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As many of you may have noticed, Chess for Success has a new logo! Alongside our updated website, we've refreshed our logo to better represent the new direction of our programming. The most notable change is the removal of the graduation cap from the knight's head.

This change symbolizes our expanded focus beyond academic achievements. Our new curriculum now incorporates elements of Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), including mindfulness, acceptance, change-oriented strategies, emotional regulation, distress tolerance, and interpersonal effectiveness.

By removing the cap from the knight, our new logo reflects this broader scope. We are enthusiastic about this new chapter and the enhanced support we will provide to our students.

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Tournament Wrap-Up

All tournaments for the year are officially over! We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in our tournaments this season. Congratulations to all students who qualified for regional and state tournaments, and a special shoutout to those who competed in their first tournament this year! Below are the results for the 2024 State Tournament:



9-12 Individuals

1. Matthew Hui
2. Frank Morse
3. Abraham Tebbe



6th grade individuals

1. Max Reinert
2. Henry Vandiver
3. Abel Franklin, Sam Loh-menendez, Henry Rodgers, William Seden, Jayden Yu

7th grade Individuals

1. Neil Natarajan
2. Hayul Lim, Arin Jander, Laurel Scarborough
3. Karthik Bimod, Luca Hurd, Oscar Baldivieso, Krish Chhibber, Preston Frias, Kingston Miller, Dallas Samson, Ishaan Shah, Jeremiah Thompson, Alejandro Villa

8th grade Individuals

1. Ezra Wise
2. Misha Von Dassow, Brogan Armstrong, Cassady Lynn
3. Adarsh Makina, Jonah Beanblossom

6-8 Teams

1. Stoller MS
2. Roosevelt Middle School, Sellwood MS
3. Ashbrook Independent, Summit Leadership Academy

K-4th grade Individuals

1. Sriram Badri, Yee Wo Al Liang, Bohan Li
2. Reyansh Khetan
3. Isaiah Fattal, Oscar Scharf, Tavish Ware, Peter Dufek, Arrow Girroir, Suhaan Kesevan, Prahlada Saripalli, Pranav Jibesh Nair, Jensen Yu

5th grade individuals

1. Liam Silwinski, Leo Kuhl
2. Jerzy Golden, Aditya Sharma
3. Kaden Arenas, Ryan Bledsoe, Achyut Balaji, Lakota Miller, Ruhan Natarajan, Aarush Shah, Long Tran, Isaac Waldemer

K-5 Teams

1. Springville Elementary
2. Edison Elementary
3. Charlemagne Elementary, Rose City Park Elementary, Mary Woodward Elementary

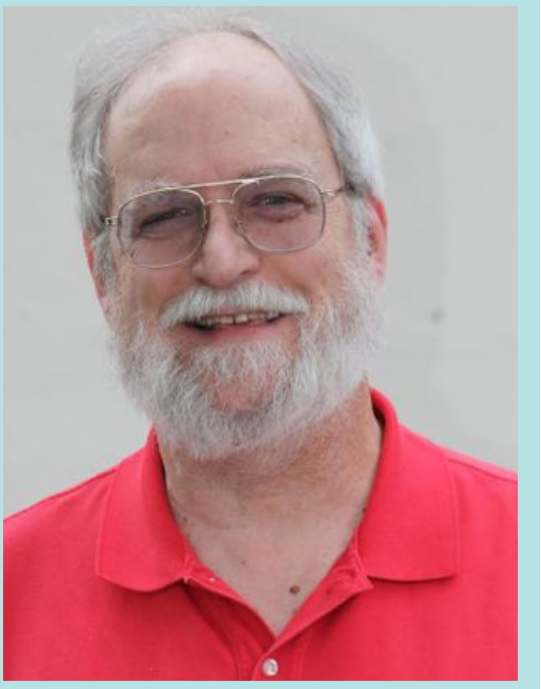
Goodbyes and new beginnings

We have some bittersweet news to share about two of our long-term employees. Our former Regional Coordinator and chess coach, Jim Cox, retired at the end of this chess season. We want to thank Jim for his invaluable contributions to the organization and the positive impact he had on countless students during his years with us.

Additionally, Richard Crockett, our current Tournament Director who has also served as a coach and Program Director, has announced his retirement at the end of the school year. Richard has been around the organization for almost 20 years and has undoubtedly been an integral part of its continued success. We deeply appreciate his dedication and wish him all the best in his retirement.



Jim Cox



Richard Crocket

A word from Richard

“As I am finally making the transition to "Retired," I can say that the years I have spent with Chess for Success as coach, program manager, programs operations director, and Tournaments Coordinator have been fulfilling and filled with many experiences.
The program has undergone many changes over the years but the goal of using chess to improve the academic and social lives of our clients (the kids!) is still strong. Best wishes to the current custodians of that mission. I will be happy to support you as best I can in the future.” -Richard

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On an exciting note, Jim has left us with an outstanding new Regional Coordinator for the Tillamook area: Stephen Owens is a lifelong Oregon resident and high-school social studies teacher. Steve has been coaching chess clubs since 2019 and he brings his passion for chess and education to his role at Chess for Success. With a deep love for the game and a commitment to nurturing critical thinking skills in youth, Stephen dedicates his time to teaching chess and empowering young minds. Outside of work, he enjoys spending quality time with his wife and three children, working on projects around the house, and enjoying the natural beauty of the Oregon Coast. We are thrilled to have him join our team in this new capacity!



Regional Coordinator, Steve Owens

Summer Camps

Chess for Success is excited to offer several summer camp options this year, thanks to our partnerships with Play East in Gresham, NCSD in North Clackamas, Latino Network in Portland, and the YMCA in Tillamook. These camps are open to both beginners and advanced students. While each camp may offer slightly different experiences, all will include chess lessons, creative activities, and outdoor time, weather permitting. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information on the Gresham camps, please visit PLAYEAST.ORG.
For more information on the Clackamas camps, please visit NCSD Summer Programs.
For more information on the Portland and Tillamook camps, please visit our website!

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