

SPICEWOOD CHESS CLUB

Chess Club Review 2015-2016 School Year

May 2016



Chess Club Accomplishments This Year

- Spicewood Elementary Chess Club continues to be a [top local scholastic program](#)
- Many students participated in and won [individual and team trophies](#) at local scholastic tournaments
- Started club meetings [two weeks earlier](#) than normal and it made a big difference at the first tournament of the season
- Held 36 club meetings over the school year which is [an increase of 6](#) compared to last year
- Integrated chess [training videos](#) into our club meetings to focus on openings, tactics and strategy
- Continue to improve and post news on our website (spicewoodchess.org)



Chess Club Accomplishments This Year - continued

- Opened the Spicewood Chess Club [Chess Store](#) twice, which is probably the most popular aspect of Chess Club for many students!

- Held a movie event with a showing of “[Searching for Bobby Fischer](#)”

- Organized an 8 week [advanced training class](#) that 15 club members participated.

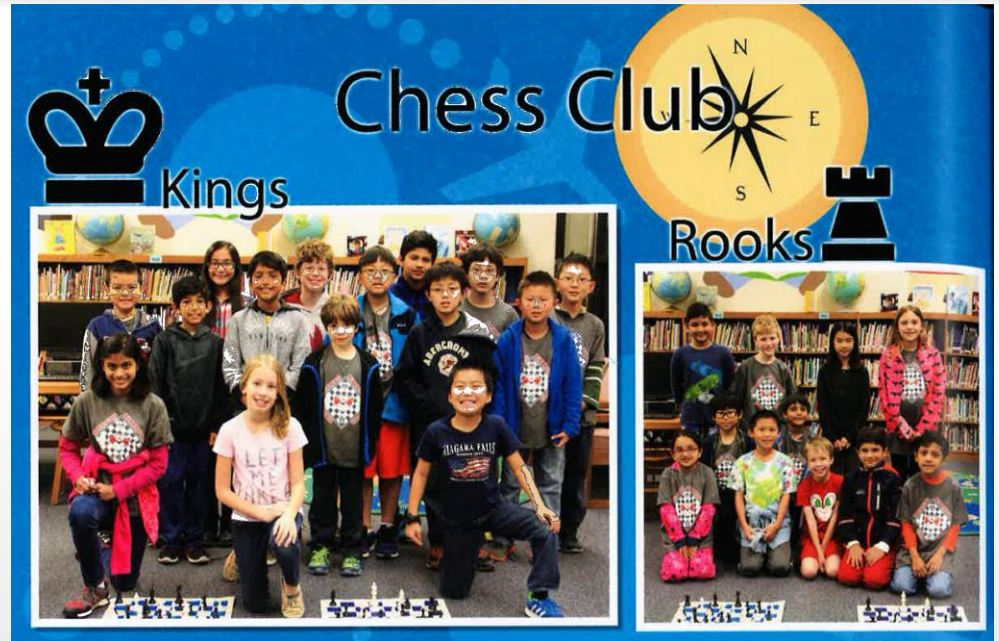
- Renewed membership with [Chesskid.com](#) for the year and integrated its use during our weekly club meetings

- Purchased a [preamp](#) to improve the sound system in the library (\$56)



Chess Skill Groups

- This year, we consolidated and renamed our chess skill groups into four groups:
 - Pawns – Beginner
 - Knights – Intermediate
 - Rooks – Advanced
 - Kings – Expert
- We also worked to generate a skills checklist for each group to work on throughout the year.



