

Math Counts

**Week 4: Math & Statistic Awareness Month
Mathematics Is Popping Up Everywhere!**

Dear Parents:

Thank you all for participating in our month of math fun. This is my final letter to share for the month. Stop in and see our Math Memes and our Birthday data. The kids constantly read and re-read the Memes. They were a big hit, to get the conversations going surrounding math. I will also share our bread tag totals with the principals when we get a final tally. At the end of week two, we had collected 6,125 bread tags across the district. We also had the LHS and LMS cafeterias collect for us and The Great American Bagel Bakery sent in their collection for the entire year. These totals came to 17,018. Prior to our final count on April 28, we have a total of 29,165. That is over 3 times our original goal for the district.

Students participated in the weekly calendar activities, and a puzzle every Friday. I received several emails from the teachers requesting more. That is a good sign that math can be fun. If your child enjoys solving these kinds of problems, here is the link to take the challenge everyday even in the summer <https://mini.nerdlegame.com/>. If your child needs a bigger challenge, play the adult Nerdle <https://nerdlegame.com/>. Though it only uses addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division - students need to follow other skills like order of operations. Definitely a challenge for kids in the upper elementary. A 5th grade class actually came to me and showed me how to make their own Nerdles to challenge friends and family. Here is that link <https://create.nerdlegame.com/play.html>.

Students have a lot to look forward to in the Month of May. Though this is the testing season, there are field trips to participate in, spring sports are in full swing, field days, and summer break is on the horizon. The year is flying by. We are looking forward to rolling out a new math program next fall called Reveal. Everyday Math materials are getting collected, and Reveal Materials have arrived for the next school year. There is a lot going on in the elementary math world.

For those students that have been invited to participate in summer school learning camp, I hope they take the opportunity. Math will be a part of the learning experience alongside Reading. I will be there!

Have a wonderful spring and summer, and I will see you in the fall! Remember Math Counts!

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