

Prairie Chess Club Newsletter: Week 5 Summary

Dear Chess Club Families:

Chess Tournaments

Prairie Chess Tournament is planned for **10/24/2026**, and Chess in Iowa is helping us run the event. You can register here: https://www.kingregistration.com/event/CRLJ_10_26

I have a list of redeemable vouchers for registering on <https://uschess.org>. Please reach out if you need one.

We are looking for parent volunteers who would be available for setup, selling pizza/pop, and teardown/cleanup. Here is a link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA5AF23A6F8CE9-66831282-prairie>

There is another chess tournament planned on **November 14, 2026**.

You can register here: https://www.kingregistration.com/event/CRLJ_11_26

Ridge Chess Club:

Ridge students learned chess notation in preparation for our upcoming tournament. They then participated in a game while recording notation to reinforce the skill. Following the exercise, students played matches against one another. High School volunteers also assisted students in solving chess puzzles, notation and playing games.



Nf4 for moving Knight



O-O for Castling King Side

Chess Puzzles Elementary School (Durning chess club):

Rank	Student	Club	Total Attempts	Puzzles Solved
#1	Harrison Putz	Elementary	10	3
#2	William Brecht	Elementary	2	1

Note: We will be giving rewards for these. Chess Puzzles help supplement in game situations.

Chess Notation Scores Elementary School (Durning chess games):

1	Cael Dudley	11
2	Cooper Patocka	10
3	Vance Trampe	10

Students' notation sheets will be available online if they are completed and turned in.

Note: We will be giving rewards for these(stickers). Chess notation helps keep track of the moves played during a game. It provides a record of what happened if we need to work backward through a position, helps verify game results, and highlights areas where students can improve their play.

Creek Chess Club:

This week we continued the bug house team's tournament with different pairings. Students did puzzles. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bughouse_chess

Note: Bughouse is a fun alternative to chess that helps reinforce chess concepts while encouraging teamwork and communication. The goal is to keep it fun, friendly, and team oriented while still helping students develop their chess skills.



Puzzle Reviewed

1	Galactic Gummy Bears William Frese & Theo groteluschen	2-0-2
2	The Turbo Turtles Elijah Dorrell & Eli Ketchum	2-0-2
3	Cheery Cheetahs Jordan Schulte & Cale Mallicoat	2-1-3

Bug House Standings

Chess Puzzles Middle School (Durning chess club):

Rank	Student	Club	Puzzles Solved
#1	Ethan Klostermann	Middle School	12
#2	Rory Miner	Middle School	9
#3	Aaron Wong	Middle School	9

Note: We will be giving rewards for these. Chess Puzzles help supplement in game situations.

Allergy Form:

I'm reaching out to confirm our records regarding student allergies. Please fill out this form with any known food allergies.

Allergy Form: <https://forms.gle/NLXgJogJWam5MWdo8>

Shirt Update:

The order form has been submitted and is currently moving through the school's approval process. I will provide updates and relay any communication I receive from either the school or the vendor.

ChessKids Update:

I've created new accounts and verified old chesskid accounts. All of them should be available on the website if password reminders are needed. I'll attach a chesskids link for the account access. Let me know if you have questions. I am planning on giving out rewards for chess puzzles weekly.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Thanks, Josh