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Press Release

Verner's Odyssey Team Wins Regional Event and Earns the Right to Represent Riverview at the State Championships

Congratulations to the students who participated in the annual Western PA Regional Odyssey of the Mind Competition.

During that competition, a team of Verner students won their particular event by building a structure from balsa wood that weighed less than 18 grams. The structure held 80 lbs. and resulted in our Verner student team winning their division! That win earns the team the right to represent Verner at the State Championships on April 11 at Berwick High School in Berwick, PA 18603.

Team Participants included Brody Howell, Sophia Strasser, Andy Strasser, Jalen Ricketts, Jay Pellechio, Ruby Bee, and Lacika Tompa. A special thank you to Ray Appleby, Megan Strasser, and Dori Tompa for coaching the team to a victory. With students ranging from Kindergarten to 5th grade, the team was very busy over the last few months! Special thanks to judges Melissa Minyon, Heather Krieger Ross and event volunteer Heidi Roth.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity and talents to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program. For more information on Odyssey of the Mind visit their website at <http://odysseyofthemind.com>.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated this year!