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MASD Teams Headed to State Odyssey of the Mind Tourney

Three teams of Moon Area School District students will attend the Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament in Williamsport, Pa., on April 9-10 after qualifying to advance on at the regional tournament held at Moon Area High School on March 6.

Bon Meade Elementary students Sarah Ellis, Nicholas Ulven, Julia Puhalla, Leah Eberts, R.J. Kanith and Shannon Melton and Allard Elementary student Zach Gribben placed first in Division I "Return to the Gift of Flight," where the team was required to make and operate aircraft that could complete various flight patterns and challenges. Brooks Elementary students Moon Area Middle students Natalie Melton, Beth Eberts, Jenna Foster, Madison Taylor and Angela Priola and Bon Meade Elementary students Rachael Melton and Cadina Mancini placed second in Division II "Discovered Treasures," where students must discover two archaeological finds – a historical treasure and modern sculpture or structure found in the future. Brooks Elementary students Page Robinson, Scott Robinson, Matt Robinson, Kate Naugle, Kaitlin Coulter and Abbey Sinclair participated in Division I "Discovered Treasures" and also placed second.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international competition that fosters creative thinking and problem-solving skills in competitors from kindergarten through college. Students solve problems in a variety of areas, from building mechanical devices such as spring-driven vehicles to giving their own interpretation of literary classics. In the competition, students learn important skills in the creative problem-solving event such as teamwork, idea evaluation, leadership and self-confidence.

For more information on Odyssey of the Mind, visit <http://odysseyofthemind.com>.