April 19, 2007

Dear Parents and Friends of WMSS,

Something amazing happened this week in Orlando that we wanted to share with you, while at the same time asking for your help.

Our first-year team and our first-year coach shocked the state and won first place in the Florida Future Problem Solvers competition – an academic program that emphasizes critical-thinking skills, disciplined writing and a lot of creative teamwork. The judges said we were better than about 55 teams from around Florida.

Against those more experienced teams, we weren't expected to win. But we worked hard after barely qualifying at the county level and surprised even ourselves.

We know our school is smaller than the three other Brevard representatives (Cocoa Beach Junior/Senior High; West Shore Junior/Senior High and Gemini Elementary) heading to Colorado late next month for international competition, and we know fund-raising will be harder for us, even though we're all public schools.

We're already planning a schoolwide Garage Sale, car washes and several other in-school campaigns.

We're asking you to help us take the next step and find out how West Melbourne kids stack up against the rest of the country and the world. We're sure you'll be proud.

Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

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