

## St. Walburg Student One of Four Selected in Canada

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St. Walburg's Cameron McKee is one of only four students in Canada to be selected as a Math Ambassador for World Maths Day. As only a handful of students from around the world is chosen it is very prestigious position. Cameron will be traveling to Calgary this weekend to meet the other ambassadors and to promote the competition.

In ongoing online Mathletics competitions the grade five student has been ranked first in Canada three times and 28<sup>th</sup> in the world once.

As he has noted in his ambassadorial blog on the website: 'I am proud to represent St. Walburg as a Canadian Ambassador. Since there are only four Ambassadors in Canada, I am one of the luckiest people to have this opportunity. Being an Ambassador is one of the most important jobs in World Math Day.'

Cam credits his teacher, Ms. Cindy O'Donnell, for encouraging his and the school's interest in the competition and in math generally: "My teacher and I will be helping to get the entire school to take part in World Math Day and also Mathletics."

World Maths Day began in 2007 and is held every year on the first Wednesday in March. Last year over 1.9 million students participated in the event and this year organizers are anticipating that the total will be even higher as teachers, parents and people of all ages are being invited to take part. Organizers of the event have continually stressed the importance of inclusiveness, and firmly believe that children of all abilities and backgrounds should be able to compete against their peers from all over the world.

On World Maths Day (which actually runs for almost 48 hours because the competition continues as long as it's still March 3<sup>rd</sup> somewhere on the planet) students compete online in 60 second mental arithmetic 'math games' to earn points for themselves and for their school by correctly answering as many questions as possible. The competition, which begins at 6:00 EST on March 2nd in Canada, offers 5 levels of difficulty, each with 100 questions and three age categories: 8 years of age and under, 9 to 13 years and 14 to 18 years of age.

To register, practice or compete (participation is free), or to just simply check out the competition, go to [www.worldmathsday.com](http://www.worldmathsday.com) on the web.