



# Math Olympiad Competition

On Tuesday, April 18, students from all over the district representing seven middle schools competed at the district Math Olympiad Competition. The competition was hosted at our very own Kirkland Middle School and more than 200 students were in attendance. During the first half of the competition, school teams worked in groups of 3 or 4 in classrooms to answer challenging questions in three rounds: Problem Solving I, Mental Math, and Problem Solving II. The final round, the Lightning Round, was a fast paced question and answer round in which four students from each grade (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>) competed in front of an audience of administrators, parents, coaches, and teams. Kirkland Middle School's team was one of the largest in the district with 47 students committed to the competition. All three grade levels were represented, and students attended after school practices on Tuesdays and before school practices on Thursdays for four months! Our team was incredibly dedicated, and you couldn't miss them in their purple team shirts at the competition!

**Our mighty Panther mathematicians came through at the end to place 4<sup>th</sup> and were awarded individual ribbons.** Inglewood was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Redmond 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Evergreen won 1<sup>st</sup> place. Congratulations to the following students:

**8<sup>th</sup> graders:** Anne Sung, Aiyla Ladha, Merel Adriaanse, Elizabeth Shirakian, Sabrina Walker, Charlotte Conze, Naomi Kern, James Palmer, Austin Tarrach, Eli Nelson, Paris King, Grace Howard, William Corby

**7<sup>th</sup> graders:** Josh Slate, Nalee Senethauily, Sabina Eseanu, Luke Ensminger, Nik Nair, Charlotte Olenik, Jordyn Tipp, Mariana Shuman, Elliot Zak, Jasmine Vuong, Adam Niewiadomski, Bella Ivanova, Gavin Pai, Ruari Huston, Annabelle Fallstrom, Maryam Iqbal, Gloria Wang, McKenna Mullet

**6<sup>th</sup> graders:** Brendan Knox, Kuba Holecek, Jaden Tepper, Madhu Rasiah, Divya Singh, Pragnya Gudipati, Christian White, Dante Olenick, Isaac Nelson, Sravan Kundurthi, Eshal Ladha, Lucas Carlson, Aymaan Hussain, Joy Wang, Santoshi Pisupati, Mahee Nemani

Kirkland Middle School is fortunate to have staff members who support this academic activity. Thank you to **Mrs. McCarson** who helped with logistics, last minute issues, and encouraged other administrators to attend. A big thank you as well to members of the KiMS staff who volunteered their time to help pull off this event: Mrs. Herendeen's panther time kids and Mrs. Myhre's panther time kids for setting up the commons; **Mrs. Herendeen** for heading up the scoring room, **Mr. Hakes-Miller** and **Ms. MaryEllen Olafson** for proctoring all night and helping where needed; **Mr. Devin Engledew** who took on the big task of running the Lightning Round and reading all 60 questions; **Ms. Sarra Shariff** for getting the stage microphone ready; and our custodians, **Armando Gutierrez**, **Chris Pattillo**, and **Elgin Williams** for all their help with set up and clean up. The students love the support of teachers and administrators at this academic activity! Several high school alumni from Kirkland's Math Olympiad teams helped in the testing and scoring rooms, **Bryce Klinker**, **Jack Sadis**, **Hunter Toyoda**, as did parent **Dr. Chris Carlson** and several Honor Society students from KiMS and LWHS. We are grateful to everyone who helped to make this event run smoothly.

**CONGRATULATIONS, Math Olympians, you make us all proud!**

