

Summer Math Club

**Summer Math Club runs from May 23 through July 20, 2011
It is open to all current students of these participating schools:**

Belle Aire	Kingsley
El Sierra	Lester
Fairmount	Pierce Downer
Highland	Whittier
Hillcrest	

What is Summer Math Club?

Summer Math Club is an incentive-driven program to keep math brains strong all summer long. It is open to all the students of participating District 58 schools. Every student who completes specially-designed math sheets can earn prizes during the summer. Students can visit the Downers Grove Public Library on special Math Club Prize Days throughout the summer, receive an incentive for their work along with math help when needed, and get additional math practice sheets to complete for more prizes.

Please keep your Summer Math Club folder in a safe place where you can find it and use it to practice math during the summer.

- You must complete all 6 pages of your math sheets to claim each prize. You must have your completed math sheets with you to claim a prize.
- You must redeem Math Club prizes at the **Math Club Prize Table** in the Meeting Room of the **Downers Grove Public Library**. No prizes may be redeemed at the Junior Room Desk.

You may redeem prizes at the Math Club Prize Table in the Downers Grove Public Library's Meeting Room only during these dates and times:

Summer Math Club Prize Days and Times

Prize Level One:	Tuesday, June 14	9:30 am – 11:30 am, 6 pm – 8 pm
(pencils, erasers)	Wednesday, June 15	9:30 am – 11:30 am, 6 pm – 8 pm
also	Tuesday, July 5	9:30 am – 11:30 am, 6 pm – 8 pm
	Wednesday, July 6	9:30 am – 11:30 am, 6 pm – 8 pm
	Tuesday, July 19	9:30 am – 11:30 am, 6 pm – 8 pm
	Wednesday, July 20	9:30 am – 11:30 am, 6 pm – 8 pm
Prize Level Two:	Tuesday, July 5	9:30 am – 11:30 am, 6 pm – 8 pm
(Free ice cream)	Wednesday, July 6	9:30 am – 11:30 am, 6 pm – 8 pm
also	Tuesday, July 19	9:30 am – 11:30 am, 6 pm – 8 pm
	Wednesday, July 20	9:30 am – 11:30 am, 6 pm – 8 pm
Prize Level Three:	Tuesday, July 19	9:30 am – 11:30 am, 6 pm – 8 pm
(Choice of prize)	Wednesday, July 20	9:30 am – 11:30 am, 6 pm – 8 pm

- If you are unable to turn in your sheet during these Math Club Prize Days and Times, you may bring your sheets to the Math Club Table at your school during the first three days of the school year to receive your prize.

Summer Math Club is funded by the PTAs of participating District 58 schools. Summer Math Club is sponsored by the Dairy Queen at 63rd and Main, McDonalds Corporation, Game Pazzo, and the National Honor Societies and student leaders of Downers Grove North and South High Schools.

Looking for more math challenges? Try these fun math websites. There are no extra credit prizes for the club, but you can have lots of fun playing math games online!

www.funbrain.com

www.coolmath.com

www.eduplace.com/activity/index_f.jsp

www.kidsdomain.com/games/math2.html

www.mathstories.com

www.quia.com/hm/81768.html

www.quia.com/shared/mathematics

Here are answers to some questions you might have about Summer Math Club. We hope these will give you the information you need.

Q: Can anyone be in the Summer Math Club?

A: This year, Summer Math Club is for the students of these participating schools: **Belle Aire, El Sierra, Fairmount, Highland, Hillcrest, Kingsley, Lester, Pierce Downer, and Whittier**. Indian Trail and Puffer are doing their own programs this year.

Q: I am home schooled. Can I join Summer Math Club?

A: We cannot make accommodations for home schooled students at this time.

Q: What are the prizes?

A: The prizes for the first level are a math club pencil, a pencil grip and a stick eraser. The prize for the second level is a coupon for a free ice cream cone from a local Downers Grove business. The prize for the third level is a pencil case and your choice of novelty toy.

Q: Why are there only six Prize Days?

