

Important Dates:

- ☉ April 1—Salem Education Foundation Auction
- ☉ **April 2—Service Learning 1/2 day — 12pm Dismissal**
- ☉ April 7—SFC Meeting—6:30pm
- ☉ April 9—Full Day Service Learning
- ☉ April 13—Board of Trustees Meeting—6:30pm
- ☉ April 14—Grade 6 trip to the New England Aquarium
- ☉ April 15—PAC Meeting—6:30pm
- ☉ **April 19—April 23—April Break**
- ☉ May 1—SAT Test Date
- ☉ May 5—SFC Meeting—6:30pm
- ☉ May 7—1/2 day schedule—Service Learning—12:00pm—2:00pm
- ☉ May 11—May 12—MCAS Grades 6 and 7
- ☉ May 17—May 19—MCAS Grades 8 and 10
- ☉ May 20—PAC Meeting—6:30pm
- ☉ May 21—Service Learning—Full day
- ☉ May 26—PTS Conferences—5:00pm-8:00pm
- ☉ May 31—Memorial Day—No School
- ☉ June 5—Family Picnic—12pm—3pm

Salem Academy Charter School Wins BIG at Regional Destination Imagination Tournament®; One Team Advances to States!



What has ten endangered items, ten quirky characters, one surprise element, lots of invisible props, human scenery and sixteen smiling faces?

The answer of course, is Salem Academy Charter School's three Destination Imagination® teams!

Destination Imagination® is a creative problem solving program for participants from elementary school through college levels. The Destination Imagination® Program provides teams with a fresh and exciting choice of five different team challenges to pick from and an Instant Chal-

lenge each academic year. Teams are tested to think on their feet, work together and devise original solutions that satisfy the requirements of the Challenges.

This year SACS sent three teams, one at the Middle School level, and two at the Secondary (HS) level to compete against schools from across the North of Boston region. Salem Academy has fielded Destination Imagination® teams every year since the school opened in 2004.

Salem Academy Charter School is proud to announce that two of the school's Destination Imagination® teams took first and second place in their respective categories in this past weekend's Massachusetts Destination Imagination® Region Six Tournament which was held at Beverly High School this past Saturday.

All three Salem Academy teams chose to compete in the "Do or DI" Challenge. In a seven-minute preparation time period at the tournament, the team had to create a five-minute Improvisational Skit about a "threatened thing" in danger of extinction using a stock character both of which were randomly selected from a list of 10 that the team had previously researched. Further, the teams were required to incorporate human props and/or scenery into the skit. Lastly, they had to integrate a randomly selected unimpressive superpower that was unknown to them until it was revealed *during* the presentation of their skit.

The HS team comprised of Senior Alex Lane, Juniors Annabel Meija, Ashleigh Ayube, Casey Ryan, Christeena Decker, Sam Teatum and Sophomore Herby Charmant bested all other teams to win the First Place Prize when they created a skit which started in a classroom and by way of a 'human prop' car traveled to a zoo filled with human scenery of animals, trees and a ticket booth. There they presented researched facts about the Gopher Tortoise. The tournament judges were particularly impressed with the human scenery, props and the humor of the skit. This team now has the honor of moving on to the Destination Imagination® State Level competition held on Saturday April 3rd at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester MA. In this competition, they will not be presenting their winning skit, but must start the whole process over by randomly selecting a new endangered thing and stock character from the previously researched list! They will be competing against all other first place winners in their selected challenge and school level from across the Commonwealth. If they win in Worcester, they will travel on to the Global Tournament held in Tennessee later this year.

Salem Academy Charter School's Middle Level team of Anna Novicheva, Atticus Meche, David Ambrose, Dominic Serino, Lydia King, Shawn Provencher, and Sophie Leiton-Toomey won 2nd place in the same "Do or DI" Challenge. Interestingly, this team drew the same "threatened thing", the Gopher Tortoise, but worked with a different stock character and unimpressive superpower. They plan to attend the state level competition to support the High School team.

The Salem Education Foundation presents its
15th Annual Auction

Thursday, April 1, 2010

Hawthorne Hotel

Salem, MA

6:00 PM

All proceeds from the Auction will go toward 2010-2011 teacher grants for innovative programming throughout the district.

We are offering our first online auction this year. Bidding opens on March 17th, at 8:00 AM EDT Time! Many items will "close" on March 28th at 10 PM EDT.... and some will continue on to our Annual LIVE event at The Hawthorne Hotel. This event is FREE!

In addition to the auction, we have teamed up with some local restaurants to offer a pre-auction dinner. Hours of the dinner will be from 5-7 PM and each participating restaurant will donate a portion of the bill to the Foundation if you identify yourself as an **Auction Attendee**. Participating restaurants are:

Upper Crust – 118 Washington Street

Old Spot – 121 Essex Street (next to Hawthorne)

Rockafellas – 231 Essex Street

Donations from Salem Academy's very own teachers include, 1 hour private tutoring for college essay revision from Denise Granniss and Pie of the month for a year from Shawn Berry. Please come out to support our schools. There will be silent and live auction items, raffles, and we have brought back our fun Apple Board! Hope to see you there!