

## Why Odyssey of the Mind?

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Odyssey of the Mind teaches students to learn creative problem-solving methods while having fun in the process. For more than twenty five years, this unique program has helped teachers generate excitement in their students. By tapping into creativity, and through encouraging imaginative paths to problem-solving, students learn skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems -- great and small -- for a lifetime.



**FACT: colleges pay attention to your life both inside and outside the classroom. Extra-curricular activities such as Odyssey of the Mind can give your kids an advantage!**



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Get your kids involved in a fun and interesting afterschool activity that will push their creativity to the limits!!!

*Read more...*

# Got Questions?

## What is Odyssey of the Mind?

Odyssey of the mind is an international competition with local, regional, and world-wide events that challenge students to present fun and creative solutions to fictional problems with NO creative help from adults. New problems are published every year that require the students to think outside the box, work together, and create a performance that highlights their solution. There is a local competition where the students perform their solution in front of an audience and judges.

Visit [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com) for more information.



**FACT: Buchser Middle School has had at least one team qualify for the state tournament every year for the past 3 years!**



## Who can participate?

**Any student at Buchser can try out to be a part of the Odyssey of the Mind team.** We are looking for reliable, hard working students who are willing to commit to the time obligations (see "important dates" ). If your child is creative, theatrical, or a problem solver, OR needs an environment that nurtures these behaviors, encourage them to come to the meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Can I participate as a parent?

**YES!!!** All parents are welcome to sit in on the after school meetings. If you do come to meetings, you may be asked to be involved on some level. In addition, volunteers are needed the day of the competition.

## WE ARE INTERESTED... What next?

- ◆ Encourage your child to come to the meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting Mr. Erickson will give an overview of the program and tell you the next steps.
- ◆ Email Mr. Erickson and tell him you are interested!!!

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## Still Got Questions?

PLEASE email Mr. Erickson:  
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## Important Dates:

- ◆ **First meeting:** September 13<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ **Tryouts (required!):** September 20, 22, 27 and 29<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ **Regular meetings:** Every Tuesday starting October 11<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ **Tournaments:** Dates TBD (February and March)