



OMER'S WORLD NEWS

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FLOAT AND BANNER PARADE SHOWCASES CULTURE, CREATURES & CAKE! BY AMANDA VASAS

The Breslin Center arena was awash with mascots, colors and history of World Finals' associations represented at Thursday evening's Float and Banner Parade, led by grand marshal, OMER. From Maine's "Fred the Yeti" float to Kentucky's "May the Horse Be With You," Star Wars-meets-Derby banner, the parade's many entries demonstrated an impressive array of creativity, association pride and big fun!



The 2019 Float and Banner Parade celebrated the unique diversity and unity of World Finals.

"The entries get more elaborate each year, and this year's entries represent a wide range of visual delights - from food and spaceships to magical creatures," said Lisa Hackney, Georgia association director and coordinator of this year's parade.

First-time World Finals competitors and parade-walkers, Jake Thompson, 10, and McKayla Hundley, 11, of New York, took it all in as they waited anxiously in Breslin's underground tunnel to debut their float.

"I'm excited to see how this all works," said Thompson. "It reminds me of being in the Bat Cave!"

The stands were packed with groups in coordinating t-shirts and light-up novelty hats cheering for their World Finals friends who went to great lengths to put on a special show. Delaware's heavy wooden Diamond State cart carried Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. Their association contracts a tractor-trailer to haul all WF props and parade floats. In Texas, coaches Suzanne Rieter and Jessica Gatton became first-time builders for their "VW Bus Cruising for Groovy Solutions," which featured painted water bottles as hippie flowers and a creative transportation solution.

"After disassembling, this whole thing will

fit into a suitcase," said Rieter.

A celebration of the unique diversity and unity of World Finals, the event gave everyone a chance to learn new things and experience culture in one place. Japanese participants donned traditional red Happi costumes, worn for festivals, as they walked with their float inspired by wood-block prints. Mexico's iLoteria! (lottery game similar to Bingo) entry featured colorful OMER-themed playing cards.

In celebration of Odyssey's 40th anniversary, this year's Float and Banner Parade even encouraged participants and spectators to party like it's 1979, serving a slice of creativity with a giant birthday cake float, complete with 40 candles.



Jake Thompson, 10, and McKayla Hundley, 11, with New York's 40th Anniversary Birthday Cake float.

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- World Finals Registration**
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ON THE WEB

- [facebook.com/OdysseyHQ](https://www.facebook.com/OdysseyHQ)
- twitter.com/#OdysseyWF
- twitter.com/#odysselfie
- www.odysseyofthemind.com

OMER STAMP

USPS will be onsite at the International Center with the customized World Finals cancellation stamp for 2019! Please stop by to pick up your postcard and send a note home with a piece of the 2019 event. Stamps will be for sale near the Odyssey Information table today from 9am-1pm. Cancellation stamp will be available at the East Lansing post office (1140 Abbot Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823) after that until 7pm on weekdays and 9am-3pm on Saturday.



The white fur of Maine's "Fred the Yeti" float was put on by students at their State Tournaments.

PARADE FINALISTS

Banner Finalists:

- British Columbia
- Hong Kong
- India
- Japan
- Mexico
- North California
- South California
- Kentucky
- Pennsylvania
- Virginia

Float Finalists:

- Japan
- South Korea
- Colorado
- Delaware
- Georgia
- Maryland
- Maine
- New Jersey
- New York
- Texas

TEAM PHOTOGRAPHY

We are proud to announce that once again, Premier Portraits will be the official team portrait photographer for the 2019 World Finals. We will be available for team photos during the Creativity Festival at IM East, the Breslin Center during the day and evening events. We ask that you have your team pictures taken as early in the week as possible to avoid long lines. Costumes and props are strongly encouraged.

BRESLIN CENTER

- Friday, May 24: 9:30pm-9:00pm**
- Saturday, May 25: 9:30pm-10:00pm**
- CREATIVITY FESTIVAL @ IM EAST**
- Friday, May 24: 9:00am-5:00pm**
- Saturday, May 25: 9:00am-12:00pm**

Prices are \$10 for each 5x7 and \$18 for each 8x10. Also available are key chain packages for \$20.00 and photo travel mugs for \$20.00. Each team photographed will receive a free 5x7 photo for their school. There is only one free 5x7 per photo taken; if two teams are photographed together you only receive one 5x7.

