

MATH CHALLENGE

at MONTLAKE

September 22, 2011

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Greetings from Math Challenge, an after school program for Team III students who love math and would like to extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the standard school curriculum. The goal of the program is to present math as a fun and challenging activity. The focus will be on hands-on exploration, discovery, discussions, and games based on mathematical ideas. Yet, the class is a serious endeavor. Students will be expected to have their brains working, keep their attention on the problem in hand, and put some effort into homework.

Day and time: Thursday, 3:30-4:20pm, Room 9.

First day of class: September 29, 2011

Instructors: Eric Nitardy, Natalie Hobson

Program Coordinator: Julia Pevtsova, University of Washington, former Montlake parent

Fees: There is no tuition. The program is supported by the Montlake PTA and by a grant of the National Science Foundation through the University of Washington. The program is neither a free extended day service, nor it is intended to help with the regular school math homework. We ask that only motivated students ready for an extra challenge join.

If you would like to enroll your child in Montlake Math Challenge return the registration form (back side) to the office by **September 27**, 2011.

About Eric. After working in the horticulture industry for many years, Eric has rekindled a childhood interest in mathematics and is retraining to teach it. He is a recent graduate of the University of Washington where he earned the math department's outstanding Bachelor of Science award. This last summer, he was the residential life director for the math department's summer program for high school students, the Summer Institute in Mathematics at UW. He looks at math as bit of an art and a bit of a science but always challenging and fun.

About Natalie. Natalie is a senior at the University of Washington majoring in Mathematics with minors in Education and Diversity. Natalie loves working with math and people. For the past two summers she has been a counselor at the Summer Institute in Mathematics at UW (SIMUW) and has had a numerous amount of other math tutoring experiences. Natalie is very excited to be working with the Montlake Math Challenge this year!

Questions? Contact Julia Pevtsova at Julia@math.washington.edu. To find out more about the program check the previous years' archives at <http://www.math.washington.edu/~mathcircle/mmc/mmc.html>

REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION FORM FOR MATH CHALLENGE

Please return this form to the Office by **September 27, 2011**.

Student's Name

Student's grade and core teacher

Parent/Guardian name

Contact E-mail (preferred)

Contact Phone

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Location: Room 9**

I give my permission for my child to participate in Montlake Math Challenge after-school program

Parent name (printed)

Parent Signature

Date