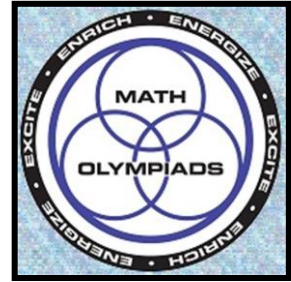


Dear Parents of 4th and 5th Grade Students,

Ocean Avenue is excited to have a Math Olympiad team for the second year!

Math Olympiad is a worldwide competition that asks students to solve challenging math problems over the course of five contests. Each contest consists of five problems. In addition to contest days, we will also be meeting with students approximately once a month to review past contest questions and teach problem solving strategies. Once the contests and review sessions are over (10 meetings) students will have the option to continue on with Math Club, which will focus on interactive math games and game shows.



Due to Math Olympiad regulations, space on the team is limited and participants will be chosen via lottery if needed. The introductory meeting will take place on November 2nd.

At this meeting, students will have the opportunity to tackle some Math Olympiad problems, and learn more about the team. In general, most meeting dates will be on Wednesdays. After the team is finalized, you will receive a list of meeting dates. Although students are encouraged to attend all meetings, contest days are the most important!

Although this is a worldwide contest, and there are some prizes distributed in June for top scorers, it is primarily a challenge for the individual students to do their *personal best*. Along the way, hopefully, your child will feel the excitement that comes with getting some of these difficult problems correct.

Students' performance on the Math Olympiads does not impact classroom grades in any way, and they receive only positive feedback. It is not unusual for students to get only 1 or 2 correct...these problems are tough! If you would like more information about the Math Olympiads, or if you would like to view sample Math Olympiad problems, please visit the Math Olympiad website: www.moems.org

This should be an enjoyable and challenging experience for all! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the email addresses below. We look forward to working with this year's Math Olympians!

Sincerely,
Ms. Furstein & Mrs. Bertos

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**Permission Slip to Attend Math Olympiad Meeting – Please Return to Mrs. Bertos or Ms. Furstein
Return by Wednesday, October 25th**

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Phone Number _____

Please check one:

- My child will attend SCOPE after the Math Olympiad Meeting
- My child will walk home after the Math Olympiad Meeting
- I will be picking up my child (front doors, 3:20 p.m.)

Parent Signature _____