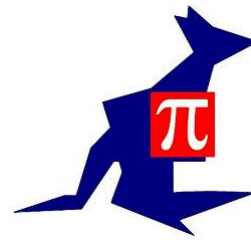

Math Kangaroo Bulletin



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Welcome!

That is our pleasure to introduce Math Kangaroo 2011 winners in USA.

\$1000 Grants Winners



Kevin Hu

2011 Gold Medal Winner at Level 12.
Kevin graduated from Naperville Central High School.
He will continue his education at Harvard University.



Corinne Medsen

2011 Silver Medal Winner at level 12.
Corinne graduated from IMSA.
Mathematics will be her major at Mount Allison University

Kevin and Corinne participated in Math Kangaroo from their junior high years until 2011 with excellent results.

Math Kangaroo Summer Camp in Zakopane Winners

(all expenses are paid by Math Kangaroo in USA,NFP)



Aaron Lin , Level 9, CA



Pawel Strzebonski, Level 9, IL



Brian Chen, Level 10, IL



Rebecca Nickerson, Level 10, UT



Kevin Cao (Meng), Level 10, KS



Patrick Lipski, Level 10, IL



Kevin Lei (Wenkai), Level 10, CA

Click below for full lists of winners:

- [MATH KANGAROO 2011 NATIONAL WINNERS](#)
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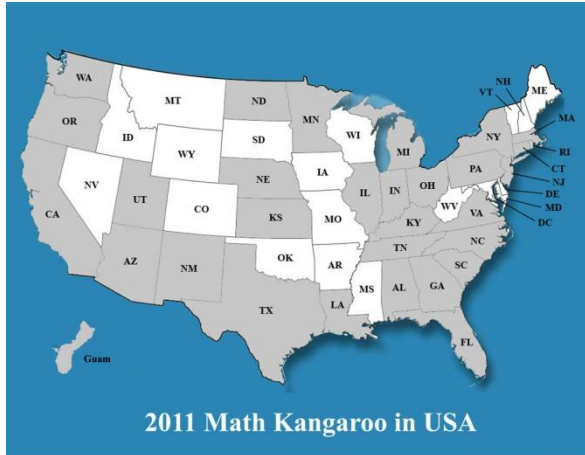
Here we are – celebrating Math Kangaroo 2011 Winners! In recent weeks, 1950 awards have been delivered to the students who placed on the top of National List and/or on the top of their State List. In addition to diplomas of excellence, the winners received books, puzzles, photo cameras, and more. Two high school seniors were granted \$1000 each for college. Seven students were awarded with a 10-day summer camp in Zakopane, Poland in August. Golden, silver, and bronze medals went to those who obtained the three highest scores nationally at their level of participation. There were beautiful ribbons for the first, second and third place at each level in states where Math Kangaroo took place. Awards ceremonies varied from a small meeting at participating center to modest State Awards Gala where participation was greater and more resources were available. [The lists of the students with their awards](#) are on our web page. [Photos](#) from Math Kangaroo events are there as well.

Math Kangaroo is an [international](#) not-selective competition in mathematics. In March the same questions were answered in 50+ countries worldwide. Everywhere the objective is to inspire kids to study “[the Queen of the Sciences](#)”.

We are closing XIV Math Kangaroo Competition in USA. 6500 students have participated in 30 states this year. Around 200 people have been actively involved in running the events. Let me use this place to send thanks to all Math Kangaroo Managers and their helpers, to all supporters, to all promoters, and to all fans. Without you there would not be Math Kangaroo in USA. Now it is the time to take a well deserved break to celebrate summer. See you all in Math Kangaroo 2012!