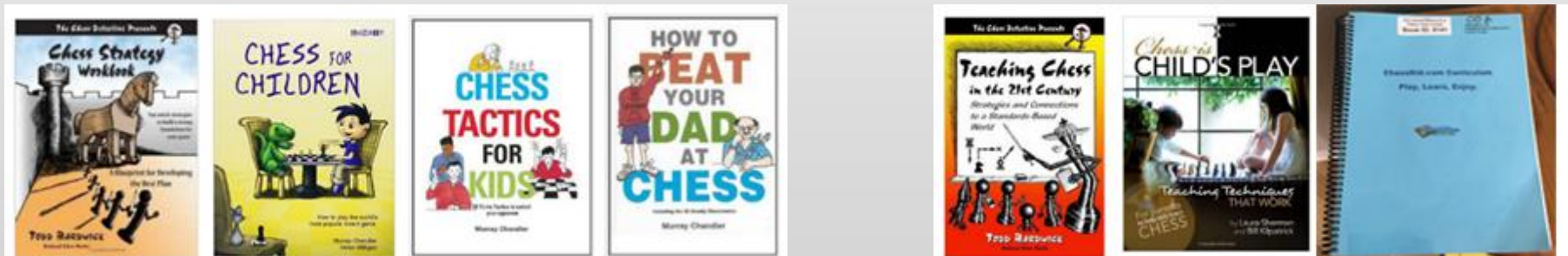
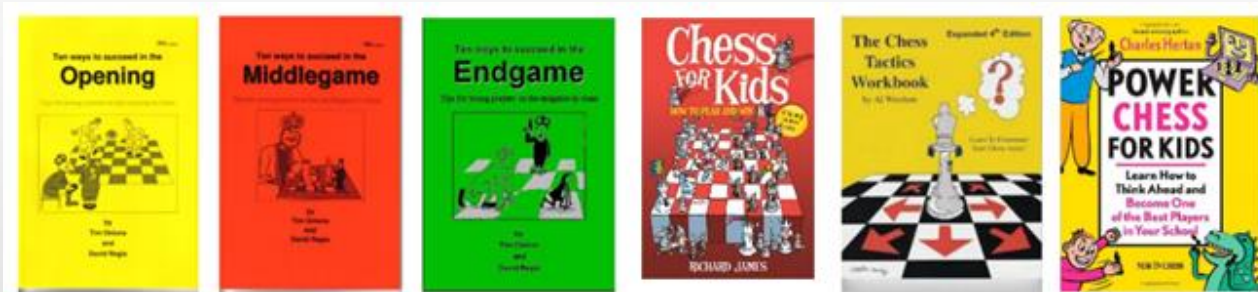
Club T-shirt

- We used a previous design for this year's club t-shirt. It was designed by club member [Ethan Yang](#) when he was in 1st grade (now 4th) and it was first used during the 2012-13 school year.
- We purchased [164](#) youth and [67](#) adult shirts for \$700.67 printed by [Austin Screen Print](#) (~\$3 per shirt)
- [48](#) T-shirts were given to Spicewood staff and Chess club volunteers to promote the chess club
- [9](#) Adult T-shirts were purchased by parents (\$3 each)



Chess Library

- The Chess Club has a collection of [chess training books](#) that the students can check out during the school year
- We have 12 different books offered and in total, we have 167 books that can be checked out
- It is a great resource for the students and we thank Chris Mason for being our librarian this year



Chess Folders

- Last year, we noticed many of our chess club folders were getting lost or damaged over time.
- We decided to purchase plastic folders that are more durable and have a built in pocket for the kids to store their earned Chess Bucks.
- These folders are ~\$4 each, so we plan to collect them at the end of the year to reuse next year.
- We also utilized the central binding to provide each skill group with appropriate worksheets and training materials.



Label on the outside
of each folder



Chess Clocks

- The use of a Chess clock is essential for the students that attend tournaments
- The club has a total of [44 chess clocks](#) for the students to use during our club meetings



Advanced Training Class

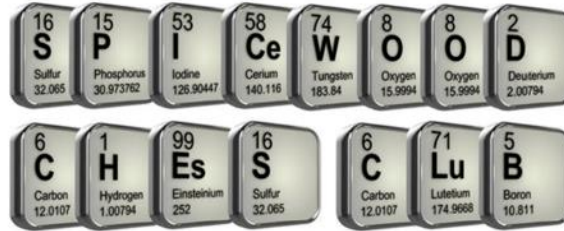
- During the Spring semester, we organized an 8 week training class that met at the same time as our Friday club meetings
- The class was led by Kannan Kaliyur and his two sons, Rohith and Shreyes in the Science lab
- We limited the class to 15 slots which filled quickly and helped students receive more individualized training
- It was a great success and we look forward organizing more of these classes next year.



Bookmarks Given to Students



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While you are enjoying your summer vacation, please join us on the club's website, spicewoodchess.org for posts about the history of Chess, Chesskids.com contests, training videos and other fun events.



FALL 2015 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Meridian School

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Canyon Creek Elementary

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COMPETING IN CHESS TOURNAMENTS IS FUN

AND GIVES YOU AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN AND CHALLENGE YOUR SKILLS

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SPICEWOOD CHESS CLUB

- A single gold membership costs \$49 per year. Discounts are given to [bulk purchases](#)
- The club purchased 75 gold memberships which were used throughout the year (\$499)
- This gives students access to full video training, lessons, workouts, puzzles and articles
- We began allowing students to use Chesskid.com during club meetings in the Spring
- We hope the students continue to use this resource over the summer break



Tournament Photos



Simultaneous Chess

- Local chess experts, Gary Gaiffe and Josh Newsham helped out on a pre-tournament Saturday by playing some simultaneous matches with our kids.



