



Ascend Math News February 2015

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Upcoming Events

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Feb 24, 2015
Clark County, NV
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[NCTM Annual - Boston](#)
Apr 15 - 18, 2015
Boston, MA
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Math Problem of the Month



On March 25, 1965, Martin Luther King led thousands of nonviolent demonstrators on a 5-day, 54-mile march from Selma, Alabama to the steps of the capitol in Montgomery, Alabama. According to the American College of Sports Medicine the average step length of an adult is 2.6 feet or about 31 inches. There are 5,280 feet in a mile.

How many steps were taken by someone marching the entire distance from Selma to Montgomery Alabama?

Answer at the bottom of the newsletter.

Product Update



We're happy to announce new additions to the Ascend Math study plans. You may already have received a notification of the additions. Please choose to "accept" these revised study plans when prompted. Once you do this, your study plans will be automatically updated. Changes apply to future learning plans. Students will not pick up learning objectives in parts of the study plans that they have already mastered.

To receive an updated version of your study plans go to the Course Management Tab and the View Unit Summary page. You may select a specific level or select all levels. For more information on additions to study plans view the article, "Steps for a teacher to accept changes made to the Ascend Math Study Plan" or search "Study Plan Additions" in the Knowledge Base.

Tip of the Month



Testing time is coming up soon for most schools. This is an excellent time to use the Level Completion Report to see how your students are doing so far in Ascend.

To view the Level Completion Report go to the Reports Tab> Class Reports> Group Reports and Select Level Completion from the dropdown menu.



Partner School of the Month



Congratulations to Phoenix Excel Academy in Arizona, our Partner School of the Month. Their students have been busy averaging more than 2 hours per week in Ascend. The Phoenix Excel Academy students are proof that using Ascend two hours or more each week provides greater results.

Already this year, 45% of students using Ascend have completed 2 or more levels and 27% have completed 3 or more levels. Looks like they may be on a pace to make record gains!



\$1000 in Cash Prizes!



Announcing the Create Your Own Explorations Contest. Submit your idea for an Ascend Math Exploration and you could win up to \$500. The Create Your Own Math Exploration Contest gives you an opportunity to share your knowledge and creativity and win one of the cash prizes.

Download the official [Storyboard Template and Instructions](#)



Recent Blog Posts



- [A Valentine for Your Math Intervention Students](#)
- [Celebrate Black History Month with Math](#)
- [The Super Bowl of Math](#)
- [Math Intervention Advice from Gold Medal Winner](#)
- [Interactivity and Math Intervention! It Matters!](#)



Answer to Math Problem of the Month



Marchers joining Dr. King from Selma to Montgomery took an average of 2,115 steps. For more math problems celebrating Black History Month go to the Ascend Math Blog.

Do you have teachers new to Ascend Math, consider a [Quick Start Training](#).

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