

Check Out the PS41 Chess Program, Mate!

By Lisa Yee, parent of Austin in 4th grade

We are so lucky to have one of the best chess programs in the city, if not the nation! students learn chess in the classroom, offers and after-school program to develop chess skills and can even participate in a top-ranked chess team at local, regional, and national scholastic tournaments.

Curriculum Chess. The PTA generously funds in-classroom chess instruction and has done so since 2003. All kindergarten, first and second grade students receive weekly chess instruction and play supervised games. A growing body of research shows the developmental benefits of chess for children. PS4 embraces these benefits that boost problem solving skills and good sportsmanship.

After School Program. For beginner and advanced chess instruction, several sessions of after school sessions are offered by NYC Knights in the school cafeteria.

Chess Team. Our most recent team outing was to the K-6 Nationals in Nashville back in May with the largest PS41



Young chess players make a sale at our first home tournament in October.

For more information about the chess program and how you help support it, please visit nycknights.com. You can also contact chess teacher Jeremy Scheinbach at ps41chess@gmail.com or the PS 41 chess parent coordinators, Dede Jawde and Lisa Yee, at ps41chessparent@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars!
Our next home tournaments will be in February and April 2016.



The K-5 team celebrates their second place win at the 2015 K-6 Nationals in Nashville.

group ever of 28 children! Four different age category teams competed, with our K-5 team placing second in the nation! Coming up next, the team will compete at the K-12 NYC, NY State and National Championships. Go team!

National Chess Day. On October 10th, we celebrated National Chess Day at our first home tournament. There were chess arts and crafts, a chess trivia raffle game and door prizes for all participants. The day was a big happy success.

Chess Tournaments. Several times a year our school hosts tournaments for school age children of all skill levels. These events serve to give children practical experience in tournament play, as well as raise funds for our traveling chess team.

41 Cares thanks all the parent and staff volunteers who helped load several tons of canned food from the school to City Harvest trucks for the Canned Food Drive this year. The program was such a huge success thanks to you!