

## Parents Join Students for 'Afternoon of Math' Event at Holmes School

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Teacher Ann Novotnik's second graders at Holmes Elementary School had a unique opportunity to share what they were learning.

Titled "An Afternoon of Math," students and their parents worked together at a variety of math-related stations. The event was intended to highlight how students can move from concrete experiences to pictorial representations to abstract thinking, according to Holmes Principal Paula Bleakley.

"Math celebrations are a wonderful way for teachers and students to share the focus of their work — both process and content — with parents and other important adults in our children's lives, " said Bleakley. "This

shared understanding allows for consistent and shared support of student learning both at home and at school.”

Among staff pitching in to help were K-5 Math and Science Director Linda Johnson and Math Specialist Melissa Labrosciano.

“It was an exciting afternoon for our second graders,” said Bleakley.

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