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Three Ashwaubenon Middle School Students Qualify For State MATHCOUNTS Competition

Ashwaubenon, WI – February 12, 2015 – Ashwaubenon Parkview Middle School Students Ryan Wichman, Simran Armstrong, and Tim Blohowiak have earned the privilege to represent their school and community at the State MATHCOUNTS competition. Ryan, an 8th grader, placed fourth overall at the Regional MATHCOUNTS competition held in Sheboygan on Saturday, February 7. Simran, 8th grade, and Tim, 7th grade, placed ninth and seventeenth, respectively.

In order to make it to this level of competition, the students needed to first compete against all their classmates. Those with the top thirty scores at Parkview moved on to compete against one another, and finally the top ten students moved on to the Regional level. The Regional consisted of one to ten students from each of twenty-two schools in the Fox River Chapter.

The State MATHCOUNTS competition will be held Saturday, March 7 at the Lowell Center on the UW-Madison Campus.

MATHCOUNTS is a national middle school competition that promotes mathematics achievement. Each level - School, Regional, State, and Nationals - consists of three rounds. The Sprint Round is a set of thirty problems that must be completed within a forty minute time period without any resources such as calculators or manipulatives; thus testing accuracy. The second round, named the Target Round, consists of eight problems presented in four pairs. Competitors, often referred to as “mathletes”, are given six minutes per pair of problems and are allowed to use calculators. The Target Round tests reasoning and problem-solving skills. The third round is a team round where the top four students from each school work together to complete ten problems in a twenty minute time period. At the Regional, State, and National levels an addition Countdown Round takes place. This round is a fast-paced oral competition for the top scoring individuals. Mathletes complete against each other and the clock to solve problems. Both Ryan and Simran scored high enough to compete at this level.

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