



September 7, 2018

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardians,

I am very excited to inform you that Deep River Elementary School will be offering the *Math Olympiad* program after school this year under my guidance. In essence, this is a once a week math program focused on enhancing problem-solving skills through the study of non-routine problems. Please keep in mind that *Math Olympiad* is meant to be an enrichment opportunity, rather than math tutoring or extra help.

Practice will be held once a week from **3:00 - 4:00 on Wednesdays** after school and will take place from **Wednesday, October 3rd to Wednesday, April 3rd**. There will be a brief hiatus between the first week in December through the last week in January during which the *Math Olympiad* will not meet. Wednesday December 5th will be the last meeting date in 2018 and Wednesday January 23rd will be the first meeting date in 2018. In addition to this short break, there will be no meeting on November 21st due to the Thanksgiving holiday break.

Just as with many skills and sports, practice is an essential component to this program. Your child will be participating in individual monthly "contests" to see what they have learned and can successfully apply. At our practices, students will learn problem-solving skills and strategies that they can utilize on the monthly contests. Participants will find out how well they did on a given contest compared to other elementary math olympians around the country, as well as on our team. Awards will be given out at a celebration held later in the year (approximately late April/early May), once awards and final scores are received from the Math Olympiad national organization.

While this program is somewhat competitive in nature, any student in grades 5-6 interested in participating is encouraged to join and try it out. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to add more math tools to their repertoire, and to grow stronger in mathematics as a whole. I look forward to working with your child at **our first practice on Wednesday, October 3rd**.

If your child is interested, please complete and detach the bottom portion of this letter, and retain the top for your records. If you have any questions regarding this program, do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you for supporting your child's extracurricular interests!

Sincerely,

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I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in Math Olympiad after school. I understand that I will have to pick my child up after practice at 4:00 on Wednesdays, or arrange a ride for him/her.

Child's Name/Homeroom Teacher

Parent Signature/Best Contact Phone Number