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**Female Birchwood Student Finishes First in Ohio in Multiple Math Contests**

Cleveland - **Kavya R**, a seventh grade *female* student at Birchwood School in Cleveland, is proving that girls can excel in mathematics. During the 2010-11 school year, **Kavya** has won multiple math contests and awards at the local, state, and national levels. In October, she registered a perfect score in the American Mathematics Competition 8 (AMC8) and was awarded first place in Ohio. A few months later she competed as part of the four-student Birchwood team who won first place at the Northeast Ohio MathCounts competition. This same team went on to take first place at the state level. There **Kavya** placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall, and was the highest ranking female in the competition. Her success continues. **Kavya** was also part of Birchwood's seventh grade team that placed first at the Ohio Mathematics League competition. Individually, she placed among the top twenty students in Ohio. Most recently, **Kavya** won first place in the regional competition (Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana) of the Continental Math League.

**Kavya** is not afraid of work. Since school began in September, **Kavya** has solved more than one thousand math problems in addition to her regular math work. She has completed high school honors Algebra I and Geometry courses with A's. She also has mapped out a plan to finish Algebra II/Trigonometry by the time she enters high school. When asked about her accomplishments **Kavya** said enthusiastically, "I've always liked math. It's so logical and has so many applications. I am thankful to Birchwood for the many opportunities that have helped me grow and succeed!"

When asked about **Kavya's** success Birchwood math teacher and Head of School, Charles Debelak, said, "**Kavya's** success is not surprising when you consider her work ethic. Any student, regardless of gender, who is willing to put forth the time to practice and then practice some more will meet with success."



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**The Birchwood School** is a private, coeducational school in Cleveland, Ohio. Founded in 1984, Birchwood serves students in kindergarten through grade 8. Birchwood's mission is to provide an educational setting where challenging academics build solid work habits, an achievement culture nurtures healthy attitudes, and a caring environment forges social responsibility.

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