



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM  
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

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**DATE OF MEETING:** April 11, 2023

**TITLE:** Recognition of 2023 Odyssey of the Mind World Teams

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**BACKGROUND:**

Odyssey of the Mind is an international competition that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Amphitheater Public Schools continues to be the top district in participation and achievement in the Arizona Odyssey of the Mind program.

Team members apply their creativity to solve problems such as sailing a “ship” to reclaim stolen treasure, battling a sea monster and returning the treasure to their queen, creating a structure from pieces hidden in plain sight in the competition room and creating “the most dramatic” performance ever.

This year, 13 teams earned the right to compete during World Finals being held at Michigan State University May 24-27, 2023. The following students and their coaches are to be commended for their dedication and high level of accomplishment in this academic competition.

**Elementary Schools**

**Donaldson Elementary School Coordinator:**

Harriet Matiatos

**Donaldson Elementary Performance Team**

2nd Place, Division 1

**Coaches:** Harriet Matiatos and Jennifer Iadevaia

**Team:**

Bella Cedillo

Brynn Good

Vincent Iadevaia

C'ayla McGrane

Aurora Payne

Oliver Reed

Racquel Ware

**Harelson Elementary School Coordinator:**

Robyn Yewell

**Harelson Elementary Vehicle Team**

2nd Place, Division 1

**Coaches:** Sarah Nystedt and Robyn Yewell

**Team:**

Cooper Bulleigh-Wilson

Ella Sieminski

Daniela Campbell

Emerson King

Ezekiel Mellinger

Owen George

Joseph Herman

**Innovation Academy Coordinators:** Lori LaRussa and Mandi Cordell

**Innovation Academy Vehicle**

**Team:**

3rd Place, Division 1

**Coaches:** Pamela Barrett and

Andrea Pershing

**Team:**

Grayson Barrett

Frankie Mendez

Zophia Pershing

Owen Wheatley

Carmen Schlappi

Tatum Shattuck

Ella Taliaferro

**Innovation Academy**

**Technical Team**

1st Place, Division 1

**Coach:** Cris Gosz

**Team:**

Liam Gosz

Avery Grembowski

Ella Fendrick

Abby Barrett

Elliott Garcia Seminario

River Stacy

**Innovation Academy Classics  
Team**

2nd Place, Division 1

**Coaches:** Patricia Patchin and

Cory Friezen

**Team:**

Natalie Jacobs

Morgan Friezen

Lily Poyas

Aurelia Willard

Luke Weede

Amelia Weede

Sora Kretzer

**Rio Vista Elementary School Coordinator:**  
Stephanie Quimby-Greene

**Rio Vista Elementary School Classics Team**  
3rd Place, Division 1

**Coach:** Stephanie Quimby-Greene

**Team:**

Malachai Martinez  
Rasheed Jose Hall  
Alma Eleanor Jernigan  
Ivan Hagen  
Alexander Wiechert  
Myra Fobes

**Walker Elementary School Coordinator:**  
Alexis Tuo

**Walker Elementary School Technical Team**  
2nd Place Division 1

**Coaches:** Sue Luciano and Cathy Williams

**Team:**

Aedon McGahan Rubio  
Adalynn Pfleiderer  
Quinn Ewald  
Jay Kalyani  
Abigail Feutes  
Sameen Abedi

**Middle and K-8 Schools**

**Coronado K-8 School Coordinator:**  
Stacey Sherman

**Coronado K-8 Structure Team**

1st Place, Division 1

**Coaches:** Stacey Sherman and Emily Sherman

**Team:**

Riley Bruce  
Rowan Hawkins  
Liam Littmann  
Abner Campos  
Elias Herrera-Cota

**Cross Middle School Coordinator:**  
Robyn Yewell

**Cross Classics Team**

2nd Place, Division 2

**Coaches:** Lori LaRussa, Mandi Cordell and Colin Cordell

**Team:**

Payton Walker  
Kacie Walker  
Owen Cordell  
Addison Garcia  
Vincent Poyas

**Cross Performance Team**

2nd Place, Division 2

**Coaches:** Marnie Miserendino and Michelle Schloss

**Team:**

Gillian Higgins  
Ari Laird  
Samuel McEuen  
Justin Miserendino  
Brennan Payne  
Scarlett Williams  
Luca Schloss

**High School**

**Canyon del Oro Coordinator:** Lisa DaDeppo

**Canyon del Oro High School**

**Classics Team**

1st Place Division 3

**Coach:** Amanda Campion

**Team:**

Seth Campion

Kaden Rogers

E.B. Barraza-Rocha

Caysea Cordell

Cadence Jones

Jessica Lassiter

**Canyon del Oro High School**

**Vehicle Team**

1st Place Division 3

**Coaches:** Leann Calvin

**Team:**

Lewis Calvin

Andrew Garza

Erica Schollmeyer

Taylor Rayl

Pennilyn Richards

Eli Mosher

Brandon Britt

**Canyon del Oro High School**

**Performance Team**

1st Place Division 3

**Coaches:**

Lisa DaDeppo

**Team:**

Liam DaDeppo

Carter DaDeppo

Angelina Piccininni

Keelynn Anderson

Bryana Castillo

Kyndel Smith

Emma Miserendino

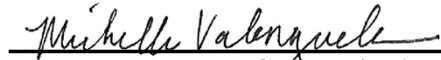
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is presented for the Board's information and recognition.

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**INITIATED BY:**



Michelle Valenzuela, Communications Director

Date: April 5, 2023



Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent