



The Odyssey of the Mind is an international program whose mission is to provide creative problem solving opportunities for students. In the United States, competition begins at the regional level with qualifying teams then invited to the state level competition. The Saltzman East Memorial Elementary School team won both regional and state competitions for Problem #1 Extreme Mousemobiles and, therefore, now qualifies for the **World Final** Competition to take place in May at the University of Maryland. This is the **first time** that the Farmingdale School District has qualified for the World finals. The Odyssey of the Mind is truly a worldwide competition. Participants include teams from Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Europe, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Mexico, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, and practically every state in the U.S. The annual Odyssey of the Mind World Finals is an event to behold. It embodies the international spirit of creativity! The Saltzman East Memorial students who have achieved this incredible accomplishment are: **William Huebner, Edward Makhanlall, Britney Pham, Lydia Roos, Leslie Sattler, and Jake Shultz**. They were led to success through the distinguished leadership of coach, **Mrs. JeanMarie Papillo**.

