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RIVERA ELEMENTARY

Rivera students place fifth in national math contest

Rivera Elementary placed fifth in the Sumdog.com National Math Contest.

Students in first- through fifth-grade participated in the competition and averaged a solution rate of 8,065 problems per student to finish fifth among 363 schools competing nationwide.

Rivera students also ranked among the Top 10 nationally in the Busy Bees portion of the contest, which measures the average solution rate of the top 15 participants per school. Rivera finished seventh overall with an average of more than 11,000 problems per student.

The participants finished the week-long competition strong as well, placing first in the daily category on the final day of the contest.

Fourth-grader Abdiel Serrano paced Rivera's effort, solving a school-high of 28,000 math problems during the week of the competition. The school's contest participants by grade levels included:

Second grade: Nathan Pitts;

Third grade: Jose Martinez and Mustafa Eren;

Fourth grade: Kevin Alvarez, Michael Arcay, Ashley Cabrera, Juan Cuenca, Kevin Guima, Isreal Leon, Roberto Mendoza, Venancio Mendoza, Jorge Osorio, Rafeal Pinales, Ivana Porras, Abdiel Serrano, Briana Sosa and Vanessa Vazquez;

Fifth grade: Ricuarte Allen, Juan Ascencio, Pedro Barraza, Estefania Cervantes, Christian de Jesus, Chris de Jesus, Marissa Duenez, Luky Ochoa, Octavio Puga, Anita Rios, Sara Ruvalcaba, Samantha Sanchez, Edward Silva and Sean Spiotti.

The Rivera principal is Roshaunda Thomas, and assistant principal is Dr. Patty Jensen. The sponsoring teachers included Gloria Mendoza and Melissa Gloria, with Jessica Martinez, assisting as a math specialist.