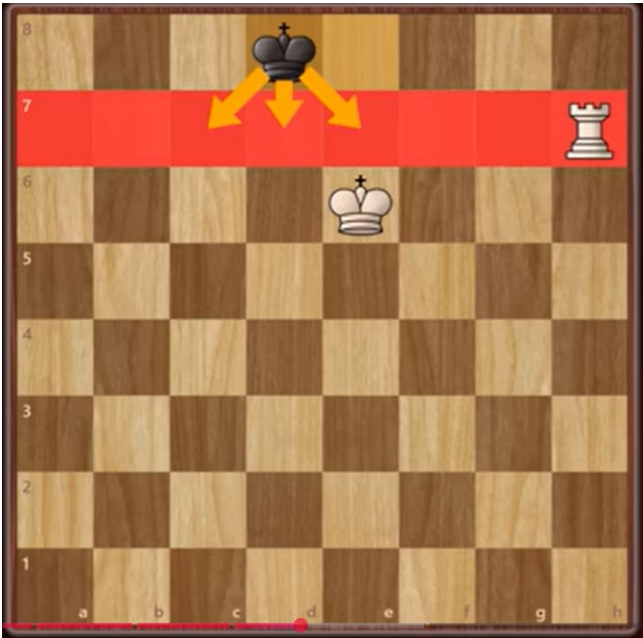


## Prairie Chess Club Newsletter: Week 12 Summary

Dear Chess Club Families:

### Ridge Chess Club:

This week we went over the phases of chess and focused on the end game. We talked about a checkmate with a Rook and a King. Then we had an open vs matching scheme and continued to play games vs each other. High school students came up with chess puzzles for students while kids waited for the next match.



### Leaderboard Puzzles

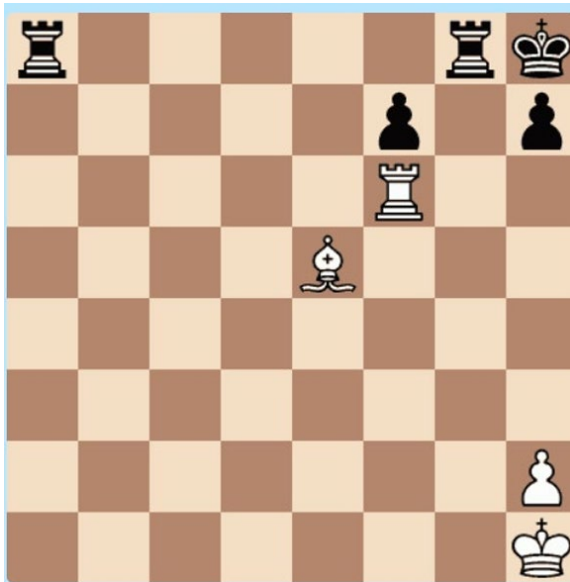
1. Ivan Price
2. Conroy Lorimer
3. Julian Bass

### Leaderboard – Games

1. Ethan Klostermann
2. Julian Bass
3. Marah Winegard

### Creek Chess Club:

We had bughouse tournament with different teams. Bughouse is a variant of chess with two teams that involve moving pieces between boards. We continued to go over a couple of puzzles too.



Medium Puzzle – Mate in 3  
(White to move)

### Extra reminder of the time and location:

#### **Prairie Creek (Cafeteria)**

Grades: 5th-8th

Address: 401 76th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Start Time: 2:45PM

**End Time: 3:30PM**

#### **Prairie Ridge (Library)**

Grades: 3rd-4th

Address: 278 S Pr Rd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Start Time: 4:15PM

**End Time: 5:00PM**

### Upcoming Chess Tournament:

We are trying to gauge interest in the upcoming Chess Tournament that we Prairie is hosting on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Currently we are looking for a new location to host the tournament.

<https://forms.gle/nC1Dc9U7q2iLkXsU9> - Submission form.

### 5th-8th Prairie Chess Club Participants and Families:

It is great to see that the Prairie Chess Club continues to grow, and kids are enjoying the experience. As with all clubs and activities, we want that progress to continue. In order to make that possible, at times we have to make some adjustments. One adjustment that is needed at this moment is to ensure participants are picked up in a timely manner. With the conclusion of the chess club at 3:30, it is the expectation that parents are waiting to pick up their child no later than 3:30. This ensures prompt departure so that no additional

supervision is needed. Following the conclusion of the chess club at Creek, Coach Josh has to quickly transition to Ridge to lead the elementary chess club and the staff at Creek have other responsibilities. As a result, from this point forward, any chess club participant that is not picked up in a prompt manner (3:45 at the very latest) will be restricted from participating the following week. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure timely pick up and the successful continuation of all chess club participants. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Volunteering and Donation Opportunities:**

**Creek:** If we could find a parent or two that would be up for waiting with kids from 3:30pm to 4pm (we do have some students that have to be picked up later) otherwise we will need to implement the plan above from the administration.

We have a donation page for snacks, stickers, and items for the chess club here:

<https://ia-collegecommunity-lite.intouchreceipting.com/ChessClub>

We're also trying the Amazon Referral Program on the Prairie Chess site:

<https://prairiechessclub.org/store>

**Ridge:** Is running low on snacks again. We're open to accepting snacks or via the donation link.

**Behavior Expectations:**

We have the same behavior expectations of students during chess club as they do during the school day. Prairie Chess Club volunteers will intervene in any inappropriate behavior that is observed. Prairie Chess Club volunteers will refer such observed incidents to school staff for any action that may be warranted. Parents are encouraged to let me know of any incidents that are not directly observed by the Prairie Chess Club volunteers.

\*We had several students running from other buildings to Ridge Chess Club. Students need to walk not run with volunteers to the Ridge Chess Club.

**Chess Kids Accounts:**

Chess kids accounts are available! This is a free online resource that supplements chess club meetings. See the other document on chess kids for how to get access to the accounts. We will be rewarding kids who do the most puzzles next week!

<https://chesskids.com/> - Chess Kids website

Thanks, Josh!