Appear in the 2019 Odyssey Yearbook. Come and have your picture taken at any of the above locations to make sure your team will appear in yearbook.

FUN & GAMES AT THE CREATIVITY FESTIVAL

BY AMY PIPER

It's Thursday at Noon at the IM East and here's the scene - music playing in the background competes with the crowd's dull roar. A man at least 12-feet tall on stilts, dressed in red and white striped pants and a top hat makes his way through the crowd. In another area, pin-traders are in hot pursuit of that particular pin, and countries are trying to entice gamers to their booth. A lot is going on but everyone is enthusiastic -- it's the Creativity Festival.

Nathan Wong, a second grader, from Del Sur Elementary in San Diego was in deep concentration as he won the game sponsored by Piedmont, Oklahoma.

The team from Hong Kong True Light College took advantage of the Moon pop-up by having their picture taken with Dr. Trena Ferrell, the Earth Science Division Education and Public Outreach Lead from NASA. NASA is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing.

Shopping for souvenirs in the Odyssey store was another favorite activity with a wide range of items from T-shirts to stickers.

Ashlyn Loberg is looking



for that North Carolina Tar Heels pin for her mother. If she finds it, she'll do what it takes to make the trade. Caris Schutz says, "I'm looking for dragons to complete my sets in trade for food truck pins."

Conner and Brady Jordan from St. Patrick's School in Weston, West Virginia each have traded and found their favorite pins. Conner, 8, says, "my favorite is from South Carolina." Brady, 11, proudly showed me his rather large one from South Korea and said, "This is my favorite."

The South Korea exhibit displays a mural of the Gyeongbokgung Palace and some traditional Korean dress called hanboks. The team offers two games that are getting intense. In the first game, you set the track to allow the marbles to make it through the path. It required creativity, and everyone was having fun -- the second involved supporting paper with wooden discs.

British Columbia offered a trivia game that included questions about their province and OotM.

2019 ODYSSEY ANGELS GIVE LOCAL FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS FUN

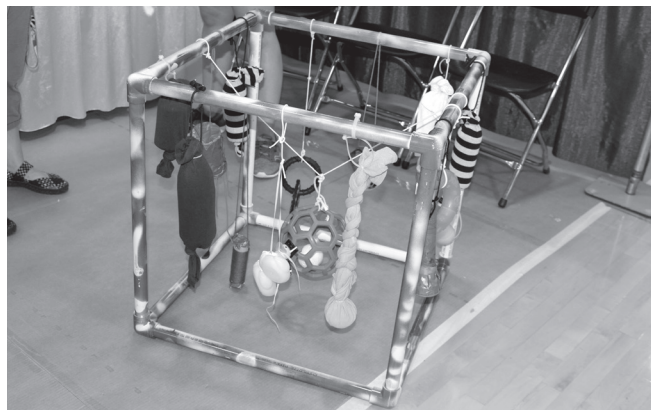
BY AMANDA VASAS

The 2019 Odyssey Angels of Remsenburg-Speonk Elementary School in Remsenburg, New York, are looking out for their local four-legged friends. After helping with a fundraiser at their community animal shelter, the team noticed some sad pups. They learned that it was dangerous for puppies to have decorations in their cages, so to help them learn and play, the team developed a safe and fun sensory puppy playground. The team continues to apply the engineering design cycle to improve the playground, making for increasingly happy animals - more likely to become happily adopted pets!

Along with many honorary Angel siblings, parents, teachers, administrators and OotM members, the RSE Odyssey Angels have 19 students (grades four to six) on the roster: Sofia Amodemo, Adam Bienkowski, Abby Bigora, Sophia Biondi, Luca Carreiro, Paige Feil, Eleanor Greiner, Jady Hunter, Lauren Hunter, Aaron Keifer, Evan Keifer, Sophia Koonmen,



Brady Schultz, Connor Morrison, Adam Bienkowski, Kate Pomroy, Eleanor Greiner and Meghan Pomroy among the Angels who helped Creativity Festival booth visitors make beaded-puppy-paw pins!



