



Grove Chess Club

Parent Reference: 2009/10

Grove Chess Club exists to allow children to learn and enjoy chess while experiencing healthy competition and team spirit. Chess is used to develop critical thinking, problem solving, decision making, and competitive maturity.

News:

1. Please keep this information for reference throughout the year.
2. Club meetings are on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:15 pm beginning October 8, 2009-March 4, 2010.
3. Children are strongly encouraged to attend several chess tournaments.
4. Please watch for E-Mails, these are the primary source for updates throughout the year.
5. If Unit 5 after school activities are cancelled for inclement weather, chess club will be cancelled.

Membership: Chess Club size is based on student/adult ratio.

Parent Volunteers:

Parents are our greatest asset. Without your help, chess club cannot exist. There are many positions available such as; setup, takedown, child supervision, clerical, and coaching. Thank you for your help!

Dues:

- Stay & Play Option: \$20.00 /student with adult volunteer commitment, payable at registration.
- Pay & Play Option: \$60.00 /student w/o adult volunteer commitment, payable at registration.

Curriculum for Chess Club: Chess workbooks (\$10, required for each child)

At Home Recommended Study:

1. Book and software reading with your child; ten minutes a day, goes a long way!
2. Chess notation allows children to review and learn from games they have played.
3. Checkmates & Chess Rules - *for beginners*
4. The Chess Tactics for Students - *for intermediates*
5. Bobby Fisher Teaches Chess – *Chess puzzles*

Student Pickup: Pick up promptly by 4:15 PM. To assure student safety, positive transfer to the parent or caregiver is required. Please park in the *North Lot* and come inside to sign out and pickup. Afterschool children will be escorted to Multi-purpose room. Designated walker will be required to check out with adults.

USCF: USCF Membership is required for tournaments for players in second grade and up. Please join or renew *now* to ensure eligibility in the tournaments. Scholastic membership includes the magazine for \$23.00/year. Scholastic Economy does not include the magazine and costs \$16.00/year. Contact: <http://uschess.org> or Ph: (845) 561-2437.

Tournaments: Sign up is done as a team by Danette Gilhaus. Make checks to “Grove Chess Club”.

Deliver to Danette at chess club or the school office as soon as possible after the tournament is announced. Tournaments often fill very quickly.

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Tournament Registration:

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