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Got Math? The students who participated in Suffolk County's first elementary-level Mathematics Tournament sure do...though in this competition, there was nothing elementary about it.

110 fourth through sixth-grade students from 22 different elementary, intermediate, middle, and junior high schools representing 15 different Suffolk County districts competed in the first-ever "Suffolk County Mathematics Tournament" on 15 April 2008. The event was held in Ballroom B of the Student Activities Center at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Organized and directed by local elementary math specialists Megan Roth-Ueno, Melora Lane, and Byron Lane; supported by the Suffolk County Math Teachers' Association; and hosted by R. David Bynum, Director of the Center for Science and Mathematics Education at SUNY-Stony Brook; the competition challenged students in grades four through six to answer higher-level and multi-step math problems in both individual and team competitions.

During the individual portion of the tournament, students were given 35 minutes to work independently on ten difficult problems. During the team portion, each five-student team was asked to work together to complete ten even more complex problems in only 25 minutes. Here is one of the team problems: "The sum of all the prime factors of 42 is subtracted from the sum of all the odd factors of 42. What is the result?" The problems for this tournament were contributed by Math Olympiads through Executive Director Richard Kalman.

The three highest-scoring teams were: Mount Elementary School (Three Village School District), Huntington Intermediate School (Huntington School District), and Port Jefferson Middle School (Port Jefferson School District).

The top five individual scorers were: Scott Bottner (Hauppauge Middle School, Hauppauge), Matthew Fortmeyer (Forest Brook Elementary School, Hauppauge), Richie Lee (Paumanok Elementary School, Half Hollow Hills), Christian Jamison (Huntington Intermediate School, Huntington), and Julian Berlingeri (Harbor Country Day School, Private).

For more information about this event, write to: tournamentdirectors@hotmail.com; to learn more about the Suffolk County Math Teachers' Association, see <http://worknotes.com/ny/suffolk/scmta/index.html>; and to learn more about Math Olympiads, see www.moems.org.