

Greenbelt Elementary School's Students Participate in Mathalon

Greenbelt Elementary School Mathematics Team, composed of five students and coached by Mr. Brian A. Weeks, and Ms. Angela Payne, participated in the Twenty-Fourth Annual Middle School Mathalon.

The event was held on October 31, 2009 and was composed of three rounds. The first round, the Individual Written Round, consisted of 30 multiple choice questions from middle school mathematics through concepts in algebra and geometry. The second round, the Inventions Round, geographically mixed teams of 4 students and 1 coach with the option of 1 of 5 engineering design type problems to solve. The third and final round was the Team Round. Each school team participated in a 20-minute problem-solving test consisting of 10 problems.

Greenbelt Elementary's Mathematics Team had two students that earned 2nd place awards. Students took second place, Invention Round, in the invention of *Long Paper* and *Can't Touch This*. It was wonderful to have students participate in such a rigorous and demanding mathematics competition.