



MANATEE BAY FIRST IN MATH FIRST PLACE & NATIONAL CHAMPIONS FOR THE FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW!



Congratulations Manatee Bay Elementary School students for winning the nationwide competition, **First in Math**.

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First in Math is an online math program whereover 10 Million students compete among 6,000+ schools nationwide. Fifth grade students at Manatee Bay Elementary completed an astonishing 8,815,383 math problems! Yes, that's 8 MILLION math problems! Principal Heather Hedman-Devaughn stated, "the students really love the program because it gives them immediate feedback and involves playing games. In addition to being the number one school in the Nation we also have 5 teams that are among the top 10 in the nation. In addition to that, we have families that play and one of them ranked in the top 10 in the Nation."

Very appropriately the school hosted a celebration on June 1st to celebrate the hard work, dedication and spectacular success of the 5th grade student body. Helping Principal Hedman-Devaughn present the mathematicians with their awards was Weston Mayor Daniel J. Stermer, Chief Officer of School Performance Dr. Valerie Wanae and Broward School Board Member Laurie Rich Levinson, Math Department Supervisor Gigi Forsman and supporting staff.