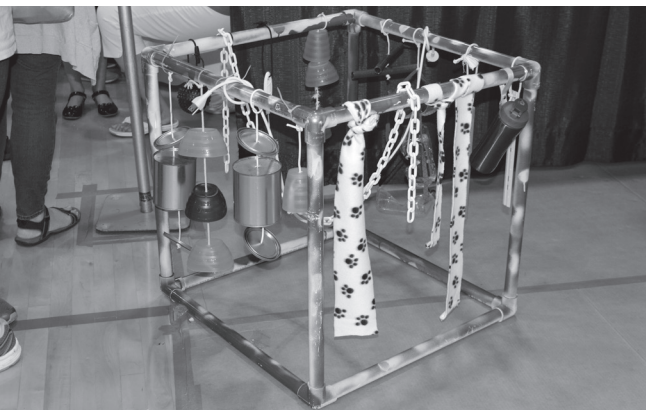
Sensory Puppy Playgrounds made with safe, fun objects team members found around their homes.

Leandra Melo, Sienna Meyer, Connor Morrison, Kate Pomroy, Meghan Pomroy, Bella Ruggiero and Brady Schultz.

When the team found out they were being recognized at this year's World Finals Coach Lauren Andria says a "breaking news" announcement on the school loudspeaker was met with an eruption of thrilled voices from classrooms. As it's their first time at World Finals, the Angels are excited for pin trading, meeting new friends from around the world, and seeing all the amazing exhibits as they also share their own story at this year's Odyssey Angels Creativity Festival booth.

"As a teacher, parent and coach, I am most excited about sharing how Odyssey Angels applies OotM training with volunteer service to help make a brighter future in our communities and around the world," said Andria.

Andria says that while some students like the behind-the-scenes volunteerism, the RSE Angels Team also serves as a training ground for many students to join an OotM



competition team, and that some students participate in both.

"Service-learning is an invaluable way for students to apply their classroom knowledge to help others," said Andria. "Odyssey Angels is an important part of a well-rounded, creative problem-solving program and I hope to see even more teams get involved."



The 2019 Odyssey Angels of Remsenburg-Speonk Elementary School.

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Indian Trails will be operating bus routes throughout the competition connecting the residence halls, problem sites and facilities, parking, recreational facilities and the Breslin Center. There will be three bus routes running on MSU campus for participants during World Finals. Please look for the bus hosts to assist you in finding your way around campus. All routes will meet at the transfer station located at the MSU Auditorium. The Green Bus Route will go through south campus and get you to the residence halls and problem sites. The Red Bus Route will go through north campus and get you to the Breslin Center, residence halls and problem sites. The Blue Bus Route will go through east campus and get you to the residence halls and problem sites. Parking Bus Route will service public lots and drop on campus at the Akers/Conrad bus stop only.

Scheduled Shuttle Hours:

Friday, May 24th: Green/Red/Blue Bus

Routes: begin 6:00am & end 12:30am

Parking Route (MSU Bus): begin 6:00am & end 12:30am

Saturday, May 25th: Green/Red/Blue Bus

Routes: begin 6:00am & end 12:30am

Parking Route (MSU Bus): begin 6:00am & end 12:30am

Sunday, May 26th: Parking Route

(MSU Bus): begin 5:00am & end 1:00pm

WEATHER FORECAST



Friday: High of 70°F
Partly Sunny



Saturday: High of 79°F
Showers Likely



Sunday: High of 74°F
Sunny

WATCHING OTHER TEAMS PERFORM: LENDS SUPPORT & CALMS NERVES

BY AMY PIPER

This year, Lewis Greenview Elementary School from Columbia, South Carolina sent two teams to compete at World Finals. Thursday morning both groups were at the Kellogg Center Auditorium, one on stage performing Leonardo's Workshop, the other lending moral support from the audience. The supporting team will be on stage in Opposites Distract on Friday.

