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This team had a truly original solution to their problem that showed a forward-thinking world view. It was totally different from any other solution that the judging team saw today. The team's script, props, non-physical approach toward confrontation, rap, and overall performance worked together cohesively to present a big picture message that made us both think and laugh.

The judges would like to recognize this team for the risk it took in creating a non-traditional villain -- the educational system --trying to destroy creativity through its rigidity. It was a clear statement of the impact that the Odyssey of the Mind program has in developing creative problem-solvers.

The Problem 5 judging team would like to recognize the Division 1 team from Haycock Elementary School Team B.



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This is a Ranatra for the performance of a team during its Spontaneous competition. They discovered in the last few seconds of their solution time that they had not followed the instructions and adapted in a very creative, unique, and unexpected way. This presented an extra challenge to the team in their overall solution.

The spontaneous judging team recognizes the teamwork and creativity of the Division 1, Catch Us if You Can team from Wolftrap Elementary School.



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This award is unusual in that Primary teams rarely make this kind of impact on the judging team. What was particularly notable was the use of homemade devices to transform objects. The pulley rod to change an octopus to a beach ball originally did not work but the team came together to solve the problem and reveal the beach ball. They used a homemade saw (which was a ruler with protective coverings) to saw a volcano into two halves which became beach hats. They made homemade tweezers that transformed a submarine into a sand castle. The way the team transformed an undersea world to a beach scene showed exceptional skill and creativity.

This award goes to the primary team under Coach Kapil from Edline School.



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This Problem 1 team demonstrated exceptional creativity in their approach to propulsion and their internal problem solving when things went wrong during their skit. They exemplified teamwork and poise when one of their vehicles did not work as intended. They were able to resolve the issue by combining two vehicles into one after time expired. The solution entailed a battery magnet traveling through a hand-spun copper coil to a large Frisbee-wheeled vehicle, propelling it to the target area.

Congratulations to the Division 2 team from Westbriar Elementary School.