Herrington Math Superstars Program

Document Summary

This document outlines the proposed Herrington Math Superstars program for review and approval. It includes:

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- 2. Program Structure
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- Volunteer Roles
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1. Overview & Purpose

Math Superstars is a PTA-led enrichment program designed to:

- Foster problem-solving, persistence, and enthusiasm for math.
- Provide an optional, low-pressure opportunity for K–5 students.
- Engage families in learning together.

The program is run entirely by the PTA. Teachers are not asked to grade, manage, or support worksheets. Parents and students will be clearly instructed not to request teacher assistance—this is an enrichment activity only.

2. Program Structure

- Worksheets: Students complete one worksheet per week at home (25 total).
 Worksheets contain 5–10 grade-level challenge problems.
- Submissions: Parents submit scores through a Google Form using unique student codes. Codes are assigned at the start of the program and tracked by the PTA.
- Challenge Weeks: Two worksheets (#9 and #23) occur over Fall Break and Spring Break, branded as "Challenge Sheets" to encourage participation.
- Recognition:

- Monthly folder notes, stickers, or stars for encouragement.
- Mid-Year Recognition: At the end of the fall semester, students who have consistently participated will receive a special note/certificate to mark progress.
- End-of-Year recognition at Field Day (to be confirmed) with certificates, treats (e.g., popsicles).

3. Calendar & Schedule

The program runs from October 1, 2025 through April 3, 2026. The final worksheet is scheduled before STAAR testing begins to avoid conflicts.

Key Dates:

- #9 Fall Break Challenge Sheet: Week of Nov 24–28, 2025
- Winter Break: Dec 22, 2025 Jan 2, 2026 (no worksheet)
- Mid-Year Recognition: Dec 19, 2025 (last week before Winter Break)
- #23 Spring Break Brain Boost Challenge Sheet: Week of Mar 16–20, 2026
- #25 Final Worksheet: Week of Mar 30–Apr 3, 2026
- End-of-Year Recognition: Field Day, May 2026 (to be confirmed)

4. Recognition & Incentives

- Monthly Recognition: Quick notes or stickers in student folders.
- Mid-Year Recognition (End of Fall Semester to be confirmed): Small certificate, bookmark, or note to celebrate progress and encourage students to finish strong.
- School-Wide Updates: PTA or principal shares participation milestones in announcements/newsletters.
- End-of-Year Recognition (Field Day to be confirmed): Certificates + popsicles; optional medals for perfect participation.

5. Volunteer Roles

- Form & Data Management: Review submissions, track completion.
- Recognition Prep: Prepare monthly notes, mid-year certificates, and Field Day awards.
- Event Support: Assist with Field Day distribution of certificates/treats.

6. Benefits

- For Students: Builds math confidence, persistence, and problem-solving skills in a fun, rewarding way.
- For Parents: Provides a structured enrichment opportunity families can do together.
- For Teachers: Zero added workload; program is completely PTA-run.
- For the School: Reinforces Herrington's commitment to enrichment while building stronger parent-school partnerships