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SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

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DCPS Math24 Tournament

Dorchester County Public Schools' answer to the Olympics took place Wednesday, May 23 with the annual Math24 Tournament. Top "mathletes" from 1st through 5th grades competed for the championship medals and other prizes which this year included a guest appearance on WBOC's Delmarva Life for the five first place winners. Several hundred parents and other supporters converged on Maces Lane Middle School to cheer on the school finalists as they battled through tense elimination rounds.

Top finishers in this year's tournament were:

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
1st Place	Derick Zheng Maple	Laila Shufelt Warwick	Peyton Bleyer SD K-8	Collin Bair Maple	JaMyah Pickett Vienna
2nd Place	Gavin Douglas Hurlock	Ashton Robinson Warwick	Timothy Corsey Maple	Akizhae' Hammond Maple	Tarron Hammond Vienna
3rd Place	Payton Bowen Hurlock	Destinee Wongus Hurlock	Gibby Robinson Maple	Jayden Turner Vienna	Kaz'Mir Young Maple
4th Place	Christopher Simpson SD K-8	Jaasiel Schaaron Maple	Caleb Molock Choptank	Tywon Smith Vienna	Jeron Jones Hurlock

Rachel Wise, Assistant Principal at Maple Elementary School and coordinator of the event, said, "I am proud to say that our third annual tournament was a success. It was exciting to see so many champion mathletes return to defend their title. It was also great to see some rookie mathletes hold their own in the tournament. Great job to all our mathletes!"

"The DCPS Math 24 tournament is a highlight of the school year for our young mathletes," said Regina Teat, Director of Elementary Education. "Each of our elementary schools practice while learning facts for the tournament all year in the hopes of representing their school. The tournament has become a community event with parents, grandparents and friends anxiously watching their mathletes compete."

Math24 is a unique teaching tool that teaches children the relationships between numbers while honing critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Cards with four numbers are drawn randomly and players compete to see who can use the four math operations (two operations for the youngest players) to make the four numbers

equal 24 in the shortest time. Because the answer is always 24, the emphasis is on process and patterns. This year's event had community sponsorship from Chesapeake Shipbuilding in Salisbury.



Math 24 Tournament winners, 1st through 4th place



*Math24 1st place winners on set of WBOCV's Delmarva Life
(L-R) Derick Zheng, JaMyah Pickett, Peyton Bleyer, Collin Bair, Laila Shufelt
with hosts Corey Phoebus and Lisa Bryant*