewick the weekend before Spring Break when they took 1st Place in their challenge and earned a spot in the Destination ImagiNation Global Finals.

The “**6 Angles**” as they call themselves, have earned the right to compete with 20,000 other young people from all 50 states and 40 countries in Global Finals, to be held on the campus of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville at the end of May.

This is the first year each of these students has participated in Destination ImagiNation. Here is a photo of the team at the State Finals held in Wenatchee on 3/28/09:



Pictured (L-R): Savannah McDaniel, 3rd gr – Amistad, Reilly Teigen, 3rd gr - MidColumbia Partnership, Brenden Goble, 5th gr – Amistad, Ethan Vo, 5th gr – Amistad, Raegan Bishop, 5th gr - Amistad



The **6 Angles** competed in the team challenge **A New Angle**. This problem asked them to design, create and combine a two-part structure made entirely of wood and glue that has angled sides, and then see how much weight it will hold. They also created a new art form by merging two different artistic media. Their challenge focused on: Structural Engineering, Construction, Research, Innovation and Design Process, Mathematics, Theater Arts and Teamwork.

Destination ImagiNation's Global Finals marks the culmination of a year of problem solving, innovation and creativity. It brings team winners representing their state, province, or their country to compete together at the annual international creative problem solving Tournament.

The DI problem solving program helps young people work and grow together as a team, learning to nurture mutual self respect while enhancing their own self-confidence and problem solving skills. The set up of the Challenges is open ended, allowing for an endless variety of solutions and a sense of accomplishment for the team. All the Challenges are designed to develop participants' critical thinking and creative problem solving skills. The teams are led by supportive and caring facilitators, who are either parents or adult volunteers.

How You Can Help

We are seeking financial support to help fund:

- travel
- room and board
- shipment of props to Knoxville

It costs about \$1,300 per person for these students and their coaches to travel and compete in this international event. They are honored to represent their schools, the city of Kennewick and the Tri-Cities and the State of Washington.

Donations made through **Washington Imagination Network** (the local Destination Imagination affiliate and a nonprofit (501c3) organization) are **tax deductible**.

Checks may be written to:

Washington Imagination Network

Please note on the check that the contribution is on behalf of:

Amistad Elementary – 6 Angles (Team #147-58784)

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