

August 2018

Dear 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

**Kids Play Chess, LLC** will be providing after school chess instruction and playing time for interested students this coming school year.

“Kids Play Chess” provides chess sets, boards and clocks and a qualified United States Chess Federation instructor. The program will run from 3:15 to 4:15 pm on Tuesdays beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>. The following is a complete list of the dates for the **fall session: 9/13, 9/20, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29**. There will be winter and spring sessions as well.

For more information and to sign up, parents can contact one of the co-founders of the largest and most active chess club in WNY, Brian Sayers (Ph.D.) at [bwsayers@roadrunner.com](mailto:bwsayers@roadrunner.com). **Payment via check** is not due to Brian until the second week of the program, enabling students to try it for one week and see if they are interested in continuing. Payments can be dropped off at school.

Children will learn the basics of chess strategy and tactics and get to play one another under the supervision of the instructor. Students will be taught at their current skill level, and, if interested, be introduced to the local chess scene.

“Kids Play Chess” will organize a year-end tournament among participating schools and any student will be offered the opportunity to become a USCF rated tournament player.

**The cost is \$120 for a ten-week session.**

Why Chess? Studies have demonstrated that students who participate in a chess enrichment program increase their test scores by 17.3% over those in other enrichment programs.

The lessons about decision making, calculating, and learning the consequences of their actions give chess students a significant advantage throughout their lives.

Plus, chess is fun. It is challenging, competitive, and is not affected by gender, age, or luck.

Instead, chess is logic and focus. Kids who play chess enjoy one another more – it is an activity that teaches a myriad of social skills.

Regards,

Brian Sayers

Kids Play Chess, LLC

# KIDS PLAY **CHESS!** Sign-Up Sheet

**YES! I WANT TO ENROLL MY STUDENT IN YOUR CHESS PROGRAM!**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student age: \_\_\_\_\_ Student grade: \_\_\_\_\_

What skill level would you estimate for your child?

- beginner                       intermediate (more than 1 year playing chess)

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## **Classes at Elmwood Franklin begin on 9/13 3:15 – 4:15 each Thursday**

n.b. We will be introducing **NEW MATERIAL** for those students who have been with us for a few semesters.

To **complete your registration**, write a check for \$120 to “Kids Play Chess” and mail it to Brian Sayers, 4746 Shisler Road, Clarence, NY, 14031, Include the top half of this form with the check.

Questions?? [bwsayers@roadrunner.com](mailto:bwsayers@roadrunner.com); 570-3966

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