
ROSSITZA MARINOVA, Concordia University of Edmonton

What have we learned from 2020 Math Kangaroo Contest offered online due to the pandemic?

Math Kangaroo is a broad-participation contest-game. Students in grades 1 through 12 are given the opportunity to participate in a non-selective competition with inspiring and challenging content. The impact of the contest on students is enhanced by various enrichment activities such as on-line and on-campus training, clubs, and the production of related practice materials.

On March 12, 2020, the Canadian team announced that in light of the current Covid-19 outbreak, the Canadian Math Kangaroo Contest would not be held on sites on March 22, 2020. At that time, we were exploring the possibility of postponing the contest or moving it online. There days later we informed everyone that the contest would be offered online.

The main reason we chose online delivery versus cancellation was because we wanted to keep children engaged and challenged in math. Moreover, we could promptly deliver the contest online thanks to the great team of dedicated and enthusiastic professionals who donate a tremendous amount of time to bring this wonderful contest to students in Canada.

What have we learned from the online delivery of the 2020 contest?