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Birchwood School Wins MATHCOUNTS Chapter Round at CSU

At the Northeast Ohio Mathcounts competition on February 19 the math team from Birchwood School turned in a phenomenal performance. They placed first in the team competition and first in the team countdown round. The team composed of **Kavya R**, **Dhweeja D**, **Clive C**, and **Nate C** along with **Vinayak K** who competed as an individual, recorded four of the top six scores. **Chan**, a seventh grade student, earned a perfect score, the first ever at this chapter competition.

Twelve students from the local competitions will advance to the state competition at Columbus State Community College on March 12. The top four individuals at the Ohio competition will progress to the National MATHCOUNTS Competition where they will compete against the top team from each state.

Currently in their 28th year, Mathcounts is one of the country's largest and most successful education partnerships involving volunteers, educators, industry sponsors, and students. The Mathcounts Competition is a national middle school coaching and competitive mathematics program that promotes mathematics achievement.

It is no surprise that these students have met with success, considering their history of hard work. Just since October 2010, each student has solved more than 1,000 math problems on a special project outside of regular classroom work; and they stayed after school for at least an hour twice a week - just to practice math problems. "A lot of students are smart, but few will work as hard as this group," remarked **Charles Debelak**, math teacher and Head of School. Mr. Debelak coaches the team with **Mr. Ravichandran**, one student's father. This group of students will travel to Columbus with the hope of placing among the top teams in Ohio.



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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