

My Fellow Creative Problem Solvers:

As many of you have heard, I began looking for a replacement Regional Director for Destination ImagiNation last April so that I could tackle some family health issues. I am such a believer in what Destination ImagiNation can do for students (mine own as well) and I want it to continue & grow in the Roanoke Valley and surrounding counties.

Although my replacement has yet to be found, we are fortunate in that Mark Schilke has offered to step in as the Communication Liaison (an interim RD, of sorts) for the 2011-2012 school year. His contact information is as follows:

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**The Roanoke Regional Tournament will be held this year in Crozet, VA (near Charlottesville)  
March 3, 2012 at Western Albemarle High School  
In conjunction with the Jefferson Regional Tournament  
Information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/jrdiinfo/>  
You may also contact Mark directly with any questions.**

I will be available as a consultant to Mark and will certainly assist in any areas as needed. He is working closely with the State DI Board to make sure we continue our wonderful tournaments in the Roanoke Region with the same fun, camaraderie, and enthusiasm as always. We are hopeful in finding a permanent Regional Director (or committee to work together) by the 2012-2013 school year, so our tournament can return to Roanoke. If you have interest in volunteering for the Regional Board in any capacity, please contact Mark.

Thanks to each of you for all you have done in the past 12 years (has it been that long??) to foster creative problem solving, teamwork principles, and FUN into the lives of the students who have participated in our program. I appreciate your dedication, and I know the students do, too!

I have so enjoyed each of my "hats" over the years - from Team Manager, Trainer, Writer, Challenge Master and my favorite - Regional Director. I wouldn't trade my experience with all of you and your students for anything – an amazing blessing for sure! It has been the ride of a lifetime ~ thanks for sharing it with me!

You have my BEST,  
Jackie