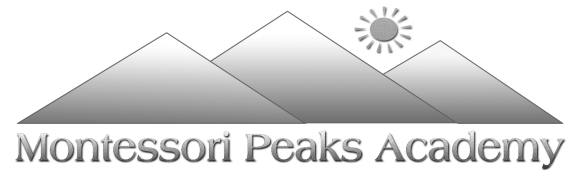


PEEK AT THE PEAKS



Destination Imagination at Montessori Peaks Academy

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Five MPA teams represented our school on March 10th at the Jefferson County Destination Imagination Regional Tournament. Each of our four competitive teams were recognized at the awards ceremony for their unique solution to the challenge they have been working on for months as well as their performance in an Instant Challenge. Our non-competitive Rising Star team was honored with the other young teams as the future of DI.

STATE TOURNAMENT

Our middle school level team, known as U-nerded We Stand, was awarded second place in their competition. They also received a Renaissance Award for “ingenious engineering”. This team will represent MPA and Jeffco in the Colorado State Championship Tournament on April 28th and compete with teams from all around the state.

INTRODUCING OUR TEAMS

Throughout the year all of our MPA teams have shown amazing teamwork, creativity and skill and have had a lot of fun while keeping their team managers well entertained.

Our Rising Star team, The DI Blue Group, includes Tricia Archuleta, Tyler Archuleta, Zoe Evenson, Ammon Prieto, Rosanna Hermanson and Isaiah Romero. Their team manager is Jamie Archuleta.

FLGSCAM includes Ashlyn Mayer, Claire Ternes, Finn Mahoney, Gavin Thompson, Myles Howard, Logan Prieto and Stacey Dobbins. Their team managers are Lisa and Scott Mahoney.

Jokers and Aces includes Jason Bush, Kacie Bush, Tessa Archuleta, Megan Bolt and Fossy Evenson. Their team manager is Lisa Bush.

The Cool Stars and the Fat Cows include Addison Urban, Hannah Sebring, Shadia Eid, Kassie Alexander, Kaleb Gulick and Dylan Buggenhagen. Their team managers are Kim Olson and Kim Buggenhagen and Alyce Sebring.

U-nerded We Stand includes Camellia Eid, Danielle Ternes, Marissa Howard and Ali O’Neal. Their team manager is Karen Ternes.

There is also a team of MPA alumni, from three different middle schools, who formed an independent team. They enjoyed their DI at MPA experiences so much that they wanted to continue competing together. The Illusionists include Anna Dobbins, Rachel Ternes, Lauren Nicholas and Natasha Burdo. Their team manager is Tina Dobbins.

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Presentation Skills • Project Management • Confidence • Time Management • Research Skills • Creative & Critical
Thinking Skills • Improvisational Skills • Budgeting Skills

HOW TO GET INVOLVED Every year we have many students who wish to participate in DI at MPA. Every year we need dedicated adults to facilitate the teams. Training is provided free and your time spent counts as volunteer hours. Each year in September or October we have a parent/student/teacher information night at MPA and we begin forming teams. If you would like to be a Team Manager or a Tournament Appraiser or volunteer next year, or if you or your child would like to participate please contact Karen Ternes, DI at MPA Coordinator at karen@ternesfamily.com.

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