

**Volunteers Needed for the**  
**California Mathematics Council**  
**MATHEMATICS FESTIVAL**  
**At Seaside Elementary!**  
**Thursday, March 9, and Friday, Mar 10, 2023**

**...No Math Experience Necessary!!**

***Celebrate Mathematics!***

**What is a Mathematics Festival?** A CMC Mathematics Festival is an exciting school-wide event to expose students, teachers, and parents to key critical mathematics topics in a positive, self-exploratory, festival-like atmosphere. The Mathematics Festival program is designed for ready access to Kindergarten through 5th grade students with activities appropriate for ALL those grades along with challenges above those levels.

**It's good mathematics, Standards-based, AND FUN!**

***We love volunteers!***

**If you like to have fun and work with kids this is for YOU!**

Volunteers do not need to be good at math. They just need to bring in an enthusiasm for learning and helping students try something new. If you are interested in volunteering, find out what time block your child's teacher has signed up for and contact your child's room parent, or the PTA Math Festival coordinators, Michelle Kim or Jyotsna Iyer. It's that easy!

## MATH FESTIVAL TEACHER INFORMATION:

- ❑ Students will work together with a partner during the Math Festival. **Please make sure to put students in working pairs PRIOR to coming to their Festival session.** This is frequently forgotten. Creating partners the day before is a good idea. Partners will visit Math Festival stations and work on tasks TOGETHER, so some thought should be put into choosing partners.
  
- ❑ **Please arrive ON TIME for the session** because it's not possible to change the day's schedule if one or more classes arrive late. Each session will begin with a brief 5 minute orientation to the WHOLE group of students. That can't begin until everyone is present.
  
- ❑ Classroom teachers **MUST** accompany their classes and stay with their students during the Festival. You are not required to assist at the tables but a Math Festival is a great opportunity for you to observe your students doing math on their own.

## **PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP STUDENTS AT YOUR MATH FESTIVAL:**

- ❑ We ask that your school sign up parent volunteers to assist students during each of the Math Festival session. Having parents helping at each of the Math Festival station not only makes for a better learning experience for each student, it also provides a rich mathematics experience for the adults that are helping. Most parents find volunteering at a Math Festival to be a very pleasant experience—even fun!
  
- ❑ Parents do NOT need to be experts at math to volunteer at the Math Festival. They can learn everything they need to know that day! They will not be acting as teachers or teaching lessons; they will be giving simple assistance to students, helping them read the directions and get started with an activity.
  
- ❑ Parents need not be fluent English speakers to volunteer. Parents who speak other languages can be of great assistance to students whose primary language is not English. In addition, the directions for volunteers have been translated into Spanish. If your students and/or parent volunteers will need spoken directions translated, please make arrangements for someone to interpret, as your Math Festival may not be able to do so.
  
- ❑ Parents or guardians need not volunteer for the whole Math Festival. They can volunteer to work the morning or the afternoon sessions if that fits their schedules. Since it is important that parents get familiar with the activity at their table, it is best if they volunteer for at least two or three student Math Festival sessions (each session lasts approximately 50 minutes, so three sessions would be about 2.5 hours). Please make sure the whole Festival day is covered.
  
- ❑ A Math Festival consists of 12 to 16 Stations (depending on the size of your school). Each Station table will have a different math activity. Try to sign up at least one parent volunteer for each table. If you receive a healthy response to your request for volunteers, two adults at a table only enhances the student and parent experience.
  
- ❑ Parents volunteering will be told EVERYTHING they need to know BEFORE the first students arrive. Parent volunteers arrive about 20 minutes before the first student Math Festival session begins. At that time the Math Festival presenter will give the volunteers an overview of the Festival and information about the activity where they will be assisting students. After the very first session, they will be EXPERTS at their activity!