

Amelia Earhart School

A California Distinguished School

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Members of the Board of Education:

Destination Imagination is an internationally recognized program that integrates creativity, critical thinking, cooperation and innovation. The DI Vision: to be the global leader in teaching the creative process from imagination to innovation and the DI Mission: to develop opportunities that inspire the global community of learners to utilize diverse approaches in applying 21st Century Skills and creativity are embodied in all program projects and challenges.

On May 22-28 a team from Earhart School has qualified to compete at the Global finals in Knoxville, Tennessee. Six students, Two team managers(parents) and a chaperone (teacher) will be attending. The team will travel by air with a bus connection provided by DI Globals to the University of Tennessee campus where they will be housed in dormitories.

The program costs for each student including travel, housing, food and registration is \$1600. The entire costs will be covered by fundraising and matching funds from Texas Instruments and Chevron.

The Destination Imagination program encourages teams of learners to have fun, take risks, and frame challenges while incorporating STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), the arts, and service learning. The student participants learn patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics, respect for others and their ideas, and the collaborative problem solving process. The goal of Destination Imagination is to give students the chance to learn and experience the creative process. The creative process is about thinking and doing in no prescribed order. Some people “do” first and then think about what they have done, while others “think” first, then initiate action. Below are the components of the creative process that our participants experience while solving the Challenges.

Recognize:

- Becoming aware of a challenge, problem, or opportunity
- Having a healthy state of mind to explore new opportunities: positive attitude, readiness and
- alertness
- Fully understanding all the issues or points of the challenge or problem

Imagine:

- Applying thinking skills to develop options
- Employing divergent and convergent thinking

- Using creativity and critical thinking tools to help create ideas and then to find the best ones

- Being positive and listening to all ideas before judging them
- Encouraging intuitive insight and novelty
- Maximizing the ability to work within or outside of structure

Initiate:

- Initiating behavior and committing to an option
- Being willing to take risks; go beyond the minimum
- Controlling behavior (self-regulation) to manage impulsiveness

Collaborate:

- Using social intelligence
- Collaborating; understanding and using different problem-solving styles

Assess:

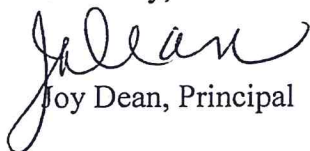
- Achieving the best solution
- Assessing the project while it is being done and after it is finished
- Sometimes starting over or admitting failure
- Making improvements to solutions as you learn more

Evaluate:

- Evaluating results
- Celebrating the journey from imagination to innovation
- Reflecting on the experience, resources, and team dynamics
- Having team solutions appraised at a tournament

These skills are foundational to being highly successful with the Common Core Standards and NGSS across academic curricular areas. Using DI curriculum guides, a parent facilitator works with a group of students (5-7) over sixteen weeks to do two distinct tasks: instant challenges and a longer term project in one of seven categories. At Earhart School we have used the Destination Imagination program as enrichment for our GATE and High Achieving students for six years. This year we sent six teams (42 students) to the regional tournament in February. Three of the teams qualified for the State Tournament in Sacramento in March. At the State Tournament one team qualified to represent our state and Earhart School at the Global Finals for Destination Imagination at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee. The students are proud of their accomplishment! Parents are eager to take this next step in learning with their students. The parent team is fund raising with corporate sponsorships and events to fully fund the trip for the students, the facilitators and one teacher/chaperones (3 adults). Each of the last four years we have sent teams to the Global Finals. The consensus is that through attendance the students observe many other teams competing and bring innumerable skills and strategies back to integrate into their future experiences. Your approval will be an investment in our community's future, helping students become more informed and responsible citizens in the twenty-first century.

Sincerely,



Joy Dean, Principal

OUT OF STATE OR OUT OF COUNTRY FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Requirements:

1. All students must be allowed to participate regardless of ability to pay or associated fees.
2. ALL Forms must be submitted 30 business days prior to field trip, to the Teaching and Learning Department.
3. Board of Education approval is required for all out of state and out of country trips. Use Letter to Board of Education format (see attached).

Date Request Sent: 4/19/2017

Date of Field Trip: May 22 - 28, 2017


Destination of Field Trip: Knoxville, TN - Destination Imagination Global Finals.

