

New To Me & Maybe You Too!

May 2022

Wow, the MCTM Spring Conference happened a few weeks ago and it was so great to be back together again. This month, I decided to showcase some speakers who have been at the conference, either this year or in the past, and who are still spreading joy about the teaching and learning of mathematics.

Minnesota's very own, [Christopher Danielson](#), recently wrote a blog post titled, [Supporting Children's Early Math Learning](#). In his article he talks about 3 messages that he had recently shared with another MN organization. His 3 messages were:



1. Children Know More than their Caregivers Expect
2. Young Children Learn Math like they do Language
3. Given the Opportunity, Children will Pursue Sophisticated Math Ideas

Crack the Code

7	8	5	1	2
7	1	3	4	6
7	9	7	0	1
7	7	1	0	0

[Dr. Raj Shah](#) was our keynote speaker this spring and he was brilliant. If you are looking to learn more from Raj, be sure to sign up for his newsletter where he frequently drops interesting problems. In his most recent Newsletter he shared some [Math Treat Videos - short videos introducing a fun math challenge](#). Raj's favorites are [How Many Squares in the Grid](#), [Beat the Tax Collector](#), [4x4 Magic](#), and [Square Pairs](#). Raj was also recently featured on the Debate Math Podcast "arguing" against "Should Students Memorize in Math Class?" Check out the [original debate](#) and the [follow up](#)!

[Dr. Trena Wilkerson](#), current president of NCTM, closed out our spring conference. During her talk, she mentioned professional development being offered by NCTM. One of the many pieces

NCTM EQUITY SERIES: Leveraging the Mathematical Brilliance of Students

- Grades and Test Scores Do Not Define Us as Math Learners: Cultivating Transformative Spaces for Anti-Racist Mathematics Education
Julia Aguirre | April 19, 2022
- Expanding Equity: Approaches to Humanizing Disability in Mathematics Education
Paulo Tan, Alexis Padilla, Erica Mason, and James Sheldon | May 3, 2022
- Creating Math Environments That Allow Melanated Kids to Thrive
Kristopher Childs | May 10, 2022
- Political Conocimiento in Contemporary Times: Honoring LGBTQ+ Youth in our Math Classrooms
Brandie Waid | June 1, 2022
- Mathematicians: Reflecting the Brilliance of Powerful Minds
Christa Jackson | June 15, 2022
- Black Boy Joy in Mathematics: Elevating the Voices of Black Boys and Men
Robert Q. Berry III | July 13, 2022

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that caught my attention was the current [NCTM Equity Series: Leveraging the Brilliance of Students](#). These webinars are free and open to both members and non-members of NCTM. If you look closely you will also see that [Dr. Kristopher Childs](#) and [Dr. Robert Q. Berry III](#) are speaking as part of this series. Dr. Childs and Dr. Berry have been speakers at our MCTM conferences before.

Finally, [Fawn Nguyen](#), who was the keynote speaker at the MCTM conference in April of 2019. Fawn is the creator of [Visual Patterns](#), [Math Talks](#) and [Between 2 Numbers](#). Not only this, but



Fawn also blogs about [math](#) and non-math. Her most recent non-math post, *Becoming Vietnamese [Again]*, struck me as beautiful, brave, and moving. [Give it a read](#), you will not be disappointed.

Who/What have been your favorite speakers, podcasts, or bloggers? We would love to hear from you on twitter, [@mctm_mn](#), or in our [facebook group](#)!

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