

Continental Math League – 5th Grade Paul Norton- 2018-2019

August 28, 2019

Dear 5th grade Parent/Guardian,

All Paul Norton Elementary 5th graders are invited to participate in the extracurricular Continental Math League (CML), which is sponsored by the PTA. The CML program has been provided at Paul Norton for the last twelve years and we are proud to be one of the only elementary schools in the district offering this enrichment opportunity to our students. The program begins at 2nd grade and is offered each year through 5th grade at our school.

Although a strong aptitude and enjoyment of math is important for the program, please note that your child does not have to excel at traditional math to participate in CML. Students will be expanding their math comprehension skills beyond their normal classroom activities and developing problem-solving skills using the CML guidelines. The goals of the program are as follows:

- Develop problem solving skills
- Develop patience and organizational skills while solving the problems
- Encourage students to do their best and improve

It should be a fun and rewarding experience for everyone.

We will, generally, meet 2-3 times per month. The practice sessions will focus on learning and applying problem solving strategies, applying techniques for word problems, and solving problems together as a group. There will also be five test sessions during the year, and the tests will be completed on an individual basis by the students. The results of the tests will be sent to CML and reported back with our national standing, both for the individual students and the school. Although the test results will be compared with other students/schools, the primary goal of the program is to help the students improve their problem solving skills. Certificates will be awarded at the end of the year to all students who participate. More information on Continental Math League can be found on the CML website: <http://www.cmleague.com>.

Students will need to bring pencils (no pens), erasers, and their CML folder to each session. I will be providing the folders. Calculators are not allowed. Students must obey all the coach and school rules during practices and tests.

Our test and practices days will be Thursdays to avoid orchestra and band morning practice.

5th grade CML will meet from 7:40 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. in the Tech Lab (to be verified via email) on the following days:

2018

Thursday, September 20, – Practice #1
Thursday, October 4 – Practice #2
Thursday, October 18 – Test #1
Thursday, November 1 – Practice #3
Thursday, November 15 – Test #2
Thursday, December 6 – Practice #4
Thursday, December 20 – Test #3

2019

Thursday, January 3 – Practice #5
Thursday, January 17 – Test #4
Thursday, January 31 – Practice #7
Thursday, February 14 – Practice #8
Thursday, February 28 – Test #5
Thursday, March 7 - Party

If you have any questions about Continental Math League, please feel free to contact me at 359-3098 or DFG9600@hotmail.com. Please complete the form below and return to your child's teacher by Wednesday, 9/12. Enrollment is limited to the first 25 students who respond. You will receive an email on or before Monday, 9/17 confirming your child's enrollment.

Sincerely,

David Farmer, 5th Grade CML Coach

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_____ will participate in CML this year.
(Child's name) (Classroom)

_____ (Phone #) _____ (Email address)
(Parent's or guardian's name)

- o Yes, please put my child's name on a waiting list if the class is already filled.

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018