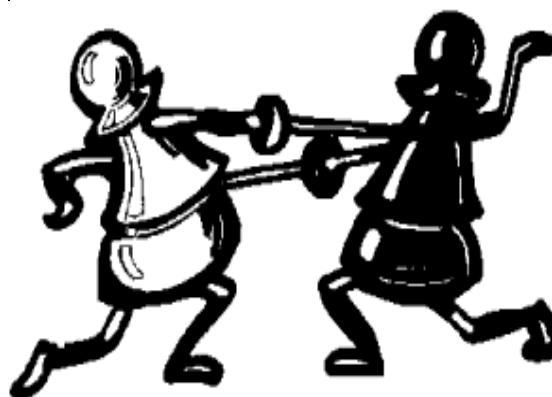


Chess Club

Sign up NOW for Spring 2012 Session of Chess Club!

- Where?** Kent Gardens School cafeteria
- When?** **Wednesdays** after school **3:20 – 5:00 PM**. The Spring semester will begin Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012 and end on May 30, 2012. Please note that we are unable to schedule make-up sessions due to unscheduled school closings.
- Who can join?** Any Kent Gardens student in 2nd through 6th grades. Girls! Boys! New and experienced players!
- Who will teach?** Mr. David Mehler from the U.S. Chess Center will teach the club, organize games, and provide small group instruction to players of all experience levels.
- What will we do?** Mostly we will play chess. In addition, members will receive instruction in rules and strategy of chess in small groups.
- How do I join?** Fill out the chess club registration form and return the form and check for \$90¹ payable to "Kent Gardens PTA - Chess Club" by Fri., Jan. 27th.² Send the form in an envelope clearly marked "Kent Gardens Office - Chess Club." No refunds after Feb. 15th.
- Help needed!** Chess Club is a very successful and popular program at Kent Gardens. Parent volunteers are always needed! Sign-up dates are on the back of the registration form.
- Questions** Dawn Regan at dsregs@yahoo.com or (703) 821-2897.



Why Play Chess?

Chess is great mental exercise for children...

- **First of all...Chess is fun!**
- Chess involves multi-level critical thinking.
- Chess requires forethought and cultivates visualization skills.
- Chess improves problem-solving skills.
- Chess encourages children to overcome the fear of risk-taking.
- Chess teaches concentration and self-discipline.
- Chess enables children to assume responsibility for their decisions.
- Chess rewards determination and perseverance.
- Chess promotes good sportsmanship.
- Chess encourages socialization skills that extend across cultures and generations.

Please return the registration form and check no later than Jan. 27th. Thank you!

¹ Please contact Mrs. Gavin, the assistant principal, if you feel that your family may qualify for financial assistance.

² We fill quickly -please return form promptly!

Kent Gardens Chess Club

REGISTRATION FORM – Spring Semester 2012

Chess Club meets on Wednesdays: 3:20 to 5:00 – Feb. 1 to May 30

Please place this form and \$90 check in an envelope marked “CHESS CLUB” and have your child give it to his or her teacher or drop it off at the school office by January 27th.

Make checks payable to “Kent Gardens PTA - Chess Club”

Student name: _____ **Grade:** _____
last first

Home phone:(____) _____ **Homeroom teacher:** _____

Parent name(s): _____

and day phone: (____) _____ (____) _____
phone phone

Emergency contact: _____ (____) _____
name phone

***Email required (print clearly):** _____

(Communication for chess club will come by e-mail from our instructor, Mr. David Mehler, and through a Yahooogroup: KGChessClub)

Pick-up information:

_____ My child will be picked up at **5:00 pm**. I understand that late pick-up fees apply.

Parent Signature

Children must be met inside the building and may not wait outside.

Parents, guardians, or childcare providers are required to sign children out.

_____ My child will go to SACC. _____ My child will walk home.

Parent signature

Parent signature

Volunteer support: The U.S. Chess Center provides all chess instruction. Parent volunteers are needed to assist in supervising the children and in providing snacks for the club. Chess experience is not needed. Please check to volunteer below the number of times you can assist on Wednesdays from 3 – 5pm. You will be emailed a schedule with your specific dates to volunteer.

(a) ___ More than 4 times (b)___ 3 or 4 times (c)___ Once or twice (d) ___ Emergency backup

___ I am willing to provide additional support for Chess Club this Spring: (*check all that apply*)

___ Snack coordinator ___ End of session party

Preferred date(s) to volunteer: _____

I want to join Kent Gardens Chess Club! I want to learn about chess and will obey Chess Club rules.

Child's Signature: _____

I give permission for my child to participate in the Kent Gardens Chess Club. Please circle whether your child has been in Kent Gardens Chess Club before: **YES** or **NO**

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Questions? Ask Dawn Regan at dsregs@yahoo.com or 703-821-2897.