The team performing Leonardo's Workshop used a method of transportation as the "debunked" creation that Leonardo

invented and then discarded. While this invention eliminated cleaning up after horses, too many claimed it would "never fly." The team used the scooter example as the abandoned item and then appeared in bright orange and white outfits with helmets in today's setting riding scooters in the park.

The team performing Opposites Distract told me their sneaky character is Billy Willy, the Tea Bag Fairy, who causes conflict between the Gypsy Fairy and the Baking Fairy. For three team members, it's the third time

attending WF, so there's a lot of experience on the team.

Jaelah Middleton said, "Getting ready for this performance, we had one team member analyze the problem to make sure we were following the rules." Justin Washington added, "We did this to get as many points as possible." The team continued to analyze every time they made a change to the presentation to be sure they were still following all the rules.

Takiyah Abernathy, a sixth grader, has been to World Finals four times. With her experience, she is one of two team managers. Jaeden Middleton is the other. Takiyah explains, "Our role is making sure the team stays on task."

Duncan Hume, a fifth grader from Fort Thomas, Kentucky, and his father, were also watching Thursday's presentations. His team presents Leonardo's Workshop on Friday. Duncan said, "I am nervous because I've

never been here before, and I came early to check out the competition." Duncan is interested in seeing the international teams from China, Germany, and Poland perform. He says, "I can't imagine how difficult it would be to compete in another language."



Opposites Distract, AJ Lewis Greenview Elementary School, Columbia, South Carolina
Left to right: Naja Jackson, Jaelah Middleton, Kyra Jones, Carhi Wilson, Tariana Jenkins, Justin Washington, Tre Pearson



Opposites Distract, Top: Leonardo's Workshop
Bottom: Leonardo's Time and Present Day



Duncan Hume, fifth grader at Fort Thomas G/T Program A, Fort Thomas, Kentucky

WORLD FINALS APP

Get the FREE World Finals APP!

Get all the information you need: maps, a list of events, the competition schedule, and more. Create a customized schedule, connect with new friends, and be the first to receive any updates during the event. Search OMER's World or follow links on the OotM website to go directly to Google Play or iTunes. <https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/world-finals-app/>

NOTICE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

Please be aware that **AT NO TIME IS IT SAFE, ALLOWED OR TOLERATED** to climb into any dumpster for any reason on the campus of Michigan State University. Violating this rule could result in being removed from the event and/or putting yourself or others in great danger! Thank you.



OotM COMPUTER ACCESS

There are two computer labs on campus available for Odyssey use. The login is "browse" and password is "Odyssey2019". There is no print access. Computer labs are available to Odyssey of the Mind guests Tuesday, May 21 through Saturday, May 25 from 7am-10pm at the following locations:

Akers - 141, Brody - 143

Wireless is available to the Odyssey participants and guests however access will vary based on where you are on campus. Please visit <https://tech.msu.edu/visitors/> for all instructions on how to connect to the campus guest network. Wi-Fi is available when you see the MSUnet Guest ID showing as a wireless option in your area.

DINING HALL HOURS

Friday through Saturday

Breakfast: 6:30am-9:00am
Lunch: 11:00am-2:00pm
Dinner: 4:30pm-7:00pm

GET OUTSIDE ON CAMPUS:

Forest Akers Golf Course

3535 Forest Rd., Lansing
Phone: (517) 355-1635
<http://www.golf.msu.edu>

Description: Redesigned by renowned golf course architect and MSU alumnus Arthur Hills, the West Course is the home of the Michigan State Spartans golf programs and both the East and West golf courses have been rated by Zagat as one of the top golf courses in America. The golf practice facility has been on the list of the top 100 practice facilities in America since opening in 1997. Golf Digest has given the West Course 4.5 out of five stars, and it is recognized as one of the best collegiate golf courses by GolfWeek. Call ahead for reservations or book a tee time online at www.golf.msu.edu. Two 18-hole courses: East-Par 72, 6,559 yards; West-Par 72, 7,013 yards

