

SAY YES TO CHESS!

WHY CHESS?

Well documented educational research has demonstrated that chess is a valuable tool to teach children skills they need to succeed in school and life. According to research compiled by Dr. Robert Ferguson, chess is an effective tool because it helps teach and improves:

- All levels of critical thinking skills (knowledge, comprehension, analysis, evaluation)
- Forethought and visualization
- Problem solving skills
- Concentration and self-discipline
- Responsible decision making
- Calculated risk taking
- Determination and perseverance



CHESS is everything...

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Fun*

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CHANGING LIVES ONE MOVE AT A TIME



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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Renaissance Knights is a non-profit educational program that uses chess to help children build and develop skills that will help them be successful in school and life.

Through our Chess for Chicago program We sponsor chess clubs in elementary and middle schools where at least 35% of the children qualify for free and reduced lunches.

Chess for Chicago Program provides:



- Training sessions for coaches
- Comprehensive lesson plans
- Chess equipment for the clubs
- Library books for the school
- Practice tournaments
- Entry fees for regional tournaments

The need for our program is great. An estimated 50,000 kids citywide spend between 20-25 hours a week alone after school – with the most dangerous hours between 3 pm and 6 pm. These unsupervised young people are much more likely to be the victims of crime or become involved in risky behaviors. Recent youth violence in Chicago provides strong impetus for improving the lives of the city's youth.

Particularly in schools and neighborhoods where few good after-school alternatives are available, our Clubs provide a safe social setting that is ideal for the full realization of chess' educational and developmental benefits.



"I am really impressed with how enthusiastically our students have embraced the Chess program. The older group of 50 5-8th graders has signed up for another 8 weeks. Thank you for providing such a wonderful resource for our students."

Priscilla J. Barbier - Assistant Principal

The Chess for Chicago Program operates through strategic partnerships with community and governmental organizations coming together to address the need to bridge the educational divide, stop youth violence and keep kids in school, while teaching them fundamental skills that will help them make the right choices throughout their childhood, adolescence and on into young adulthood.

Participating Schools

Bateman
Burley
Chavez
Deneen
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Galileo
Hay School
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Longwood
Louis Armstrong
Marshall H. S.
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Murphy
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Pershing West
Solomon
Stewart
Sullivan
Thorpe

GET INVOLVED

Renaissance Knights is a 501(c)(3) organization that is committed to making chess an important part of our community. We provide affordable, fun and high quality chess education through school and community based programs. The most important aspect of our mission is to develop in-school and after-school scholastic chess programs. Chess teaches valuable lessons for developing students like problem solving, critical thinking, spatial awareness and goal setting.

We are funded annually by contributions from corporations, foundations and private individuals, and rely on raising funds annually to sustain and expand our service. Without your continued generosity it would not be possible to provide these powerful educational programs.

We look to you during this critical time to ensure that our programs will reach under served students in our participating Chicago Public Schools.

Will you make a tax-deductible donation now to help us fulfill our promises to these deserving students?

If you'd like more information about us, our programs, or if you'd like to support our cause with a financial contribution, please call us at 847-526-9025, or e-mail renknights@aol.com



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