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TO: Educators interested in facilitating Math Kangaroo 2022 Competition

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SUBJECT: MATH KANGAROO 2022 COMPETITION REGISTRATION

This memo is intended to provide guidelines, structure, and outline the process for the Math Kangaroo 2022 registration. It provides specifics about the competition and logistics for Math Kangaroo organizers. The information provides techniques on how to make the registration process run smoothly and make the competition a success. It outlines how Math Kangaroo will enhance your school and make a positive impact on students.

BACKGROUND

Math Kangaroo Competition is an annual international math competition for primary and secondary school students. It is the largest math competition in the world with more than 6 million participants annually, from over 80 countries. The details on the Math Kangaroo history in the world and in the USA can be found [here](#).

BASIC FACTS AND DATES

1. The Math Kangaroo 2022 Competition will take place in the registered in-the-classroom or online centers on Thursday March 17, 2021. Managers will facilitate the competition for their students (live or virtually) at the assigned time.
2. Students attending schools that do not host Math Kangaroo should ask their school to bring the competition there. If a school is not willing or able to host, a student is allowed to register at a virtual center.
3. Math Kangaroo 2022 regular registration will open Sep 15 and close Dec 15, 2021. Late registration will continue from Dec 16 - 31 with an increased registration fee imposed during this period. The registration to virtual centers may be extended into Jan – Feb.
4. Math Kangaroo 2022 registration fee is \$21 for students registering at centers (in-the-classroom or online). The registration fee for virtual centers is \$25 (\$21 regular registration fee + \$4 to cover a portion of the T-shirt/gift delivery fees).
5. A Math Kangaroo Center must have at least 10 registered students by December 15th to continue the participation. If there are less than 10 registered students by December 15th Math Kangaroo

reserves the right to transfer the registered children to another center in the area.

6. A Math Kangaroo Center can be public or private. The public center's registration is open to all students and visible on the Math Kangaroo website to all. The private center's registration is open only to students from the participating school and can be accessed only with a password. Registering families receive the password from the center manager.
7. A Math Kangaroo Center may have multiple sessions, held at different times to accommodate more students.
8. A Math Kangaroo Center manager is obligated to comply with all the requirements and the responsibilities that are listed on the Math Kangaroo website.

DISCUSSION

The information below answers basic questions that parents ask before registering their children. The center managers should be familiar with these common questions. In brief, the competition is:

1. 75-minute multiple choice test.
2. 24 questions (grades 1 - 4), 8 questions for 3 points, 8 questions for 4 points and 8 questions for 5 points.
3. 30 questions (grades 5 - 12), 10 questions for 3 points, 10 questions for 4 points and 10 questions for 5 points.
4. Most questions are word problems; they are chosen by The International Math Kangaroo Committee annually.
5. Every student qualifies who can read and work independently at one's school grade level.
6. Each registered student has free access to online video solutions for questions from previous years.
7. Each participant receives a T-shirt, an electronic certificate, and a gift.
8. The national winners (first 20 ranks) and state winners (first 3 ranks) are publicly recognized on our website.
9. Winners receive medals, ribbons, magnets, and electronic or in-kind prizes after the ranking announcement. Several sophomore students are awarded with math camps. Senior high school students with consistent top rankings in several consecutive years receive college grants.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In order to understand the competition logistics more fully please read the following:

- 1. Information about rules, features, scoring and awards.** This webpage explains how the competition works and what is important to know during the registration, participation, and later while waiting for the results: <https://mathkangaroo.org/mks/resources/>.
- 2. The calendar of Math Kangaroo activities before, during, and after the competition.** This webpage displays a timeline that provides an overview of the process, steps, and time frames: <https://mathkangaroo.org/mks/resources/math-kangaroo-day-instructions-for-faculty/#calendar>
- 3. The Competition locations.** Parents can view the available in-the-classroom or online centers on [the registration website](#). If they would like to register at a specific in-the-classroom or online school location, they should look up the name of the school/institution. If they would like to register for one of the virtual centers (not related to any school), they would type: "virtual" in the search box.
- 4. Resources available for students and their parents regarding Math Kangaroo Competition preparation.** Students can practice their skills and know how to solve Math Kangaroo questions through the complimentary sample questions from the previous years, free online video solutions (available after the registration) and paid material we offer as well. Practice material is available at: <https://mathkangaroo.org/mks/practice/>
- 5. The way to inquire about the process and seek answers to questions about the registration process and more.** The general questions should be addressed to info@mathkangaroo.org. Questions about center registration should be addressed to kasia@mathkangaroo.org. Financial questions should be addressed to izabela@mathkangaroo.org.
- 6. Information about donating to Math Kangaroo nonprofit organization.** Any donation is tax deductible; Math Kangaroo USA is a charity organization with 501(c)3 status. It helps with student registration fees for families in hardships, keeps the low cost of the registration fee for all students, no cost for school registration expense and allows Math Kangaroo to expand their services into other desirable programs. The donation link may be found here: <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1391436>.

