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First Regional *Middle School Mathalon* Final Competition Announced

Staff members from W-FL BOCES' Project Adept will facilitate the third and final round of this year's *Middle School Mathalon* competition on February 8, 2006 at 9 a.m. in the Jack Loveless Conference Room at W-FL BOCES Regional Support Center in Newark.

More than nine schools from the W-FL region will participate in this math enrichment event. Each middle school team is comprised of four students – one from 6th, 7th and 8th grades while the fourth “wild card” student can be from any of the three grades.

Students have already competed in two legs of the competition. The first part of the competition was held in December 2005 and was won by the **Midlakes** team.

Mathalon Day One Winners - Team Midlakes

<i>Ben Baker</i>	<i>6th Grade</i>
<i>Kathryn Lawson</i>	<i>7th Grade</i>
<i>Katie Baldwin</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>
<i>Ben Landschoot</i>	<i>8th Grade</i>
<i>Mr. James Chase</i>	<i>Team Leader and 8th Grade Math Teacher</i>

Canandaigua took second place, **Marcus Whitman** took third place and **Penn Yan** took fourth place honors. The second round of the competition was held in January 2006 and **Team Pal-Mac** won first place honors.

Mathalon Day Two Winners - Team Pal-Mac

<i>Dana Nau</i>	<i>6th Grader</i>
<i>Autumn Crist</i>	<i>7th Grader</i>
<i>Ted Ramos</i>	<i>8th Grader</i>
<i>Gina Komor</i>	<i>8th Grader</i>
<i>Mr. William Harden</i>	<i>Team Leader and Math Lab Teacher</i>
<i>Mr. Jerry Scoppa</i>	<i>Team Leader and 6th Grade Teacher and Middle School Math Lead Teacher</i>
<i>Ms. Christy Beaudion</i>	<i>Team Leader and 6th Grade Teacher</i>

Second place was won by **Midlakes**, third place by **Clyde-Savannah** and fourth place honors were won by **Geneva**. On the third day of competition, an overall winner and a Day Three winner will be announced.

During the competition, students are asked to work in teams to solve arithmetic problems using reasoning and communication skills. Points in this competition are awarded based on problem solving techniques, correct answers and creativity of presentation. At the end of the final phase of this competition the overall competition winner will be announced and prizes awarded. For more information about the W-FL BOCES Middle School Mathalon, contact Jackie Lutton, Mathalon Facilitator at jlutton@wflboces.org or 585-394-9239.

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IMAGE CAPTIONS

Image of Pal-Mac Students: *Sitting from left:* Gina Komor and Ted Ramos. *Standing from left:* Autumn Crist and Dana Nau.

Image of Midlakes Students: *From left:* James Chase, Midlakes 8th Grade Math Teacher with Ben Baker, Kathryn Lawson, Katie Baldwin and Ben Landschoot.