

2009-2010 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS GIFTED & TALENTED DEPARTMENT

DESTINATION IMAGINATION® (DI) (Available to grades K-12)

- Workshops:** Team Managers' Training: Saturday, November 14, 2009, 8:00 am start time (location to be announced)
 Team Managers' Training: Saturday, January 9, 2010, 8:00 am start time (South High School)
 Team Skills Workshop: Date and Location to be announced
 Team Instant Challenge Workshop: Date and Location to be announced
- Tournaments:** Denver Tournament: March 20, 2010 (George Washington High School)
 State Tournament: Saturday, April 17, 2010 (Location to be announced)
 Global Finals: May 18-23, 2010 (University of Tennessee)
- Information:** State Coordinator: Nyla Kimmett, 720-394-8597, nkimmett@extremecreativity.org
 Denver Website: gt.dpsk12.org (no "www")
 Colorado Website: www.extremecreativity.org
 International Website: www.destinationimagination.org

MATHLETICS (DPS Competition) and MATHCOUNTS (National Competition) (Available to grades 6-8)

- Mathletics**
- Competitions:** Cluster Competition: Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 10:00 am – 12:15 pm (Multiple locations)
 Cluster Competition: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 10:00 am – 12:15 pm (Multiple locations)
 District Competition: Saturday, January 30, 2010, 8:15 am – 12:00 noon (Henry World School)
- Mathcounts**
- Competitions:** Metro Competition: Saturday in mid-February, 2010 (University of Denver)
 State Competition: Saturday in mid-March, 2010 (Colorado School of Mines)
 National Competition: May 6-9, 2010 (Orlando, Florida)
- Mathcounts**
- Information:** State Coordinator: Noelle Cochran, Noelle_Cochran@URSCorp.com
 Colorado Website: mathcounts.coloradomath.org (no "www")
 National Website: www.mathcounts.org

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE (Available to grades 4-8)

- Competitions:** School Geography Bees: Anytime between November 9, 2009 and January 15, 2010
 Colorado Geography Bee: Friday, April 9, 2010 (Time and location to be announced)
 National Geographic Bee: May 25-26, 2010 (Washington, D.C.)
- Information:** National Website: www.nationalgeographic.com/geographybee

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY (Available to grades 6-12)

- Workshops:** *National History Day – An Overview*: Saturday, October 24, 2009 (1330 Fox Street, Denver)
Exhibit, Documentary, Performance, Paper & Web Site Entries: Saturday, November 14, 2009 (1330 Fox Street, Denver)
- Competitions:** Denver Competition: Saturday, April 10, 2010 (Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences)
 State Competition: Saturday, May 1, 2010 (University of Colorado at Denver)
 National Competition: June 12-17, 2010 (University of Maryland)
- Information:** State Office: Chris Sundberg, Coordinator; Stacey Pendleton, Assistant; 303-556-6647, colorado.history.day@ucdenver.edu
 Colorado Website: www.coloradohistoryday.org
 National Website: www.nationalhistoryday.org

OPTIMIST BRAIN BOWL (Available to grades 6-8)

- Competition:** Late January or early February. Exact date and location to be determined.
- Information:** Rich Urbanowski, 303-986-0964, mrurban3@gmail.com
 Connie Ackerman, 303-798-6434, connieackerman@comcast.net
 Website: www.optimistbrainbowl.org

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (Available to grades 6-12)

- Competitions:** North Regional Competition: Saturday, February 27, 2010 (Preston Junior High School, Ft. Collins)
 State Competition: Saturday, April 17, 2010 (Colorado School of Mines, Golden)
 National Competition: May 20-22, 2010 (University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana)
- Information:** Northern Region Contacts: Mary Klass, mklass@psdschools.org; Mike Viney, mviney@psdschools.org
 Colorado Website: www.coloradoscienceolympiad.org
 National Website: www.soinc.org

SEMANTICS/SPELLING BEE (Available to grades K-8)

- Competitions:** Cluster Spelling Bee #1: Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 9:15 am – 11:00 am (Multiple locations)
 Cluster Spelling Bee #2: Thursday, January 28, 2010, 9:15 am – 11:00 am (Multiple locations)
 City Written Spelling Contest: Thursday, February 18, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon (Temple Emanuel)
 City Oral Spelling Bee: Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm (Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences)
 2010 Colorado State Spelling Bee: Saturday, March 6, 2010 (Colorado Convention Center)
 Scripps National Spelling Bee: Late May, 2009 (Washington, DC)
- Information:** DPS Coordinator: Bill Schaefer, 303-322-0479, bcs640@msn.com
 Denver Website: www.dpssemantics.com
 Scripps National Spelling Bee: www.spellingbee.com

SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL (Available to grades K-12)

- Meetings:** Teacher Workshop: Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm (Career Education Center)
 Steering Committee/Coordinators Final Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 8:30 am – 11:30 am, (Career Education Center)
- Auditions:** March 15-19, 2010
- Festival:** Thursday, May 6, 2010 (Denver Performing Arts Complex)
- Information:** DPS Coordinator: Joe Craft, 720-423-8278, joe_craft@dpsk12.org

YOUNG AUTHORS' CONFERENCE (Available to grades K-5)

- Conference:** Wednesday, May 12, 2010, Schools A-J: 8:30 am – 11:00 am, Schools K-Z: 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm (Temple Emanuel)

**For additional information on all activities, except the Shakespeare Festival,
 contact Becky Butz at the Gifted and Talented Department
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