

## Math Contest Challenges Local Middle School Students

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More than 50 Cascade Middle School students challenged peers from across the country to a mathematical showdown Tuesday, said Bend-La Pine School officials. "This is a unique opportunity to get kids excited about math and to see how their math skills compare to kids living all over our country," says Cascade Middle School instructor Pete Horsch. Horsch and his team competed in the American Mathematics Contest 8 (AMC8) at Cascade Middle School November 14. They took the 40-minute test during their 1st period class at 7:45 a.m. Horsch said the test is designed to challenge students and to offer problem-solving experiences that they might not have access to in a traditional middle school math class. "This is a critical time in the educational development of our youth," Horsch said. "Developmentally, these kids are at a place where it is important that they be provided opportunities that foster development and confidence in their own math ability." Horsch hopes to have the test results back to students by the end of the year.

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