

CREATIVE BOOM

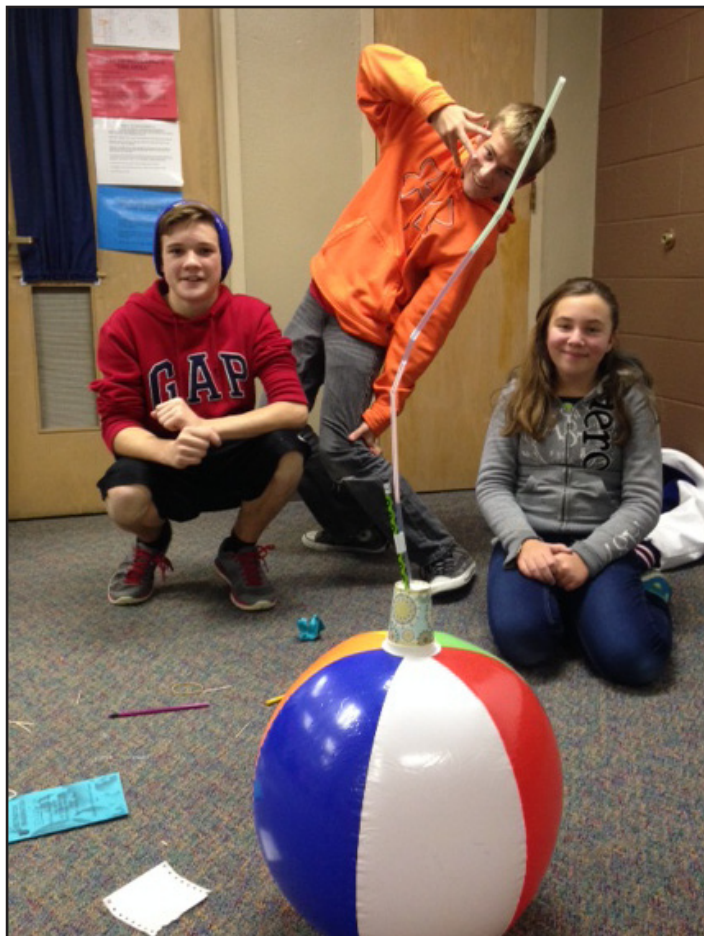
• DOUGLAS D.I. PROGRAM QUINTUPLES IN SIZE SINCE START

Destination Imagination is beginning its 8th year at the Douglas School District. The program began with one team of five 3rd and 4th grade boys in 2007 and has grown to 5 teams and over 25 kids in in 2014.

Destination Imagination, or D.I., is a creative problem-solving program that is offered to kids as early as Kindergarten age all the way through high school.

The Destination Imagination program encourages teams of up to 7 learners to have fun, take risks, focus, and solve challenges while incorporating STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), the arts, and service learning. Team members learn patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics, respect for others and their ideas, and the collaborative problem solving process.

Teams are formed in late October or early November and begin working on Challenges. There are 2 types of challenges



that the kids work on. One is called the Central Challenge, or Team Challenge. The challenge areas of focus include: Technical, Scientific, Fine Arts, Improvisational, Structural and Service Learning.

The second type of challenge is called the Instant Challenge. Instant Challenges require teams to engage in quick, creative and critical thinking.

At a tournament, a team will receive an Instant Challenge and the materials with which to solve it. The team members must think on their feet by applying appropriate skills to produce a solution in a period of just five to eight minutes.

All of the Douglas D.I. Teams will be showcasing the solutions to their Team Challenges and participating in Instant Challenges at the West River D.I. Tournament on March 14 at Douglas. The South Dakota State D.I. Tournament will be in Huron on March 28.

Douglas D.I. teams have won state championships for the past 7 years, winning invitations to D.I. Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee. Globals will be held May 20- 23, 2015 with teams competing from 48 states and 30 countries around the world.