

**Northwest VA DI
Regional Tournament
March 13, 2010**

SPECIAL AWARDS

You're Gonna Flip!

Renaissance Award to Knight Lights from Wilbur Pence Middle School

This award was for the mechanized puppet firefly that included moving wings, talking mouth, and flashing lights. Also impressive was the inclusion of the Christmas lights as firefly lights with the single red light. The dialogue was realistic, frank and funny!

DaVinci Award to Powhatan School

This award recognizes the incredible idea to make costumes out of pop cans, the set design and how every piece of the set changed. Including songs, dialogue, costumes, set and characters – all elements were well integrated to support the plot. There was consistent high quality acting and positive interaction between team members. The live visual art was extremely creative and related well to the theme.

Breaking DI News

Spirit of DI Award for Instant Challenge to Orchard View Elementary School

The skit portion was dramatic and theatrical – everyone was happy, enthusiastic and accepted each other's ideas. We really appreciated the sense of enjoyment and camaraderie of this group. They truly made us believe that our challenge was the most fun that they had all day. The true spirit of teamwork was exhibited as they encouraged each other, listened to ideas and assumed specific roles in order to achieve their team goal – to complete the challenge.

Renaissance Award for Instant Challenge to Brain Busters from McGaheysville Elementary School

All of the students in this group explored the properties of all the materials to make various instruments. They showed fluency and flexibility. They used their instruments to make sound effects and musical sounds to accompany their skit. Each student supported and encouraged their teammates to be innovative.

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Spirit of DI Award to Space Tigers

This team came together to fix an element of their design which did not qualify. The boys and girls on the team kept a positive attitude as they worked together to create a workable solution. They displayed great problem solving under pressure as a team!

DaVinci Award to West Side Construction Company from Elkton Middle School

This team really was able to direct their mission and deposit their objects. Their delivery device required all hands on deck to move their device left and right and up and down using pulleys. Their “target locating” system really worked to have them smoothly manage the delivery. All we can say is WOW!