Chess Store

- Chess club students receive **Chess Bucks** for attending our Friday morning club meetings as well as for attending tournaments and participating in our online Chesskids contests.
- Twice a year, we open a Chess Store filled with toys, games, books and other fun items for the students to purchase with their collected Chess Bucks.
- The Chess Store is a great motivator for our students to encourage them to wake up early on Fridays for our club meetings as well as attend tournaments.
- Special thanks to our Chess Store coordinators, **Terri Schlosser and Karen Pavlovic**



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Chess Bucks Economy



Lots of Chess Bucks are collected at the Chess Store!

Sponsored Tournament

- The Spicewood Chess Club did not sponsor a local chess tournament this year.
- The planning, organization and commitment of volunteers and school staff needed to properly hold a chess tournament is a large drain on our limited resources and put a strain on our ability to continue as a school sponsored club.
- We continue to review and work with [Gary Gaiffe](#) on how best to support local tournaments for the next school year.

- In its second year of operation, we continued to add content including:
 - Tournament results
 - Club meeting reviews
 - Chess history
 - Chess in art
 - Chess library
 - Chess quotes
 - Chess and club rules
 - Tshirt history
 - Unique chess sets
 - Chess clock operation
 - Chess training materials



Spicewood Elementary Chess Club

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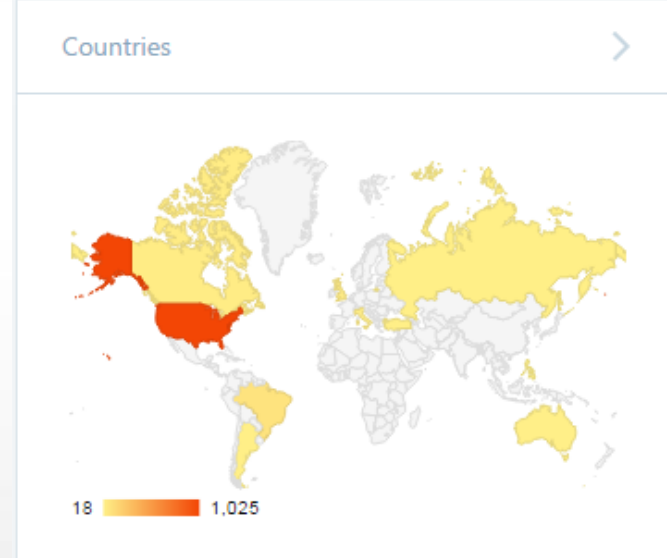
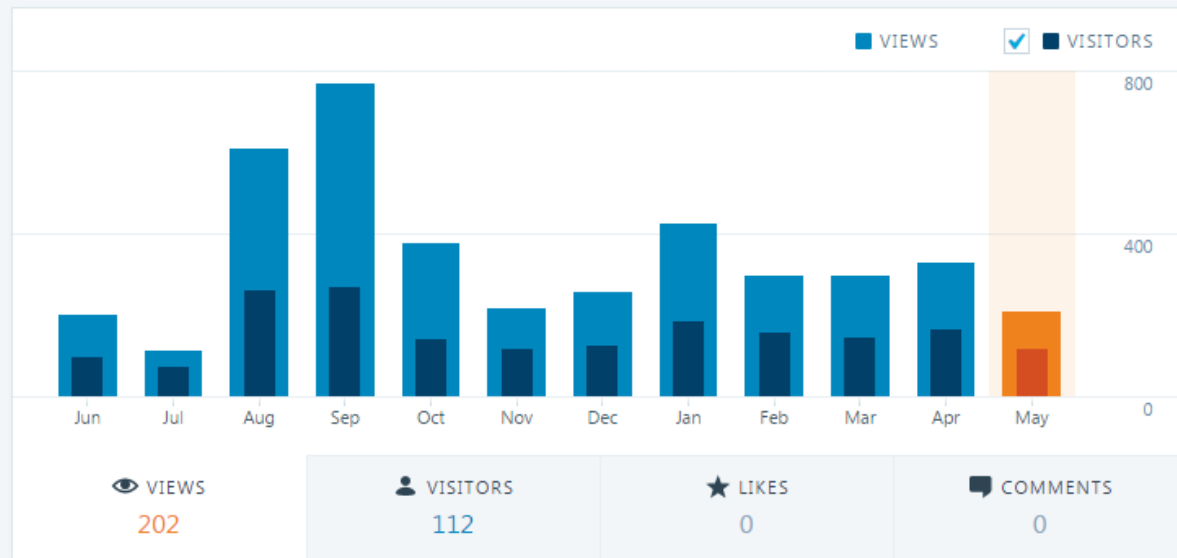


Chess in Art

The iconography of chess and checkered surfaces has influenced art through the ages. Especially after 1000, when checkered surfaces also became connected to the chessboard. Chess became a source of inspiration in the arts in literature soon after the spread of the game to the Arab World and Europe in the Middle Ages. The earliest works of art centered on the game are miniatures in medieval manuscripts, as well as poems, which were often created with the purpose of describing the rules. After chess gained popularity in the 15th and 16th centuries, many works of art related to the game were created.

