



# Mill River Union Middle School Newsletter

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## Congratulations Odyssey Of The Mind Team!



Sarah Osmer, Ethan Burkett,  
Anjelica Carroll, Tim Heffernan  
and Rowan Dubin-Masuck .

### ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Congratulations to Mill River's Odyssey of the Mind team who competed Saturday, March 6 in the Vermont State Odyssey of the Mind competition at Champlain Valley Union High School. Team members Rowan Dubin-Masuck, Ethan Burkett, Sarah Osmer, Tim Heffernan, and Anjelica Carroll presented their solution to "Nature Trail'R", a problem for which they had to build a human powered vehicle that pulled a trailer. During their performance, the vehicle had to travel along a trail, encounter wildlife, overcome an obstacle, and undergo a repair. The team's interpretation of "nature" as human nature, and their success in improving the attitude and behavior of two wayward teenagers earned them first place in the Style category, along with their first place finish in their Long Term and Spontaneous scores. The team competed against nine other teams and took first place in all categories. They were coached by Nan Dubin and Tim Vile. They are now preparing for competition at World Finals at Michigan State University in late May. Their first fund raising activity is a Tex-Mex dinner March 26 at 5:00 PM, right before March Madness at Mill River Union High School. The team is grateful for your support.

### Upcoming Dates

- MARCH - 19th - No School/District Inservice
- 24th - Music In Our Schools Day
- 26th - Middle School March Madness Night 6:00-10:00 pm
- Tex Mex Dinner 5:00-6:00pm
- 30th - 8th Grade Language Arts Field Trip
- APRIL -2nd - Show Me Gala/Talent Show
- 9th - Dialogue Day 12th-19th - Spring Break
- 22nd - Hoops for Heart
- 24th - Kids on The Move 5K
- 27th - 8th Grade Job shadow Day

### River Reads Project

TA teachers will document the name, title of the book, and assigned book number. The students will need to check books out in the library – this information was shared at the kick-off assembly this morning. Once a book is completed, students will fill out a note card to receive/earn an English grade. English teachers will assess and verify then give the student a small token representing the book. Students can earn additional tokens for each additional book read. Cards will then be posted in hallway on pre-hung paper. A "thermometer" will be kept representing the number of books read. Dialogue Day will be April 9th which will include various

## Congratulations Rock Climbing Team!



3rd place overall in the Green Mountain rock climbing competition! Team members include: Arthur Conover, Tim Heffernan, Sarah Osmer, Katrina Czar and Lucas Kretvix. Katy Czar who is a 7th grader received the "Top Climber Award for the Year" at Green Mountain Rock Climbing Gym

### ONE ACT PLAY "The Witches" by Roald Dahl

The author who brought you  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!

MARCH 24th - 6:30pm

Parenting class with Peg Lucci

### Adolescence to Independence

Tuesdays beginning March 23rd  
6:00-8:00pm

Refreshments & child care will be  
provided

### HOOPS FOR HEART

Fundraising has begun! See Ms. Valente for more  
information.

All interested students from Grades  
7 & 8 will be participating in the  
Hoops for Heart Hoops shoot  
Thursday April 22, during H block



### Kids on the move 5K to benefit

Saturday, April 24th, 2010  
8:00-9:30 am registration

10 a.m. — Kids Fun Run  
(Free to kids 10 and under)

5K Run/Walk Immediately after Fun Run (\$10 entry fee)

