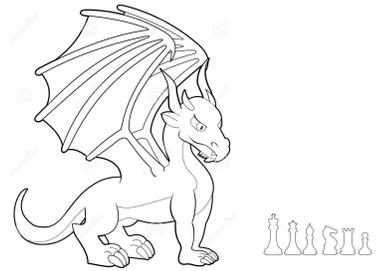


Olney Elementary Dragon Chess Club

Great news, the 2019-2020 Chess Club is gearing up!

The purpose of the club is to come together to play the board game of chess.

The game helps teach logic, persistence, fair play, social and time management, and is exciting. We are already building on the great legacy of previous years! OESCC is among the largest all-volunteer-run elementary chess clubs in the state. We had some off-season events, and our girls were even 5th in the Maryland State ES tournament last year! This year we will improve the rating systems so that students can play opponents of similar skill level more often, introduce the chess clock, algebraic move notation, and we will have some fun new pieces and awards for progress.



Our target admission to the chess club will be **forty 2nd-5th graders**. Younger players may be accommodated if they can already play the game, but are not guaranteed admittance. If an assistant mentor is identified we may be able to accommodate more. **Club parents and school age volunteers will assist in running the sessions.** Their jobs may include set up, take down, room supervision, and match pairing OESCC veterans may also be rules arbiters, to deal with any dispute resolution. SSL hours are available for students. Finally because this is projected to be a large club, parents are asked to serve as room monitors for one session to ensure safety and orderly play. A signup-genius link will be sent via email ASAP to help schedule their Friday session volunteer work. Thank you for your help!

Chess Club begins Friday December 6th, 2019, after school, in the APR/Cafeteria. A complete schedule of chess club activity days is available on the OES web page. In the event of early dismissal, Chess Club will not meet. There will be ten sessions and a tournament. **Students will need to be picked up by 5:15 pm by their parent/guardian.**

If your child is interested joining, please fill out the permission form below (one per player) and return it to your child's teacher.

Completed permission forms are **due by Friday, November 8th, available on page 2.**

There will be a **\$20 fee to join** the Chess Club, per child, payable to the OES PTA with this form. This covers supplies, snacks, awards, and a trophy or medal for every participant.

We look forward to another great year-

Best regards,

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OES Dragon Chess Club Permission Slip

I give my child _____ permission to join the OES Chess Club.

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

I understand that my child will stay after school for chess club, Fridays when school is in session, from 3:45 to 5:00 pm, and that the tournament in the final two sessions will occur until 5:30. Pickup is the responsibility of the parents and guardians each day.

I understand that chess is a fun thinking game, but that disrupting other's games is grounds for dismissal.

I understand that parents and local student volunteers will help supervise the club.

Email is used for club communications.

Cell phone contacts will be used for messaging or to coordinate pickup if necessary.

Contact Info:

Primary Parent Name (please print): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Secondary contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Primary Parent Signature _____



Please turn in permission slips to the teacher with your payment.

Thanks!