

January 22, 2012

Dear Parent(s),

Your son/daughter is invited to be a member of SMM's Mathcounts team. As part of the SMM accelerated program, I would expect a student to participate in Mathcounts unless there is a major time commitment in another area. The students will meet after school on Wednesdays from 3:15 - 4:30 until May 9. Students will be assigned work from the handbook each week that will be due Wednesday. The answer key for the assignment can be found on the Mathcounts web site and on my web site. The solutions are also available. The meeting will involve a concept in Mathcounts not encountered in math class, a countdown round with partners, and a team round. Last, there will be team work involving another page from the handbook. Next year as seventh graders the students will attend Mathcounts practice with the eighth graders from September through December. The practice for the chapter team will be from January and February. They will have an opportunity to be a member of the chapter team and state team if they score high enough on the in-school competition. The treat schedule is attached.

Below is how the chapter team will be determined for next year.

(There will be a school competition given at the end of December to help determine the chapter team. The chapter team consists of the top 4 scorers. The next six students will compete in the individual competition. **These students will continue to meet on Wednesday until the chapter competition in February.** The students who do not make the chapter team will still be recognised as members of the school team and will have the opportunity, based on their effort and achievement in class and practice sessions, to participate in other math competitions during the year. If our chapter team or an individual places high enough, the next step is the state competition in Lincoln, Ne. If a student places in the top 4 at the state level, he/she proceeds to the national competition which is being held at Disney World and is a member of Nebraska's state team.

Please either sign and return form by Wednesday, Jan. 25. Thank you, Mrs. Coates

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MATHCOUNTS PROGRAM I have read the above information and my child will participate.

(Student Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Treat Schedule

Jan. 25- Matt Chambers(treats and drinks for 10)

Feb. 1 - Max Hobday

Feb. 8 - Andrew Hoover

Feb. 15- Peter Kelly

Feb. 22- Jack Reefe

Feb 29 - Jack Slagle

Mar. 7 - Brett Slezak

Mar. 14 - John Paul Tse

Mar. 21 - Noah Peyton

Mar. 28 - Matt Chambers

Apr. 4 - No meeting

Apr. 11 - No meeting

Apr. 18 - Andrew Hoover

Apr. 25 - Peter Kelly

May 2 - Jack Reefe

May 9 - Jack Slagle