

Dear Parents,

We had a very busy and most enjoyable week here at Julian Curtiss School. On Thursday the district held its annual **Community Service Awards Program**. Logan Jozwiak, a leader of the Julian Curtiss Student Council, and Mariela Merida, JC Service Club and Art Club member were both chosen by their teachers to represent Julian Curtiss at the ceremony. Both students are compassionate and considerate volunteers, and are academic and social role models in the classroom and the school community. Congratulations to Logan and Mariela as well as all of the students in our school who participate in Student Council and the Service Club. Also, on Thursday evening the **Greenwich Public Schools K-12 District Art Show** took place at the High School. It was a beautiful evening and Ms. LeAnn Hinkle, JC Art Teacher, did a wonderful job of selecting the artwork of 18 students from Julian Curtiss to display in the show. Congratulations to:

Second graders: Gabriela Aliaga, Cooper Eisenbach, and Sayaka Mori.

Third graders: Murphy Bennett, Daniela Gojani, and Saki Sato.

Fifth graders: Sara Alarjawai, Minnetta Arlotti, Jack Bourke, Monika Brown-Smith, Adorian Campbell, Cole Cu, Ignacio Hernandez, Nancy Kesler, Kristin Koellmer, Ellie Scharff, Samantha Scharff and Jaden Scott.

*"The Arts are an integral part of a child's education. Not only do they promote higher-order thinking and team building characteristics, they also support cultural awareness and allow students to express themselves through a different form of communication. Now more than ever, in these serious economic times, it is important to continue supporting the arts in our schools." Laura White, Arts Coordinator, Greenwich Public Schools.*

#### **CONGRATULATIONS ODYSSEY OF THE MIND MEMBERS**

Thank you to John Ehlinger, Ariel Wilshaw, and parent Lucy Von Brachel along with assistant Sandra Grandinetti for bringing three teams to the Odyssey of the Mind competition in New Haven this Saturday, March 18th. Another huge thanks to Brenda Brush for her support in serving as a judge for the competition. A member of the school community must volunteer as a judge in order for our students to participate.

The teams have been working for months. During this time, teams decide on the long-term problem they would like to solve/complete, and practice spontaneous problem solving challenges for competition.

Two of our teams received fourth place for their problems and one team placed 10th in their problem. There were three teams from JC! Everyone is very pleased with the results. If both the first and second place teams drop out from the competition /or can't go the 4th place teams would be called for worlds!!

#### **Problem 1: Catch us if you can**

Justin Bernstein  
Anne Bologna  
Lauren Resnick  
Maria Ribeiro  
Juan Pablo Rincon  
Beatrice Tennerilo

#### **Problem 2: Odd-a-Bot**

Lucas Kripendorff  
Audrey Ku  
Ksenia Lungu  
Helen Puskar  
Alina Sarkissian  
Samantha Scharff

#### **Problem 3: It's time OMER**

Logan Jozwiak

Talia Muir  
Phoebe Porigow  
Ellie Scharff  
Madeline Souliere

*“Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level.” - [ctom.org](http://ctom.org). This voluntary after school program is open to students in grades 4 and 5 in the fall at Julian Curtiss.*