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#### NEWS RELEASE

### **NATIONAL MENTAL MATHEMATICS MARATHON – OCTOBER 10 - NOVEMBER 21, 2007.**

The Ministry of Education wishes to advise that the **14<sup>th</sup> National Mental Mathematics Marathon** will be held for Primary School students from October 10 to November 21, 2007. The test covers the content of the Mathematics Syllabus for Primary Schools. Students of all Primary Schools, particularly those of Standard Four are specially invited to participate.

The Competition will comprise three rounds –

- Preliminary                      October 10, 2007
- Semi-Final                        November 1, 2007
- Finals                                November 15, 2007
- Award Ceremony                November 21, 2007 at the Ruranath Capildeo Learning Resource Centre, McBean, Couva.

Students at all Public and Private Primary Schools are invited to participate by entering their two top pupils for the competition. It is anticipated that a total of 1,000 pupils from 550 schools will participate in the competition. School Principals are advised to contact the Education District Office for additional details on the venue for the tests.

The teaching of Mental Mathematics enhances pupils' thinking processes by providing opportunities for them to develop the ability to reason abstractly with quantity as well as with space. In performing mental computations, pupils are required to invent ingenious ways of handling numbers and so deepen their understanding of the structure and properties of numbers. It encourages creative and independent thinking and also contributes to the development of a variety of strategies for solving problems.

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