Dear Parents,

We are excited that your students will participate at the **MATH CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT** that will take place at **<ABC Elementary> on November 30, 2018**. The tournament will be held at the Commons.

Below is the detail schedule for the event:

5:40 – 6:00 p.m. CHECK-IN

6 p.m. Instruction and opening remarks

6:15 p.m. Mental Math

6:30 p.m. Problem Solving

7:15 p.m. End of tournament; students will be released to parents.

**CHECK-IN**

Check in will be **by LAST NAME (A-I, J-Q, and R-Z)**.

**WHAT TO BRING**

Writing tools (pencils and erasers), a water bottle, and a book to read (incase students finish early).

**THE TOURNAMENT**

**Mental Math Challenge (15 minutes)** – Students will be presented with 40 problems to be solved by students ‘mentally’.  Because of the emphasis on speed and accuracy, students are given only 15 minutes to answer as many of the 40 problems as they can. Each correct answer worth 2 points. Maximum individual score on this test is 80.  
  
**Problem Solving Challenge (40 minutes)** – Students will be presented with 20 problems to solve. The first 8 questions are worth 5 points each, the next 7 questions are of intermediate difficulty and worth 7 points each, and the last 5 questions are harder and worth 10 points each. During this round, participants will be given scratch papers to do any calculation to reach final answers. Maximum individual challenge score is 139 points. The mental math and individual test scores will be added to determine individual awards for a maximum of 219 points.

Tournament tests are completed in traditional papers and pencils. Scores will be generated by computers. Please make sure your students are comfortable in ‘bubbling in the answers’.

Please read the [**TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES**](http://www.ellipsisacademy.com/uploads/1/9/5/3/19539617/tournament_guidelines_for_participants.pdf)**.**

**PRACTICE**

[**http://www.ellipsisacademy.com/mc-tournament-practice.html**](http://www.ellipsisacademy.com/mc-tournament-practice.html)**.** Please do a practice run with your student if you have not done it already.

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**EMERGENCY**

We have your phone number on our record (that you submitted during registration). We will use this in case of emergency. Please double check your number during check-in.

**RESULTS**

All results will be announced and posted on the last week of January 2019. Invitation to Math Challenge Masters will be sent out after results are posted.  All awards will be available for pick-up by early February 2019.

Let me know if you have any question at all.

Warmest,

*Zarna Jhavery and Elly Sarwono*

Math Challenge Organizers – Rosa Parks