

Mesquite Elementary

2017-2018

Mesquite Chess Club

Parent Information Packet



Your Chess Club

The Mesquite Chess Club meets Tuesday's from 3:00 – 4:30pm, 10/10/17 through 04/24/18.

The registration fee is \$10 per member which includes all 24, 90-minute sessions.

The first 5 weeks of chess club will be learning/reviewing each chess piece, how they move and how to play their individual Chess Mini-Game[®]. It's important for members to attend every meeting, during this time because this is when structure and routines are established. That makes it easier for students to understand the club's processes for the rest of the year. Returning students from last year's *Taste of Chess Program* will have the opportunity to participate in the Chess Mini-Game[®] lessons and practices, volunteer to help those learning the Chess Mini-Games[®] or play and practice Full Games, report each game's results.

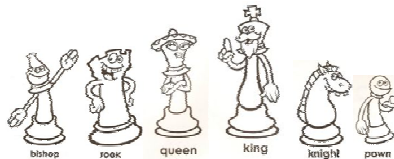
On November 14, we will be having a Pot Luck Party to celebrate the combining of the two groups. We will have a Pillar Game Tournament 3-4pm and the Pot Luck will start at 4pm. From November 14 through April 24, students will not be divided into the previous two sections. They will be one large group. However, lessons will still be provided to small groups each week

On April 24, we will have our second Pot Luck Party to celebrate the end-of-year Awards Ceremony, where 1/3 of all participants will earn a trophy and all participants will receive a certificate.

There will be various opportunities for members to play chess matches both in-house and against other schools, as well as to be a part of the Mesquite Chess Team in the AV Scholastic Chess League.

Throughout the duration of the club, parents/guardians may have questions or need to discuss their child with the coach. Please choose a time when Ms. Daa is not occupied with her coaching responsibilities, make an appointment, or email her. See the **“Meet your Coach”** section for contact information.

We believe Chess Club Members will find it easy to follow the Chess Club policies such as: no hats indoors, speak in complete sentences, etc. However, *it's always helpful when parents act as role models in this area.*



Parent Info Meeting Notes

Use the spot here for any questions or notes you want to remember:

Your Volunteer Commitment

VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NEED TO KNOW HOW TO PLAY CHESS!

In a typical Chess Club, a few parents take it upon themselves to volunteer at every Chess Club Meeting and those volunteers make a lasting impression on the children for their commitment.

It is because of that core group that each Chess Club Member's parent/guardian need volunteer for only one meeting per semester, though you are always welcome to volunteer for more.

A volunteer's role is to assist the Chess Coach by: monitoring the students, guiding them station to station, check-in and check-out procedures, supervising set-up and pack-up, etc.

Without volunteers, the coach is unable to give the small-group lessons each week that enable each child to improve her/his chess play and otherwise have a positive and successful Chess Club experience.

ALTERNATIVES TO VOLUNTEERING FOR A CHESS CLUB MEETING

- ___ Volunteer from home (be the club liaison with other parents via email and/or phone)
- ___ Volunteer to organize (the Pot Luck Party on 11/14 or 04/24)
- ___ Opt Out by paying \$15 to be excused from any Chess Club Volunteer Commitment

Use the list below to remind yourself which dates you've signed-up to volunteer from 3:00-4:30 PM:

10/10/2017 ___	12/12/2017 ___	02/27/2018 ___
10/17/2017 ___	01/09/2018 ___	03/06/2018 ___
10/24/2017 ___	01/16/2018 ___	03/13/2018 ___
10/31/2017 ___	01/23/2018 ___	03/27/2018 ___
11/07/2017 ___	01/30/2018 ___	04/03/2018 ___
11/14/2017 ___	02/06/2018 ___	04/10/2018 ___
11/28/2017 ___	02/13/2018 ___	04/17/2018 ___
12/05/2017 ___	02/20/2018 ___	04/24/2018 ___

Meet Your Chess Coach

Ms. Daa

Daa (day) Anne Mahowald

daa@mahowald.org (661) 466-6907 – text only

- has been teaching chess for 30 years
- is frequently ranked as one of the Top 100 U.S. Women 'Quick Chess'
- is a professional academic tutor for individual and small groups (since 1985)
- has been running Chess Clubs in the Antelope Valley since 2010
- editor of the ***Chess in the Antelope Valley*** e-newsletter since 2010

See complete resume at <http://chess4.us/> under About Ms. Daa

Behavior Contract

MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MEMBER OF THE MESQUITE CHESS CLUB

I agree to follow the Mesquite Chess Club Rules:

1. Respect the rights and property of others
2. Follow through on my responsibilities
3. Treat those in the Chess Club as I want to be treated.

As a member of the Mesquite Chess Club, I can follow these rules by:

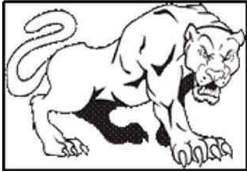
- Being respectful and polite towards:
the Chess Coaches, Volunteers, & other Chess Club members.
- Being a good listener
- Only using my 'quiet voice'
- Following directions, the first time
- Using kind words and actions
- Using non-violent ways to resolve conflict
- Keeping my hands and feet quiet and to myself

Participation in the Mesquite Chess Club is a privilege and will be limited to students who are well behaved and follow the Chess Club rules. If a student is in violation of these rules, the following actions will be taken:

- 1st Incident: Oral warning and conversation with Parent/Guardian.
2nd Incident: Written warning and suspension from the next Chess Club meeting
3rd Incident: Written warning and suspension from the next 2 Chess Club meetings
4th Incident: Written statement revoking the student's Chess Club Membership for the rest 2017/2018 school year

Please note that this structure of consequences is in place only as a precaution.
We fully expect all Mesquite Chess Club Members to have a positive and successful experience and that these consequences will not have to be implemented.

REGISTRATION FORM



Mesquite Elementary

MESQUITE CHESS CLUB



Open to all K-8 students – Held Tuesdays, October 10 through April 24
The fee for this club is \$10/student for all 24, 90-minute club meetings.

REGISTRATION FORM

STUDENT # 1 – NEW STUDENT RETURNING STUDENT

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

STUDENT # 2 – NEW STUDENT RETURNING STUDENT

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Contact phone: _____ Family Email: _____

Are there any special accommodations or allergies we should be aware of? (please do not leave blank) _____

Permission and General Release Form: As a parent/guardian, I give permission for, my student(s)

_____ to participate in the Mesquite Chess Club.

[Print Student's Name(s)]

(Please Initial) _____

I agree to abide by the rules of the **Behavior Contract** found in the Parent Information Packet and have discussed the rules of the club with my child(ren).

NOTE: This contract will be reviewed in the club and children will agree and sign their own copy.

I do do not

(Please Check One)

grant permission for photographs/video taken by anyone who covers this event, as well as the organizers, to use in press releases or promotional literature.

Select One:

(Please Initial) _____

I agree to volunteer myself or an adult of my household for one meeting per semester as listed in the **Your Volunteer Commitment** section of the Parent Information Packet.

OR

(Please Initial) _____

I choose an alternative to volunteering by agreeing to one of the options listed below:

Volunteer from Home Volunteer to Organize Opt-Out by paying \$15

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____