MSU Horticulture Gardens

1066 Bogue St.
A288 Plant & Soil Sciences Bldg.
Michigan State University, East Lansing
Phone: (517) 355-5191
<http://www.hrt.msu.edu/our-gardens>

Description: The MSU Horticulture Gardens are actually a family of three gardens: The 4-H Children's Garden is designed especially for children, and is completely handicap accessible. This delightful garden features over 55 themed gardens including the Pizza Garden, Peter Rabbit Herb Garden, Butterfly Garden and ABC Garden. You can also enjoy the Tree House, Creation Station, Amphitheater, Monet Bridge, and the Dance Chimes. There is also an Indoor 4-H Children's Garden with an additional 20 theme gardens where during March and April we host "Butterflies in the Garden." School programs are offered all year long and there is a full schedule of family programs during the summer.

BRESLIN

STUDENT EVENTS CENTER

PROHIBITED ITEMS

We are not able to store any of these items. For the safety and enjoyment of all our fans, please leave prohibited items at home or in your vehicle.

- Purses or bags of any size
- Weapons (including pocket knives of any size)
- Containers (including aerosol cans)
- Flagpoles, Balloons
- Laser pointers
- Noise makers
- All beverages (including bottled water)
- All food
- Coolers, thermoses, cups, bottles, cans, flasks
- Camcorders, tripods, selfie-sticks, cases
- Chair backs
- Projectiles & other potentially dangerous objects
- All animals (except service animals older than 1 year)
- Use of tobacco products

PERMITTED ITEMS

- Binoculars (no cases)
- Cell phones and pagers
- Small cameras (no cases)
- Strollers—Please check it at Guest Services (section 117) or with a platform attendant
- Seat cushions (no pockets, pouches, zippers)
- Compact umbrellas (no large umbrellas, no metal tips)
- Medical needs items will be searched and tagged by a MSU police officer (must be in a clear gallon plastic bag)

OUTDOOR RECREATION A SHORT RIDE AWAY:

POTTER PARK ZOO

1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing
Phone: (517) 483-4222
<http://www.potterparkzoo.org>

Description: The beautifully landscaped 100-acre park, gardens and zoo are situated in an old oak forest along the Red Cedar River. Located in the heart of the Capital City, Potter Park Zoo exhibits more than 400 animals from around the world. A zoo for all seasons, Potter Park is open all year. The Exploration and Discovery Center for Education provides classes and hands-on learning as well as a Safari Room available to rent for parties, meetings and receptions. The park surrounds the zoo, offering picnicking, exercise area and a playground. Camel and pony rides, a petting zoo, food concessions and a unique Zoovenir Gift Shop are open seasonally.

THE FALCON FOOTGOLF

555 Quarter Horse Ln., East Lansing
Phone: (517) 371-3484
<http://www.hawkhollow.com>

Description: Try Greater Lansing's newest sport offering, FootGolf. Played with a soccer ball on a traditional golf course, the game is a unique blend of the two sports but with a decidedly non-traditional twist. Come out and give it a try! Contact Wally Dutkowski for details: wallydut@gmail.com. Admission for nine holes: \$9 per player, carts \$6 per player, ball rental \$5.

FENNER NATURE CENTER

2020 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing
Phone: (517) 483-4224
<http://www.mynaturecenter.org>

Description: This interactive learning center appeals to both children and adults, making it ideal for families. It features a system of self-guided nature trails through woods and

fields and around ponds, a visitor center with exhibits, gift shop and natural history library. Year-round staff-led tours and programs are offered, plus Summer Nature Camp, October Apple Butter Festival and March Maple Syrup Festival. The gift shop stocks a variety of nature and environmental items.

LITTLE HAWK AT HAWK HOLLOW

15101 Chandler Rd., Bath
Phone: (517) 641-4295
<http://www.hawkhollow.com>

Description: This 18-hole natural bent grass putting course is one of only two in the state. The putting course is a sculpted, landscape, par 54 course, complete with sand traps, bridges and water hazards. Playing time is one and a quarter hours. Perfect for the whole family to enjoy.

