



# Chess Club

**Spring Hill Elementary School**

**Friday afternoons 3:45 – 5:15**

**Fall Session: September 27 – January 24**

**In the Cafeteria**

***For All Levels of Students in Grades 2 - 6  
Be Part of An Exciting Chess Club!***

We teach the rules to beginners and strategy to advanced players. Mr. David Mehler, the founder of the U.S. Chess Center and one of the first certified Professional Chess Coaches in the country, will be our head instructor. His philosophy places the focus on improving one's skills. Good sportsmanship is the key to having fun.

Chess teaches responsibility, discipline, and critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Chess players learn how to make the most of their opportunities and how to turn a bad situation to their advantage. They learn not to make excuses for their set-backs, and to win and lose graciously.

Students who do not already know the rules of the game will be taught. They will learn much more than the names of the pieces and how they move. Children learn to plan ahead, to value their material and to distinguish good ideas from bad ones. They learn to see things from more than one point of view.

Mr. Mehler's students have won dozens of state and national championships. Hundreds of his students enjoy the game so much that they are still playing as adults.

Unlike other after-school programs, chess club is run in two semester-long sessions, meeting every Friday the cafeteria is available. Students may register for either or both sessions. Most chess club members join both.

***Sponsored by Spring Hill Elementary School PTO. Families must be a Spring Hill PTO member to register.***