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### Dear IQ Abacus Parents and Students,

The new school year is depleted much faster than we realized! Hope you are ready for many challenges and exciting events that are soon approaching!!

While many students are still preparing for the Certification Exam and the math competitions from second grade to high school level, several IQ Abacus students has gone through some battles and won the medals and honors already!!

Let's congratulate **Carleton Yang** and **Timothy Horng**, the high school sophamore and freshman, who just won the **3rd** and **8th** places, repectively, in the **Excellence In Mathematics High School Competition** (<http://www.cgc.maricopa.edu/academic-affairs/math/high-excellence/Pages/excellence-hs.aspx>) conducted by Gilbert-Chandler Community College on Saturday, November 6th. More than 200 selected high school students in Arizona participated in the competition. It was such a proud moment that we heard "IQ Abacus" being called twice when awarding the top 10 students during the award ceremony.

Some schools that IQ Abacus students are attending took a part in the **Noetic Learning Math Contest** (<http://www.noetic-learning.com/mathcontest/>). Among around 1,000 students in each grade, several IQ Abacus students are ranked top 10% of the country! The top 10% students receving the National Honor Roll are listed below:

#### Grade 2:

Jeremy Lee (actual grade: 1st)

Nikhil Suresh

Omkar Arasaiah

Anika Attaluri

Vivek Chasalani

#### Grade 3:

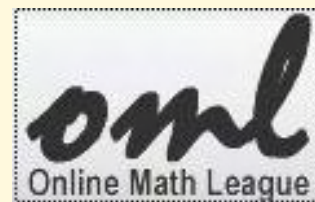
Kevin Tang

Matthew Wong

Let's give them a big round of applause!

## On line Math League Math Competition

First Test is on Sunday, Nov 14, at 4:30 pm



Please be on-time for the first test of the Online Math League Competition taking place at IQ Abacus.

Everyone will be given three tests on 11/14/2010, 1/30/2011, and 3/20/2011. All scores will be announced at the [onlinemathleague.com](http://onlinemathleague.com) web site. The final winners will be determined by the total of the three scores of each contestant.

Do not forget to go to the [onlinemathleague.com](http://onlinemathleague.com) practice area to acquire the test-taking strategy and sharpen the problem solving skill.

To calculate a team's score, the top four individual scores are added together. Each question is worth one point, so a perfect team score on any particular contest would be 60 - four perfect scores of fifteen. ***IQ Abacus Teams (2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades) have been at the top 3 places of the country in the 08-09 and 09-10 school years.*** We are striving for the third year championship!

### Ready for the Certification Exam?

Nov 18 ~ Nov 24

The IQ Abacus Math & Language School will conduct the Abacus/Mental Math Certification Examination in the week from November 18th to November 24th. All tests will be conducted in the regular class hours. No additional registration fee is required.



All the standards and rules of the exam will follow those defined by the [US Mental Math Federation](#). Since IQ Abacus is a member of US Mental Math Federation, the test results will be endorsed by USMMF. Those who is certified at Level 3 or better will be eligible for applying for the scholarship. Any questions, please ask Ms. Chiou.

## American Mathematics Contest for Grades 6 to 8 (AMC 8)

Saturday, Nov 20, at 9:50 am

The AMC 8 is a 25 question, 40 minute multiple choice examination in middle school mathematics designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem solving skills. This school year it will be held at 9:50 AM on Saturday, November 20th, 2010.

The examination provides an opportunity to apply the concepts taught at the junior high level to problems which not only range from easy to difficult but also cover a wide range of applications. Many problems are designed to challenge students and to offer problem solving experiences beyond those provided in most junior high school mathematics classes. Every year, this contest has been deemed as a major challenge for middle school students in the United States as well as many countries in the world. IQ Abacus has devoted extra time and efforts in mentoring and coaching the students for the contest. Hope our students will unleash the best potential and reach high!

## New Abacus Classes are being offered in November!

4:30 PM on Friday or 10:50 AM on Saturday

Two new abacus classes have been scheduled to be available beginning on November 12th or 13th. The Friday class will be from 4:30 PM to 5:50 PM and the Saturday class will be from 10:50 AM to 12:20 PM. We appreciate many parent's referrals! Please inform your referees to mention your name when sign up so that we know whom to thank.

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