RIVER TOWN ADVENTURES

325 City Market Dr., Lansing
Phone: (517) 253-7523
<http://www.rivertownadventures.com>

Description: Lansing's premier paddling and bike rental source! Join River Town on one of Lansing's rivers, lakes or trails and experience nature and the city in a new way, either by kayak, canoe, paddle board or bike! Reservations encouraged and a credit card is required for deposit.

PARKING

Whether you are competing in or supporting the Odyssey of the Mind 2019 World Finals, parking is the first thing you'll do when you arrive at MSU. It is encouraged that you use the parking information below to help make your visit go smoothly. Keep in mind that parking is shared by the campus community. Factoring extra time into your plan is suggested.

COMPLIMENTARY PARKING

Teams: Lots 16/Ramp 7, 83, 89 and 91 have been designated for your use and will be complimentary May 20-27.

Volunteers/Spectators: Lots 16/Ramp 7, 83, 89 and 91 have been designated for your use and will be complimentary May 20-27.

DISABILITY PARKING

Those who present their valid disability placard or plate at the MSU Parking Office between 7:30am-4:45pm, Mon-Fri, may purchase employee space privileges in ungated employee lots (near residence halls and some buildings on campus). The person to whom the placard or plate is issued must be present at the Parking Office to purchase the permit.

LOADING/UNLOADING

When loading/unloading you may use a signed loading zone at buildings for a maximum of 10 minutes or you may park at a meter and pay the meter fee.

RECREATION FACILITIES

Team members and adults staying on campus are able to participate in recreational activities at MSU's IM Circle building (basketball, swimming pool). A room key from the residence hall must be shown to access the pool at IM Circle. Towels are not provided.

IM Circle Basketball Gym & Indoor Pool:
Saturday: 11:00am-2:00pm

MSU Union bowling (division 3 & 4):
Friday: 9:00pm-11:00pm

- Participants must be accompanied by an adult chaperone when using recreational facilities.
- Recreational equipment checkout available to Odyssey of the Mind participants from IM East equipment desk.
- Athletic shoes are required for recreational activity area (gym floor).

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

- 8am-7pm World Finals Competition**
See LT schedule
- 9am-5pm Creativity Festival**
IM East
- 7pm-9pm. . . Graduation/Coaches Comp**
Breslin Center

SATURDAY

- 8am-4pm World Finals Competition**
See LT schedule
- 9am-noon Creativity Festival**
IM East
- 11am-4pm International Festival**
IM East
- 7pm-9:30pm Awards Ceremony**
Breslin Center
- 9:30pm-12:30am Pre-teen Party**
Cherry Lane Park (white)
- 9:30pm-12:30am Teen Party**
Cherry Lane Park (green)
- 9:30pm-1am . . Coaches Recovery Party**
Kellogg Center, Big 10

SUNDAY

- 6am-noon Team Check-out**

HEALTH SERVICES

The University Physicians Office
Phone: (517) 884-6546

Located on the third floor or the Olin Memorial Health Center on East Circle Drive on the north edge of campus
Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

E.W. Sparrow Hospital
Phone: (517) 364-1000

Medical care is also available through the emergency department of Sparrow Hospital located at 1215 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Sparrow Urgent Care Center Okemos
Phone: (517) 381-4001

2248 Mt. Hope, Suite 106
(at Okemos Rd.)
Hours: Everyday, 10am-10pm

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SOUVENIR STATIONS

Don't miss out on the 2019 World Finals Souvenirs for sale throughout the event. Grab the new pin collection tote for those devoted pin collectors. Take something home with you to remember your experience as a participant!

SOUVENIR SALES WILL BE OPEN AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES & LOCATIONS:

International Center, Room 115
Friday, May 24: 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, May 25: 9:00am-5:00pm

IM East - Creativity Festival
Friday, May 24: 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, May 25: 9:00am-4:00pm
Creativity Festival: 9:00am-12:00pm
International Festival: 11:00am-4:00pm



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