A: Summer Math Club is a PTA community program, run by volunteers, **and is not affiliated with the Public Library or its Summer Reading Club**. The Downers Grove Library generously hosts us in their Meeting Room during their busy summer months. Library guidelines allow community groups to use the meeting room twice each month, which allows Math Club 6 days during the summer.

Q: Can I download my child's Summer Math Club worksheets from the internet?

A: Summer Math Club worksheets are not available online for downloading. Because the worksheets have been created for the Club following the Everyday Math curriculum, we cannot allow free internet access to copyrighted material of the Everyday Math curriculum by posting Summer Math Club worksheets online.

Q: My child is registered to begin kindergarten at one of the participating schools. Can we join Summer Math Club?

A: We currently do not have appropriate sheets for incoming kindergarteners. Our program is designed to begin with kindergarteners moving into first grade.

Q: Can my parents help me with my sheets?

A: You may get help from your family on your sheets, but you should try to do as much as you can on your own. This is math practice for you, to keep your math brain strong all summer long.

Q: Do I have to finish all the sheets to get a prize, or just some?

A: All the sheets you are given must be completed before you can collect your prize at each level. You may complete them all at once, or you may work on them a little bit every day, but they all must be done to redeem your prize.

Q: If I finish all the sheets and want to do more, can I bring in sheets from home?

A: You may earn only one prize at each level of the Math Club. You are encouraged to do more with math all summer, but we cannot give out extra prizes. Try the math activity websites listed above for more math fun this summer.

Q: Can I bring in my child's completed math sheets if they can't come to the library?

A: It would be best if students could bring in their own sheets so that they could get help with any math concepts they need. However, if your child cannot come in with their completed sheets, a parent or responsible adult may bring the sheets in for them and pick up their prize.

Q: Can I exchange a Math Club prize for a Summer Reading Club prize?

A: While the library is kind enough to let us share their space, Summer Math Club is not a library program. Our club is a totally separate PTA program. No exchanges can be made between clubs. Once Math Club prizes are given, no exchanges will be made.

Q: I lost my folder and math sheets. Can I get a new one at the Math Club Table?

A: We have a limited number of replacement sheets that are available when the Math Club Table is staffed. If these are out, you may make copies from our master sheets. Try to keep your Summer Math Club folder and sheets in a place where you can find them and work on them regularly.

Q: I lost my math sheet. Can I bring in a sheet I finished that I made at home/got off the internet/bought at a store?

A: We cannot give prizes for sheets that were not prepared for Summer Math Club. Our Math Club sheets have been designed for District 58's curriculum by our teachers, and our volunteers have been trained to work with students on these particular sheets.

Q: Can I come in for my Math Club prize on a day that is not listed on my folder?

A: No. This is a PTA program, and the **library staff is not responsible for handing out Math Club prizes**. If you cannot come to the library when the Math Club Prize Table is being staffed, you may bring your completed sheets to the Math Club Table on the next prize day, or to your school during the first three days of the school year to collect your prize.

Q: Can I leave my sheet at the Junior Room Desk if there's no one at the Math Club Prize Table?

A: No. If you cannot come to the library when the Math Club Prize Table is being staffed, you may bring your completed sheets to the Math Club Table on the next prize day, or to your school during the first three days of the school year to collect your prize.

Q: What do I do if I will not be home all summer long?

A: If you cannot come to the library during any of the Math Club Prize Days, you may complete the sheets you are given and bring them to your school during the first three days of the school year (by August 26th) to collect your prize.

Q: I'm starting junior high in the fall at O'Neill/Herrick. If I miss the prize pick up days during the summer, can I get my prize from my junior high?

A: Junior high students will not be able to redeem any prizes at their new school. We can only make that accommodation at the beginning of the school year for students returning to participating grade schools.

Q: Is there someone I can contact during the summer about Summer Math Club?

A: Parent volunteers will be available to answer questions on Math Club Prize Days. You may also leave an email at summermathclub58@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns that are not addressed in the information above. You will receive a reply within one week. Thanks!