*Maria Omelanczuk,
Math Kangaroo Founder and CEO*



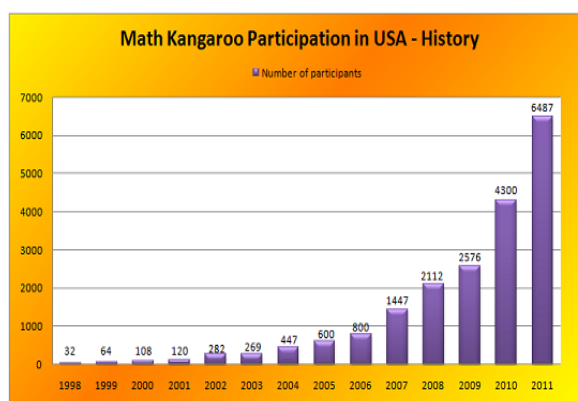
Participating Institutions

Institution Name	CITY	STATE
Ashville Elementary School	Ashville	AL
Kilby School	Florence	AL
Enopi Learning Center at Chandler	Chandler	AZ
San Tan Learning Center	Gilbert	AZ
John Paul II Parish & School	Phoenix	AZ
AZ Scottsdale/ Unity Math	Phoenix	AZ
Sonoran Science Academy--Elementary	Tucson	AZ
Academy of Math and Science	Tucson	AZ
Old Orchard School	Campbell	CA
DVMS Math Kangaroos	Clayton	CA
L.P. Collins Elementary School	Cupertino	CA
California State University, Fullerton	Fullerton	CA
Hermosa Drive Elementary School	Fullerton	CA
Kids Studio-Karandash, (at UCI, Irvine, Ca)	Irvine	CA
Scorerite	La Crescenta	CA
Los Angeles Math Circle (at UCLA)	Los Angeles	CA
Wilshire Academy	Los Angeles	CA
Lord's Grace Christian Church	Mountain View	CA
Russian School of Orange County (RUSOC)	Newport Beach	CA
Redwood City Public Library Community Room	Redwood City	CA
Scorerite	Riverside	CA
RSM San Jose	San Jose	CA
Champion School	San Jose	CA
Evergreen School district Math Olympiad	San Jose	CA
Saint Andrew's Episcopal School Students	Saratoga	CA
South Pasadena Middle School	South Pasadena	CA

Goods of the Mind and IvyClimbing	Sunnyvale	CA
Polish Saturday School	Derby	CT
Community Hall	Newington	CT
Cornerstone Learning Community	Tallahassee	FL
St Ignatius Catholic Church	Tarpon Springs	FL
Amana Academy	Alpharetta	GA
Church of the New Covenant Pres. Church	Doraville	GA
Guam Community College	Mangilao	GU
Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy	Aurora	IL
Bartlett Park District	Bartlett	IL
Enopi of Bloomingdale	Bloomington	IL
Enopi of Buffalo Grove	Buffalo Grove	IL
Chicago Grammar School	Chicago	IL
Dom Podhalan	Chicago	IL
ASPIRA High School	Chicago	IL
W. H. Taft High School	Chicago	IL
Tuley Park	Chicago	IL
Maine West High School	Des Plaines	IL
Dotori & Sabio Academy	Glenview	IL
AT&T Institute	Hoffman Estates	IL
Frank C. Whiteley School	Hoffman Estates	IL
Lemont High School	Lemont	IL
Lisle Public Library	Lisle	IL
MAHOMET-SEYMOUR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Mahomet	IL
95th Street Library	Naperville	IL
Belvedere Chateau	Palos Hills	IL
Central Road School	Rolling Meadows	IL
Dotori & Sabio Academy	Schaumburg	IL
Hamilton East Public Library	Noblesville	IN
University of Kansas	Lawrence	KS
Prairie Park Elementary	Lawrence	KS
Tomahawk Ridge Community Center	Overland Park	KS
University of Louisville, Shelby Campus	Louisville	KY
SUNO	New Orleans	LA
RSM-Acton	Acton	MA
RSM Andover	Andover	MA
Studio of Engaging Math	Brookline	MA
Learning Depot, Inc	Chelmsford	MA
St. Stanislaus School	Fall River	MA
MetroWest School of Mathematics	Framingham	MA
RSM Lexington	Lexington	MA
Russian Kids Center	Needham	MA
Science, Math & Art School	Newton	MA
RSM Newton	Newton	MA

