**The Junior High Science Olympiad Team is Going to State!**

 In what is believed to be a school first, the entire Junior High Science Olympiad team has just earned second place as a team at the Regional Science Olympiad competition held today at NWMSU in Maryville, Missouri! They, along with the entire High School Science Olympiad team who each event qualified, will be headed as a group to compete at the Missouri State Science Olympiad competition at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri on April 4, 2020! This is an extremely prestigious honor and one our students should be incredibly proud of having earned. Competition today was fierce and a new strategy was employed by Coach and Science Teacher, Mrs. Tuanette Hulet, to help the team achieve their goal. While we had only one team event qualify for junior high this year, (Landon Woodward and Jeighdynn Barazza in Density Lab), our “Diversity Blitz” approach paid off with multiple students earning enough high honors in enough different events, that the entire team as a whole received the second place trophy. This was a gamble in that it meant team members had to enter as many events as possible, rather than focus on only one or two areas, and hope that their team members also came through. Freshmen team members are Sam Coin, Maesen Weller, and Michael Jessop. (This is Sam’s third consecutive year making it to state). Eighth grade team members are Landon Woodward, Daltyn Sperry, Kelsey Crabtree, Jeighdynn Barazza, Gage Iddings, and Kierra de Jong. (This is Gage and Kierra’s second year making it to state.) Seventh grade team members are Payton Adler, Katelyn Jones, Drayson McCrary, and Gunnar McCrary. Mrs. Hulet is extremely proud of her team and all the hard work her students put in to achieve this remarkable goal! She also wants to thank her fellow teachers, Ms. Alyssa Lambert for all her volunteer hours helping with various teams over the last few months, and Mrs. Sheridan Mounce who helped the Ping Pong Parachute team this week as well!

Honors Earned Today Include:

1st Density Lab—Landon Woodward and Jeighdynn Barazza

2nd Dynamic Planet—Drayson McCrary and Jeighdynn Barazza

2nd Food Science—Maesen Weller and Drayson McCrary

2nd Heredity—Sam Coin and Gage Iddings

2nd Machines—Michael Jessop and Dalytn Sperry

2nd Meteorology—Katelyn Jones and Michael Jessop

2nd Mousetrap Vehicle—Landon Woodward and Gage Iddings

2nd Road Scholar—Daltyn Sperry and Maesen Weller

3rd Disease Detectives—Sam Coin and Kierra de Jong

3rd Fossils—Payton Adler and Gunnar McCrary

3rd Ornithology—Sam Coin and Katelyn Jones

3rd Reach for the Stars—Gage Iddings and Jeighdynn Barazza

3rd Water Quality—Kierra de Jong and Maesen Weller

3rd Write It/Do It—Kelsey Crabtree and Kierra de Jong

4th Crime Busters—Sam Coin and Kelsey Crabtree

4th Experimental Design—Katelyn Jones, Gunnar McCrary, and Gage Iddings

5th Anatomy and Physiology—Daltyn Sperry and Drayson McCrary

5th Boomilever—Gunnar McCrary and Katelyn Jones

5th Circuit Lab—Michael Jessop and Daltyn Sperry

5th Game On—Payton Adler and Maesen Weller

Honorable Mention (New Event)—Ping Pong Parachute—Kelsey Crabtree and Jeighdynn Barazza