

November 11th, 2020

Greetings La Cima Families,

We are happy to announce the introduction of chess to our La Cima scholars in grades 3-5.

The game of chess is known for its positive impact on students as a whole and we are very excited to offer it to our scholars as an enrichment program. Chess is a complex game of strategy. It incorporates elements of art, science, and sports. Studying chess disciplines the mind, and develops logical thinking and abstract reasoning skills that help a person well beyond the chess board.

WHY CHESS?

The game of chess has been known throughout centuries for its profound impact in shaping behavior and inculcating values and attitudes in human beings. Chief among these are:

- **Social:** Chess builds inter-personal skills through game playing and encouraging dynamic interactions.
- **Physical:** Chess involves controlling oneself physically, particularly impulsiveness, for extended periods of time.
- **Academic:** Chess involves a whole range of cognitive skills including analysis, planning, forward thinking, memory and a knowledge of history.
- **Creative:** Chess involves imagination, thinking creatively, and the ability to find the best move under pressure.
- **Emotional:** The program focuses on resilience building through a mind sport.

PARTICIPATION PATHWAYS:

1. To begin, we will use chess as an incentive program for scholars who have consistently demonstrated our CARE values.
2. Teachers will recommend scholars for the program based on the following criteria:
 - Possesses a solid attendance record with few absences and/or tardies
 - Completes assignments on time
 - Participates in class and upholds CARE values consistently

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- There are 40 seats available for 2 classes of 20 scholars per class.
- Sessions are 1 hour long
- All activity will be implemented remotely over Zoom using chess tools and resources provided by Kings County Chess on the www.lichess.org chess platform.
- The only requirement is that students have access to a computer
- Program Duration: Trimester 2: December 4th -February 26th

In Partnership,

Letta Belle

Please complete the agreement form below as soon as possible to register your scholar for the program.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Principal Belle

Chess Program Entry Form

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Classroom Name _____ Teacher: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Program Cost: FREE

Return Application to your scholar's teacher by Friday, November 20th, 2020

PARENT PERMISSION AND AGREEMENT

_____ has permission to participate in the La Cima Chess enrichment program on Fridays from

12-1p

1p-2p

I understand that if my child must attend every class and if he/she absent from the program at any time, he/she will be dropped from the program.

The program is in session from December 4th-February 26th, 2020 and my scholar will attend each session.

(December 4th; 12th; 18th; January 8th; 15th; 22nd; 29th; February 5th; 12th; 26th)

I understand that my child must uphold the La Cima C.A.R.E principles at all times. If my child misbehaves or is uncooperative, he/she will be dropped from the program

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____