

STATE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our incredible Ocean Air Future Problem Solving teams! The top thirty-one FPS teams from across the state were invited to the State Bowl Competition on April 24th. Four of those teams were from Ocean Air School. The students began their day at 8:00 in the morning and competed throughout the day. By evening, the students anxiously awaited the Awards Ceremony where one of our teams was named the top team in California!!!

The following students earned **1st place** in the state and will be representing California at the International Conference in La Crosse, Wisconsin this June:

Michael Ai
Eric Cunningham
Michelle Fan
Dolev Starr

Alternates:
Ashley Yang
Ally Bakan

The following team earned 4th Place:

Kragen Metz
Marie Shi
Maggie Fang
Christopher DePetro

In addition, Ocean Air had a 1st Place Scenario Writer:

Michael Ai

Coach: **Ariella Leeder**

Forty-one states, along with Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, and Singapore will be sending teams to compete at the International Competition. The topic for the competition is **Green Living** and students will be applying the six-step FPS model to a scenario relating to this issue. In the coming weeks, these six students will meet with Mrs. Leeder to research the topic and practice their problem solving skills to prepare for the competition. We are so excited to have a team from Ocean Air and the Del Mar Union School District representing the entire state of California in this competition!

Future Problem Solving is a program where a group of four students work together to complete a six-step problem solving process. The students brainstorm challenges, identify an underlying problem, develop solutions, generate criteria to judge their ideas, and finally produce an action plan to implement their best solution. This entire process takes two hours of creative teamwork. The topics for the 2009-2010 Future Problem Solving competition included: Sensory Overload, Invasive Species, Orphaned Children, and Food Distribution.

Ocean Air School has almost 100 students that meet weekly with Mrs. Leeder to learn and explore the Future Problem Solving process. The following students were invited to compete at the State Bowl this year:

Ashley Yang, Isabella Hoang, Ally Bakan, Carolyn Chu, Dolev Starr, Michelle Fan, Eric Cunningham, Alec Willerman, Kimberly Hanson, Marissa Wu, Trevor Moore, Kragen Metz, Marie Shi, Maggie Fang, Christopher DePetro, Madeline Song, Michael Ai, Karissa Ly, Sathya Krishnasamy, Samantha Lee, Liana Merk

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*GOOD LUCK AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
OCEAN AIR FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS!*