Top Banana Education Foundation	Newton	MA
MathRound	Swampscott	MA
Bostons Jewish Community Day School	Watertown	MA
St Joseph School	Webster	MA
Wayside Elementary	Potomac	MD
Art of Inquiry – Fallsmead ES	Rockville	MD
McDaniel College	Westminster	MD
Hamtramck Public Library	Hamtramck	MI
Polish School/Parish	Minneapolis	MN
UNC CH Math Dept (Phillips Bldg)	Chapel Hill	NC
Charlotte Christian School	Charlotte	NC
University of North Dakota	Grand Forks	ND
Insightful Learning Center	Bridgewater	NJ
Polish School at the Polish Cultural Foundation	Clark	NJ
New Jersey Academy of Englewood	Englewood	NJ
Polish School in Garfield	Garfield	NJ
Ace Academy	Harrington Park	NJ
St. Francis of Assisi School	Haskell	NJ
A. Janty-Polczynski School	Lakewood	NJ
Nicholas Copernicus Polish School	Mahwah	NJ
High Tech High School	North Bergen	NJ
Seed of Paramus Learning Center	Paramus	NJ
John Paul II Polish School	Parsippany	NJ
Polish School of Jagiellonians	Passaic	NJ
Polsko-Amerykanske Centrum Kulturalne	Passaic	NJ
SchoolPlus and Princeton Public Library	Princeton	NJ
Wizards of the Mind	Springfield	NJ
POLSKA SZKOLA OGNIWO	Trenton	NJ
Ridgewood Mathnasium	Waldwick	NJ
St. Stan Kostka Polish School	Wallington	NJ
Los Alamos High School	Los Alamos	NM
Slate University of New York, College at Brockport	Brockport	NY
SchoolPlus – Brooklyn	Brooklyn	NY
Polish School of Long Island, Inc.	Copioaque	NY
Westchester Math Lab	Dobbs Ferry	NY
KCS Community Center	Flushing	NY
NEST+m	New York	NY
PS334 Anderson School	New York	NY
SchoolPlus – Staten Island	Staten Island	NY
Stony Brook University, Dept. of Mathematics	Stony Brook	NY
Transfiguration School	Tarrytown	NY
Trinity Academy	Tuckahoe	NY
Holy Name of Jesus School	Valhalla	NY
Cincinnati Library	Loveland	OH

Stingel Intermediate School	Mansfield	OH
Barnes Elementary School	Beaverton	OR
Leedy Grange	Portland	OR
Polish School/Community Center	East Stroudsburg	PA
Cathedral of Learning, Univ. of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	PA
Pittsburgh Colfax K-8	Pittsburgh	PA
Montessori School of Anderson	Anderson	SC
Cordova Branch Library	Cordova	TN
North Austin Mathnasium	Austin	TX
North Austin Mathnasium	Austin	TX
Russian School of Dallas	Dallas	TX
Star Child Education Center	Frisco	TX
Copernicus School	Houston	TX
Ogden Preparatory Academy	Ogden	UT
Little Champs	Annandale	VA
Academy4Enrichment	Ashburn	VA
Sunshine Academy	Centerville	VA
Nysmith School for the Gifted	Herndon	VA
Northern Virginia Junior Math /Lorton Library	Lorton	VA
Fr Twardowski Polish School	Bellevue	WA
Prime Factor Math / Northwest Academy	Kirkland	WA
International Community School	Kirkland	WA
Kumon Math and Reading Center of Redmond	Redmond	WA
Old Redmond Schoolhouse	Redmond	WA



MEMORIES

It was 2006 when I met Ezlakowski family at Cumberland School in Des Plaines, IL for the first time. They just moved from Poland to USA and were glad that they were able to continue their Polish adventure with Math Kangaroo competition here in USA. The four of them took the MK test at that time, but they weren't the only siblings in the same room, Kravis family of three also participated in Math Kangaroo there. In Lisle, IL at the same year we had Lee siblings (three of them as well). In Connecticut the Math Kangaroo competition was an experience for Chudy family. All students from the mentioned families were among top winners. No, it is not unusual that all families are coming to Math Kangaroo centers; there are many more examples of siblings participating in MK competition each year. They grow with Math Kangaroo and Math Kangaroo grows with them.

We asked Magda Ezlakowska and Karol Chudy to share their stories with us.

Math Kangaroo– Magda Ezlakowska



Ever since my oldest brother participated in Math Kangaroo for the first time in Poland in 1996, my family has been involved in the contest. Two years after my brother's first competition my sister started participating, and two years after that it was my turn. Every two years one of my siblings (there are ten of us) starts their journey with Math Kangaroo. For my family Math Kangaroo is more than just a contest, it has become a tradition. Therefore when my family moved from Poland to the USA we were pleased to find out that the competition is also being held right here. My two older siblings and I participated in the contest for all ten years always receiving good scores, and I am sure all of my younger siblings will go through all the levels as well.

My oldest brother, Mateusz, sparked our appreciation for the contest and motivated us by

always placing on the top. He graduated from Loyola University with a degree in Mathematics, Computer Science, and Economics and is currently working at an international business and technology consulting company. My sister Agata is attending Warminko-Mazurski University in Poland and studying to be a veterinarian. I finished my journey with Math Kangaroo last year and currently am a student at DePaul University majoring in Early Childhood Education. All of my younger siblings have been very excited for this year's competition and the ones who are too young to participate cannot wait for their turn to come. I am convinced that Math Kangaroo made math much more fun and interesting and helped us appreciate math even more.