[\[Show thumbnails\]](#)





Country	Views
United States	1,025
Brazil	97
Canada	42
United Kingdom	39
Italy	36
Argentina	24
Turkey	22
Russia	22
Australia	21
Philippines	18

All-time posts, views, and visitors

POSTS	VIEWS	VISITORS	BEST VIEWS EVER
62	5,187	2,116	105
			AUGUST 24, 2015

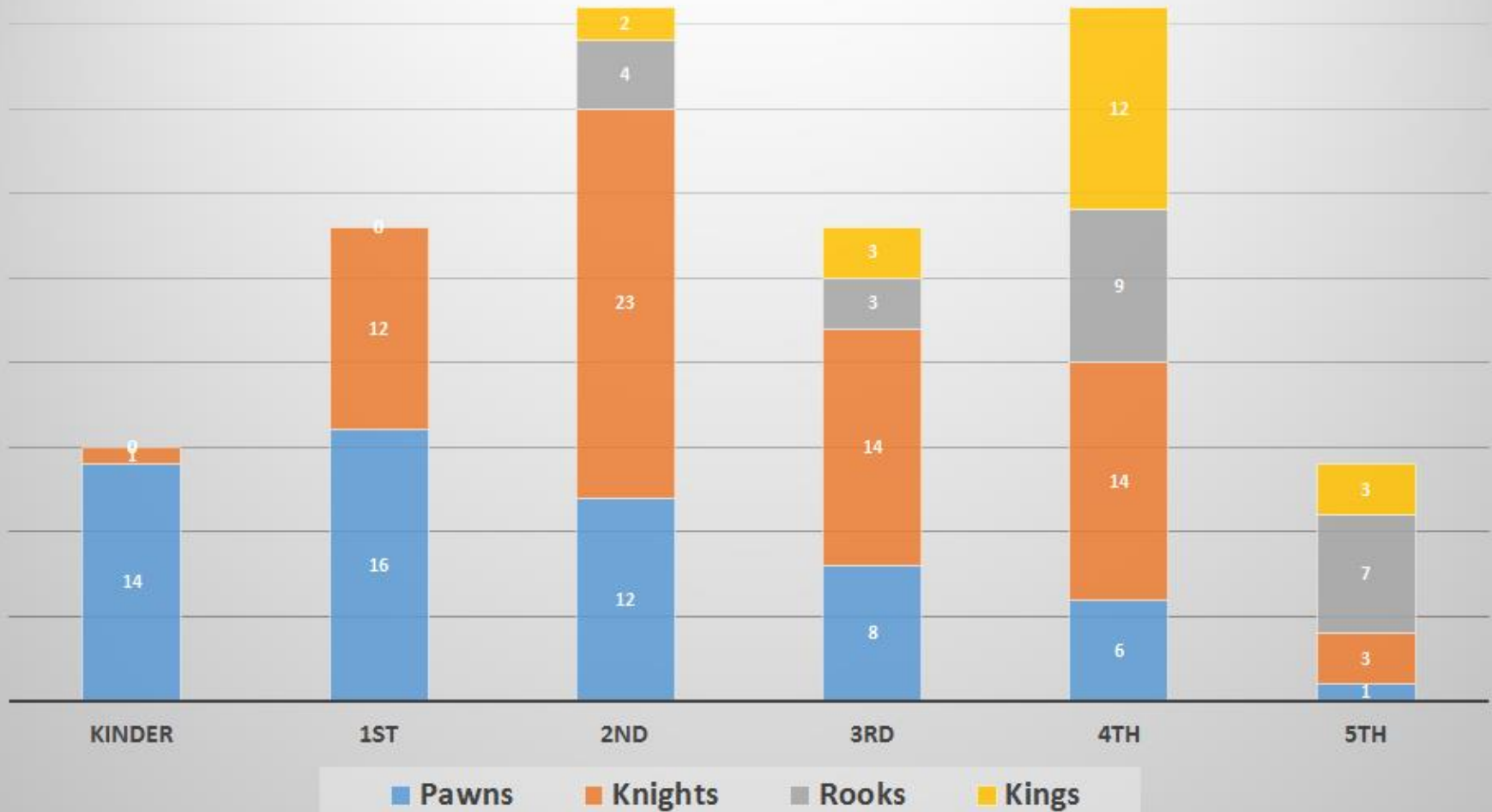
MOST POPULAR DAY	MOST POPULAR HOUR
Monday	9:00 PM
18% of views	9% of views

