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DESTINATION IMAGINATION TEAMS GIVING BACK

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Midland ISD Destination ImagiNation teams are known for their innovation and their success at every stage of competition. The worldwide program allows students to respond to posed challenges while incorporating elements including music, technology, science, dramatic arts and more. According to the organization, DI involves about 125,000 students across the United States and in more than 30 countries. MISD teams have regularly qualified for state and advanced to Global Finals.

This year, MISD's eight DI teams will compete at the regional tournament in Lubbock on Saturday, February 25. Teams from Carver Center and Midland Freshman will compete in challenges including Challenge A: Assembly Required, in which students must build a vehicle to transport parts to an assembly area, and then transport finished products; Challenge B: Solar Stage, in which students work with lighting effects and a solar prototype; and Challenge C: Coming Attractions, which includes skits in the form of movie trailers that incorporate music and plot highlights.

Perhaps the most compelling challenge that students have undertaken this year is Project Outreach, in which students find a need in their community and give back. Sara Burleson, Carver teacher and DI sponsor, said, "The students chose homelessness and focused on the needs of children. They have created a game night for Family Promise. The games are meant to create bonding among the families as well as teach the children. They go every Thursday night to play games with the families."

DI teams will perform for the Carver Center PTA at 6 p.m., Thursday, February 23, at Carver Center, 1300 E. Wall St., and will facilitate games as part of Project Outreach at 7 p.m., on Thursday, February 23, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave. Burleson said, "We are excited about the possibilities ahead."

For more information about Destination ImagiNation, visit www.idodi.org. For more information about Family Promise, visit www.familypromisemidlandtx.org.

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