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### Enjoy thinking "outside the box"? --- Join Odyssey of the Mind at PVMS

**Odyssey of the Mind** is a creative problem-solving program for students K-12 and college. It provides teams with the opportunity to learn creative problem solving, teamwork, brainstorming, self-reliance, and respect for individual strengths -- unique, unforgettable experiences that will serve them in every aspect of their lives now and in the future.

Teams of five to seven students meet after school for several months, guided by an adult coach (usually a parent), to develop solutions to one of six Long Term Problems, while also practicing for a Spontaneous Problem. Teams, problems and competitions are organized into five divisions by age groups. In Florida we have Regional competitions where teams advance to State Finals. The top teams from the State Finals go on to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.

In the Long Term Problem teams develop a theatrical and engineering solution to a specific situational problem over several months. Solutions may range from building mechanical devices to presenting interpretations of literary classics. Just as much fun, are the Spontaneous Problems, where the students develop brainstorming skills to solve problems given at the competition.

#### Sign-up Today!

If you and/or your child are interested in participating in Odyssey of the Mind this school year, please complete the form below and return as soon as possible. Sign-up for team participation will be on a first-come/first-served basis, as the number of team slots are limited and dependent on the number of coaches we have.

**If you are interested in being a coach, your assistance is greatly needed! Without coaches we will have no teams!** You do not have to be a professional educator to get involved. Children of parent coaches are guaranteed a spot on a team. For each team, we need at least one coach.

For more information please contact Pine View's OM coordinator Nilsa Calabria, by email at ncalabri@pasco.k12.fl.us, or by phone at (813) 794-4800, (813) 618-8995 (cell) or (813) 996-3806 (home).

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Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in being a coach? Please circle: Yes / No                      Past OM coach? Yes / No

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_                      Past OM team member? Yes / No

Additional information about Odyssey of the Mind can also be found at:

<http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/>

<http://floridaodysseyofthemind.org/>

and

<http://www.gcodyssey.com/>