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**Birchwood Students Soar on American Mathematics Competition 8**

Cleveland - Once again Birchwood School students excelled on the American Mathematics Competition 8, a national and international math contest for middle school students. Four students earned the *Distinguished Honor Roll*, scoring among the top 1% of all students nationwide: **Kavya R, Nate C, Dhweeja D, and Clive C**. Furthermore, **Kavya** was one of 120 students who earned a perfect score, having achieved this honor for the second consecutive year.

Eight students scored among the top 5% nationally and earned a spot on the *Honor Roll*: **Vinayak K, Michael T, Naomi W, Grace X, Christine B, Alexander I, Prathna K, Anika R**. An additional nine students scored in the top 25%: **Joan C, Ammar L, Jorgen K, Pheby L, William L, John H, Kareem T, Peter A, and Michael W**.

Finally, two sixth grade students earned the *Achievement Roll*, special recognition for fifth and sixth grade students who score greater than 15.

To place these scores in context you must understand that only those schools that have a very strong math program will sign up for this competition. Hence, these high percentage scores are not only good scores in their own right but they also represent "superior work among superior students." Comparative school-wide results will be published in the spring.

The Mathematical Association of America (MAA) sponsors the AMC 8 each year. The contest is a 25 question 40 minute multiple choice examination in junior high school mathematics, designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem solving skills. Many problems are designed to challenge students and to offer problem solving experiences beyond those provided in most junior high school mathematics classes.

**Charles Debelak**, math teacher and Head of School at Birchwood, said, "Our student's success at this level illustrates that they have been given opportunities to study advanced math topics consistent with their ability and their achievements do not occur simply because they are smart. These students also dedicate extra time and energy in order to excel at this level."



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**The Birchwood School** is a private, coeducational school in Cleveland, Ohio. Founded in 1984, Birchwood serves students in kindergarten through grade 8. Birchwood's mission is to provide an educational setting where challenging academics build solid work habits, an achievement culture nurtures healthy attitudes, and a caring environment forges social responsibility.

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