The goal of The MMP Math Minutes is to improve communication and foster discussion among the high school math teachers, the Principal, and the Learning Team. MMP Math Minutes is distributed monthly.

Important Dates

Algebra Labs—Feb. 20, March 20, May 22
Geometry Labs—Feb. 27, May 1, May 29
NCSM—Washington, DC April 20-22, 2009
NCTM—Washington, DC April 23-25, 2009
WMC—Green Lake May 7-8, 2009

ALGEBRA AND GEOMETRY LABS

Kevin McLeod and his algebra and geometry teams will continue with the algebra and geometry labs second semester. The labs still have room for more participants. If you are an algebra or geometry teacher and have not yet attended one of these labs, please try to attend one of the upcoming sessions. The dates for the 2nd semester labs are:

**Algebra Lab**
- Friday, February 20
- Friday, March 20
- Friday, May 22

**Geometry Lab**
- Friday, February 27
- Friday, May 1
- Friday, May 29

The labs are held at the Marshall Complex from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Teachers may return to their buildings for the afternoon work session or they can remain and Marshall. Substitute coverage will be provided.

If you would like to join one of the lab groups, please send an email to: boyledx@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

Once you are on the list, you will be sent reminders of the upcoming labs.

Top 10 excuses for not turning in math homework

10. It’s Isaac Newton’s birthday.
9. I couldn’t decide whether I is the square root of -1 or I are the square root of -1.
8. I accidentally divided by 0 and my paper burst into flames.
7. It’s stuck inside a Klein bottle.
6. I could only get arbitrarily close to my textbook.
5. I had too much pi and got sick.
4. Someone already published it, so I didn’t bother to write it up.
3. A four-dimensional dog ate it.
2. I have a solar calculator and it was cloudy.
1. There wasn’t enough room to write it in the margin.

MOODLE

Save yourself some work!!!! Share information about the new textbooks with other teachers. You can share lesson plans, worksheets, activities, etc. Send anything that you would like to share to Mary Mooney or Scott Kempen and they will post it on the site.

Math Department Chair Meeting

The high school math department chair meeting was held on January 14, 2009. Henry Kranendonk joined us for the meeting and explained the upcoming Math Readiness test. It is important that all 10th, 11th, and 12th graders take this test. Teachers were shown a new format for the high school math folders and agreed that this would be the folder that we will be using. If your building needs folders, please send your order to Darlene Boyle. Schools should continue to use the folders that they already have before they order new ones. Thanks to Pam Guehlstorff, dc from Bradley Tech, for the great ideas for this new folder. The extra textbooks for DA and DG are in and they will be distributed shortly. Chairpersons were given the new procedure for the textbook distribution. Anyone wishing to be selected for the upcoming textbook adoption committee (alg2/trig and pre-calculus) should get the form from their department chair. It is due by February 4.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2009

Interesting Math Fact:

A “jiffy” is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.