

The Network of Math Circles (including a parents' advisory group)
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How do we connect up the math circles? Connect teachers and parents to math circles?

One strategy is to talk to schools and say they are offering a free program for high school students and emphasize what you are offering them. Also, send letters to parents. We send posters. We do all of this every year. We got support from NASA, and really good support from the university. The hardest part is actually teaching the sessions. It is very important to send thank you notes to everyone involved.

I did something cool with a kid in class one day, and it got back to a parent and the parent asked if I could do more of it. The parent hired me to come to their house and work with four kids. Within three years I was doing two of these every day. But parents need to have an image of what this is. Everyone knows what a boy scout, little league team, or swimming club is, but not everyone knows what a math circle is. The math circle book is wonderful, but you have to know how to read it. There is not enough literature about how to do it. MSRI could have video clips to show the methodology of how to do this.