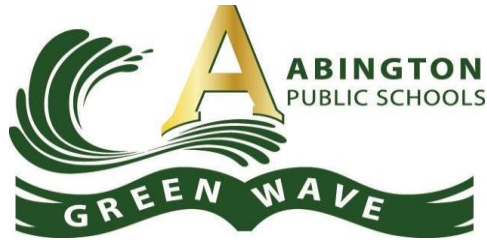


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Dear Parents and Guardians of Grade 6 Woodsdale Students,

Your child will be taking a math placement test with his/her grade 6 teacher during the week of March 20, 2017. This test determines the placement of your child in either the Grade 7 Mathematics Class or the Accelerated Grade 7 Mathematics Class.

The Grade 7 Mathematics Class curriculum is designed to enhance your child's skills in problem-solving, with an emphasis on reasoning. Students will extend their knowledge about negative numbers and will perform the operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division within the system of rational numbers. In addition, students will grow in their ability to analyze proportional relationships. This class will build a foundation for future higher level Algebra concepts. Your child will also begin creating the foundation for Geometry by solving a variety of problems involving angle measure, area, surface area and volume.

The Grade 7 Accelerated Mathematics Class is aligned with the state approved Massachusetts Common Core Curriculum Frameworks for Mathematics. The Grade 7 Accelerated Mathematics Class is an extremely fast-paced course that will cover the entire grade 7 mathematics curriculum and as much of the grade 8 mathematics curriculum as is possible within the year. This course requires a strong emphasis on homework, or work accomplished outside of the class, as well as a strong ability to work independently. A large portion of the recommendation for placement in the Grade 7 Accelerated Mathematics Class will be based on the results of the mathematics placement test.

Due to the rigor of the Grade 7 Accelerated Mathematics Class, we must ensure that each grade 6 student is placed where he/she is developmentally prepared to succeed. We strive for your child to experience a smooth transition from sixth grade to seventh grade, and we understand that the adolescent years bring about much change. Therefore, it is important that each child is placed in an appropriate setting for the greatest possible opportunity for strong achievement.

Please note that the Grade 6 Parent Orientation Night will be held at **Woodsdale Elementary School** on **Thursday, April 27th from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm**, and you will have an opportunity to gain additional insight into the structure of the seventh grade math classes.

Sincerely,

Matthew MacCurtain  
Principal

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