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Parent Connection

MATH COUNTS

These Mathletes (Alex Soto not pictured) have been training and preparing for the MathCounts Competitions since October. MathCounts is a challenging academic program where middle school students solve Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and Discrete Math problems like the following:

*It takes Mickey a total of 45 minutes to ride his bike 5 miles to Minnie's house and then walk the remaining mile to school with her. If he rides his bike the entire distance to school at the same rate he rode to Minnie's house, it will take him 30 minutes. What is his walking speed, in miles per hour?

*The mean of the increasing ordered set of numbers, (6, x, 22), is equal to the median. What is the value of x?

*The line $2x - 3x = -3$ is graphed and then reflected over the x-axis. If the equation of its reflection is $y = mx + b$, what is the value of $m + b$? Express your answer as a common fraction.

After taking a 2 hour test on January 19th, the following students advanced to the next level test, the Math-Counts Chapter Competition: Jonas Knudsen, Matthew Burbee, Ben Mauldin, and Young Park. They will represent OMS on February 11th. Joy Kim and Kasen Stephensen are the alternates.

There will be a final celebration for all Mathletes on February 15th!!! Congratulations to all test takers. What a great season!!!!!

SWIM SEASON
A MESSAGE FROM MS. GOURDIN

Thank you to all of the parents that came out to support our swimmers at GSIS. This was our biggest turn-out yet! The kids were so proud to have their parents there cheering them on, and the guest appearance by the big man himself (Mr. McGee) really excited and motivated them. Special thanks to Lynniece Somers for buying the team a pizza as we departed. The kids were very appreciative.

There is no practice on Friday, and this **Saturday is our FINAL meet as SIS.** We will **depart at 7:30 from OMS**, and we should return around 2 or 3 pm.

VOLLEYBALL SEASON

On Feb. 2nd at 3:30 there is a Volleyball practice meeting in Mr. Dixon's room 223. Volleyball is co-ed and all grades are welcome to join.

STUDENTS LEAVING OMS

Jan 28th, Stephanie Elliot

Jan 31st, Sheldon Brinkley

Feb 11th, Mackenzie Mustafa

Feb 18th, Brandon and Chuckie Reuss   **You will all be missed!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 28th, Teacher Grading Day, NO SCHOOL

Jan. 31st, First Day of 3rd quarter

Feb 2nd, First Day of Volleyball Practice

Feb. 4th, Lunar New Year, NO SCHOOL