

# Proclamation

## RODNEY B. COX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

**WHEREAS**, Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving competition involving Kindergarten through college age students who work in Teams; and

**WHEREAS**, Team members work together at length to solve a predefined problem and present their solutions to the problem during a competition. They also have a spontaneous competition in which the Teams must generate spontaneous answers to a problem they have not seen before; and

**WHEREAS**, the Odyssey of the Mind program is operated at the Rodney B. Cox Elementary School as an enrichment program, meeting for 2 hours each week with 70 students participating, 12 coaches and one parent volunteer in addition to the primary and intermediate coaches; and

**WHEREAS**, this 2008/2009 group of students was able to purchase a national membership in the Odyssey of the Mind competition through the generosity of Pasco County who provided Title I monies; and

**WHEREAS**, the students must also generate funds in order to participate in a regional organization which allows them to then participate in the local tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, the students who participated in this years tournament are Carmelo Mares, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Maria Sanchez, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Juan Barrera, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Aaliyah Golden, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Juan Garcia, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Jorge Gallegos, Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Kenya Cleto, 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Christian Hill, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Marcus Nash, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Michael Washington, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Devon Fraizer, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Jacob Latham, 4<sup>th</sup> grade; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary coaches, Marie Wood and Bailee Wells and intermediate coaches Kerry Olds and Kathy Chois along with Coordinator Brandon Maldonado have given of their time to encourage these fine young students to enrich their minds by participating in Odyssey of the Mind; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Scott Black, by virtue and authority vested in me as Mayor of Dade City, Florida, and on behalf of the entire City Commission, hereby applaud the commitment of Rodney B. Cox Elementary School, Odyssey of the Mind program for the excellent work and especially the young students and their accomplishments at the Gulf Coast Regional Tournament, Earth Trek, Division I and Superstition, Division I.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Dade City, Florida to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

**Attest:**

**DADE CITY, FLORIDA**

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**City Clerk**

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**Mayor**