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Sixteen Valley View Elementary Students Receive Math Olympiad Awards

Ashwaubenon, WI – May 24, 2012 – Sixteen students at Ashwaubenon’s Valley View Elementary School won awards for excellence in the this year’s Math Olympiad competition. They were among the seventy-five Valley View students and 150,000 students worldwide who participated in this annual program which runs from November through March.

A trophy is awarded to the highest ranking student on each team. Of the three Valley View teams, the following students had the highest scores: 5th grader Ryan Wichman, 5th grader Vincent Vandeleest and 4th grader Michael Paitel. Wichman also won a silver pin for finishing in the top ten percent.

Other team members winning awards for finishing in the top fifty percent were: Joe Carlson, Seth Muscawitch, Sam Lokken, Carter Robinson, Claudia Dumoulin, Kyra Schamber, Tyler Brodhagen, Tahlia Micoley, Alex Hager, Emily Lange, Zach Mikkelson, Camden Wheeler and Emma Fischer.

The Math Olympiad consists of five monthly contests of 5 problems each, and weekly practice sessions. The students learn to solve unusual and difficult problems and to think creatively about problem-solving. Valley View’s participants are under the supervision and coaching of Rebecca Thieme-Baeseman, GLOBE Resource Teacher and Jean Miller, 5th grade teacher. According to Thieme-Baeseman, “Our students have responded to the challenge with eagerness and enthusiasm.”

Each year, the Math Olympiad organization serves over 100,000 students on nearly 5,000 teams nationally and about 50,000 students on 2,000 teams from thirty other countries. Since 1979, it has provided challenging, thought-provoking problems that stretch the abilities of students in grades 5 through 8, strengthening their foundation for both assessment tests and more advanced studies.

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Picture attached: ASD-VV-MathOlympiad.jpg, GLOBE Resource Teacher, Rebecca Thieme-Baeseman with the Valley View students who finished in the top 50% in Math Olympiads.

Picture attached: ASD-VV-MathOlympiad2.jpg, Superintendent Brian Hanes congratulating 5th grader, Ryan Wichman, the highest scoring mathlete out of all three teams at Valley View.

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