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2012 Academic Rodeo Mathletics Contest Results

The 22nd Academic Rodeo, produced by The Park of East Texas, Inc., completed the Mathletics Contest. Seventy-six schools registered for the 22nd Academic Rodeo with more than 1200 students participating in 14 competitive events .The Mathletics Contest is a challenging mathematics competition highlighting the problem solving skills of fourth and fifth grade students in the East Texas Area, encouraging their participation in challenging mathematics, and giving recognition to these students, this is a team competition.

1st Place Team – TISD Rice Elementary Team A – Ethan Barton, Omar Elkirshky, Matthew English, Garrett Newberry & Alternate – Dylan Facklam

2nd Place Team – Lindale EJ Moss Intermediate School Team A – Mason Kelly, Theresa Park, Samuel Payne, Ashley Stewart & Alternates: Sarah McCeig, Nathan Stanley

3rd Place Team – TISD Jack Elementary School Team B – Si Jiang, Tanner Lively, Beau Lytle, Gavin Roycroft & Alternates: Emily Graham, Ellie Lyons

High Scoring Individuals:

1st – Christopher Knight, Whitehouse Cain Elementary School

2nd TIE – Samuel Payne, Lindale EJ Moss Intermediate School & Ethan Barton, TISD Rice Elementary School

High Scoring Alternates:

1st – Sarah McCeig, Lindale EJ Moss Intermediate School

2nd – Lauren James, New Diana Intermediate School

3rd – Alyssa Pomplano, TISD Jack Elementary School

The Mathletics Contest is conducted with Volunteer Support and Contest Coordination provided by the University of Texas at Tyler College of Education and Psychology. John Lamb, Ph.D, Assistant Professor Mathematics Education and Project Director, Teachers of Mathematics Collaborative UT Tyler School of Education; “This competition is an excellent opportunity for our young students to be challenged in mathematics. Students are given the opportunity to showcase their individual strengths in solving mathematics problems, but the overall winners have to combine these strengths and compete as a team. The Mathletics competition gives teams of fourth and fifth grade students a venue to work together to solve non-routine mathematical problems that showcases their individual and collective critical thinking skills.”

All winners will be recognized at the Academic Rodeo Awards Celebration at the conclusion of the 2012 Academic Rodeo on February 24th.

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