School: Earhart

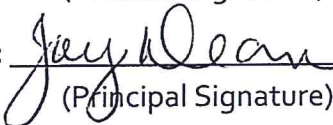
Name of Teacher(s): Paul Gross

Print Name: Paul Gross

Date: 4/19/17


Signature: 
(Teacher Signature)

Date: 4/19/17

Approval: 
(Principal Signature)

Date: 4/19/17

Educational Services Office Use Only:

☒ Approved by: Signature of Director of Teaching and Learning:  4.26.17

Approval Date: _____ Additional Documentation Needed: _____

DEADLINE FOR ALL DOCUMENTATION TO BE RECEIVED BY TEACHING AND LEARNING: _____

☐ Not Approved. Reason: _____

Teacher's Cellphone: 

Teacher's School Phone: 510-748-4003

Date & Time of Departure: 5/22/17 9:15 a.m. Date & Time of Return: 5/28/2017 1:05 p.m.

Number of Miles (one way): 2,273

Number of students: (6)

Number of Chaperone(s): (3)

Chaperones: MUST BE Minimum 1 adult for every 15 students.

Include all Chaperone names and contact information on E-33 Chaperone List. An unsigned E-33 will not be accepted. E-33 must be signed off and complete!

TRANSPORTATION METHOD

☒ Commercial Airlines ☐ Personal Car (**Parents to complete Form E-5. School site is responsible for collection and confirmation of Form E-5 and Proof of Insurance verification on form E-33).**) ☐ Chartered Bus

Transportation costs will be paid by: ☐ School ☒ Individual Student ☐ District
☐ Student Body ☒ Other - Fund Raising. ☐ PTA

Transportation ~~BUS~~ **INFORMATION NEEDED**

Company Name: Southwest Airlines Contact: Click here to enter text.

Address: Oakland. Phone Number: Click here to enter text.

Confirmation # for transportation: US 9YAH/URX DIT/US8CRO

Transportation costs will be paid by: Students/Fund Raising

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Name of Lodging: University of TN, Dorm Lodge Contact Name: Click here to enter text.

Lodging Address: University of TN. Phone Number: Click here to enter text.

Instructional Purpose: What is the purpose of this trip? See attached cover letter

List activities and anticipated student outcome.
Click here to enter text.

List Standards/Content to be addressed:

1. See attached cover letter.
2. Click here to enter text.

Describe pre-activities prior to the trip: See attached cover letter.

Describe post activities after the trip: See attached cover letter.

Reasons for excluding student: (Keep in mind that no student may be excluded due to lack of payment) N/A

Provision for students not participating: N/A

INTINERARY

(Daily schedule of specific events and times)

Date	Time	Activity/Event
5/22/2017	9:15 am 5:05 pm 5:15 pm 8:00 pm	Depart Oakland Arrive Nashville, TN Shuttle from Nashville to Knoxville, TN Arrive at University of TN
5/23/2017	9:00 – 5:00	Practice Day
5/24/2017	9:00 – 5:00 7:30 – 9:00 pm	Team and Instant Challenge Presentation 3M Explore the Uncharted Opening Ceremony
5/25/2017	9:00 – 5:00 8:30 – 10:00 pm	Team and Instant Challenge Presentation 3M Explore the Uncharted Movies Under the Stars
5/26/2017	9:00 – 5:00 7:30 – 9:00 pm	Team and Instant Challenge Presentation 3M Explore the Uncharted 3M Duct Tape Costume Ball & Passport Party
5/27/2017	9:00 – 5:00 7:30 – 9:30 pm	Team and Instant Challenge Presentation 3M Explore the Uncharted Closing Celebration
5/28/2017	8:00 am 10:15 am 1:05 pm	Shuttle from Knoxville TN to Nashville TN Depart Nashville TN Arrive Oakland
Click here to enter a date.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.

REMINDER: Field Trip Checklist

- Submit Field Trip Request (Form E-3A) to school administrator at least **30 business** days prior to trip.
- Issue and collect permission slips (one set to be taken on trip, one set to remain in office on day of trip).
- Order bus/transportation at least 4 weeks in advance if needed.
- If transportation is by private vehicle, collect all driver forms submitted certifying insurance coverage and submit to the principal. (Form E-5).
- Provide a list of participating students' names to school office. (Form E-7 or Class List from Aeries).