Math Kangaroo – Karol Chudy



Hi! My name is Karol Chudy. I'm a 3rd year college student at Georgia Tech. After hearing about Math Kangaroo in Poland, my parents signed up our entire family to participate in the competition when they heard it would take place in the New York area. I scored in the top 5 in my grade a couple times and once in the top 5 in the USA! I got to go to camp in Zakopane, Poland, for 2 weeks and met all sorts of other cool kids like me. We went hiking, sightseeing, and played a lot of soccer and ping pong; it was a great summer, about 10 years ago.

As a computer science major, I make all sorts of different programs including videogames and 3D graphics, and I use a lot of math. If it wasn't for Math Kangaroo, I probably wouldn't have had as much interest in math when I was younger and I'd never be doing what I love.

My little brother and sister are still in high school and middle school, and they've both skipped a grade in math. My sister doesn't know what she wants to do but my brother Daniel wants to be a chemical or biological engineer and he's well on his way! They both participated in Math Kangaroo, too.

I would like to encourage our participants from previous competition or their parents to share their opinions and memories about Math Kangaroo events. Please send your letters to izabela@mathkangaroo.org.



*Izabela Szpiech,
Math Kangaroo Co-Founder, CFO*

Math Kangaroo 2012 Poster Contest

On May 14th, during the 14th Math Kangaroo Award Ceremony in IL, the winner of the 2nd Annual National Math Kangaroo Poster Contest was announced. It was a great event. The winning design will be used to promote the 15th Math Kangaroo Competition on March 15 of 2012.



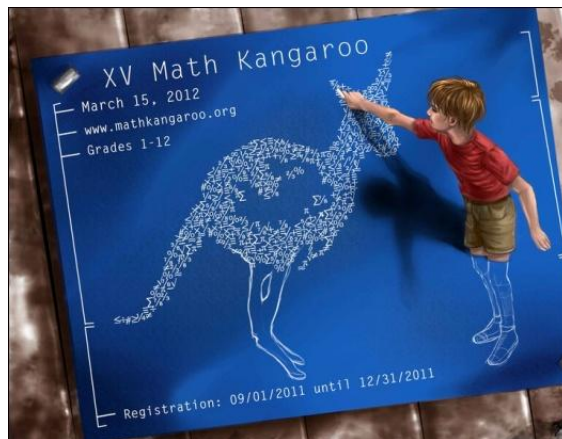
The award for Best Poster went to **Andrea Bajscy**. Andrea is a senior student in Champaign, Illinois. She did a remarkable job of detaining the spirit of the Math Kangaroo mission, as well as generated a truly powerful poster and message! Simplicity and creativity made Andrea the winner. She received \$200 Amazon certificate and Math Kangaroo 2012 Best Poster diploma.

Congratulations to Andrea for her winning entry and a big THANK YOU to all who submitted entries this year. We give thanks to Genevieve Jean-Pierre from Nashville, TN; Srivatsa Akul from Cupertino, CA; Erin Abraham from Rochester Hills, MI; Kevin Abraham from Rochester Hills, MI; and Madeline Busse from Atlanta, GA.

Watch for flyers featuring Andrea’s poster and check our website for coming soon Math Kangaroo 2013 Poster Contest.



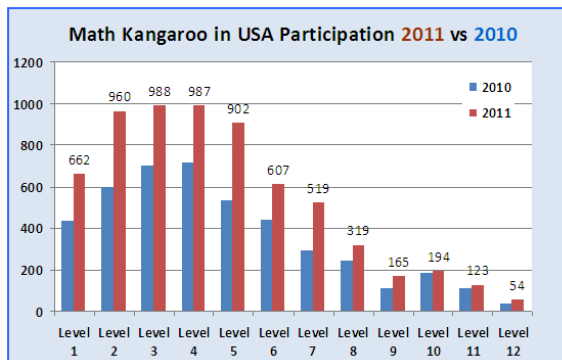
*Joanna Lasek – Matthiesen,
Math Kangaroo Co-Founder, CIO*



The winning poster 2012

CONGRATULATIONS JOANNA!!!

MATH KANGAROO TEAM WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST!



Next Math Kangaroo Day: **Thursday, March 15, 2012** (Guam: Friday, March 16)

For information and to register please see our web page www.mathkangaroo.org

Registration for Math Kangaroo 2012 **will start** on our web page in the second week of September and will **end on** 12/31/2011.

Schools are welcome to join us!

You can find plenty of **free** practice material in [Tests & More](#) section on our web page.

Thanks to Magdalena for putting together this bulletin.



Magdalena Teodorowicz,

Math Kangaroo Office Manager

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