- Designed to improve our communication and training impact.
- Weekly posts containing news about meetings, training, tournaments and more.
- Training videos shown during club meetings for kids to review.
- Individual skill group pages with training information. (Knights, Rooks, etc)
- List of available Chess books from our Club library.
- Calendar and Links to local Chess clubs and Chess events.
- Instructions on how to use all of our Chess clocks.
- Information and videos on the history of Chess.
- Information on the Chess and its influence on Art.
- Fun pages showing unique Chess sets and Chess game variations.

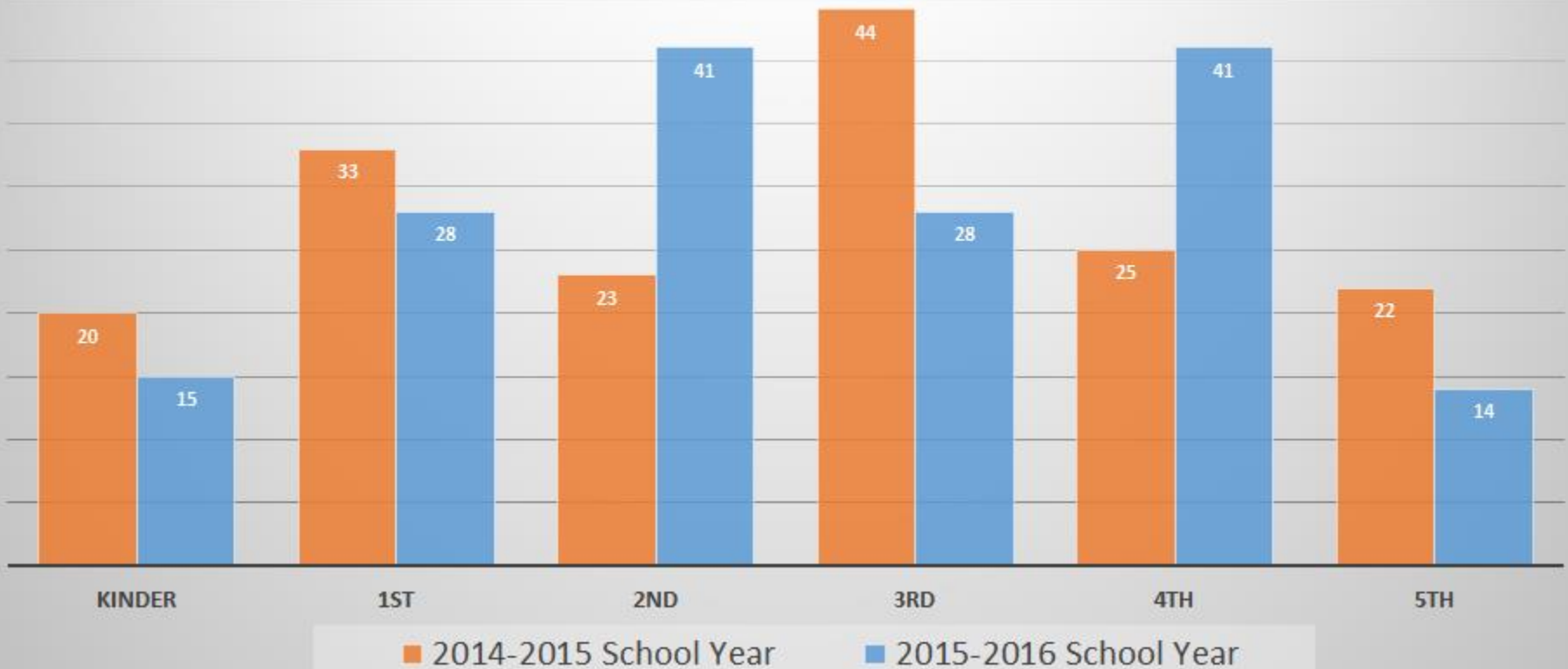
2014-2015 Club Statistics

- 167 registered students (same number as last year!)
- 36 Friday morning Club meetings that were well attended. (6:40-7:40AM)
 - 6 more than last year
- Chess Club students participated in all locally sponsored scholastic tournaments and had great performances. (5 in total)
- Increased Chesskid.com activity.
- Club income from registration fees: ~\$3665

2015-2016 Spicewood Chess Club Demographics

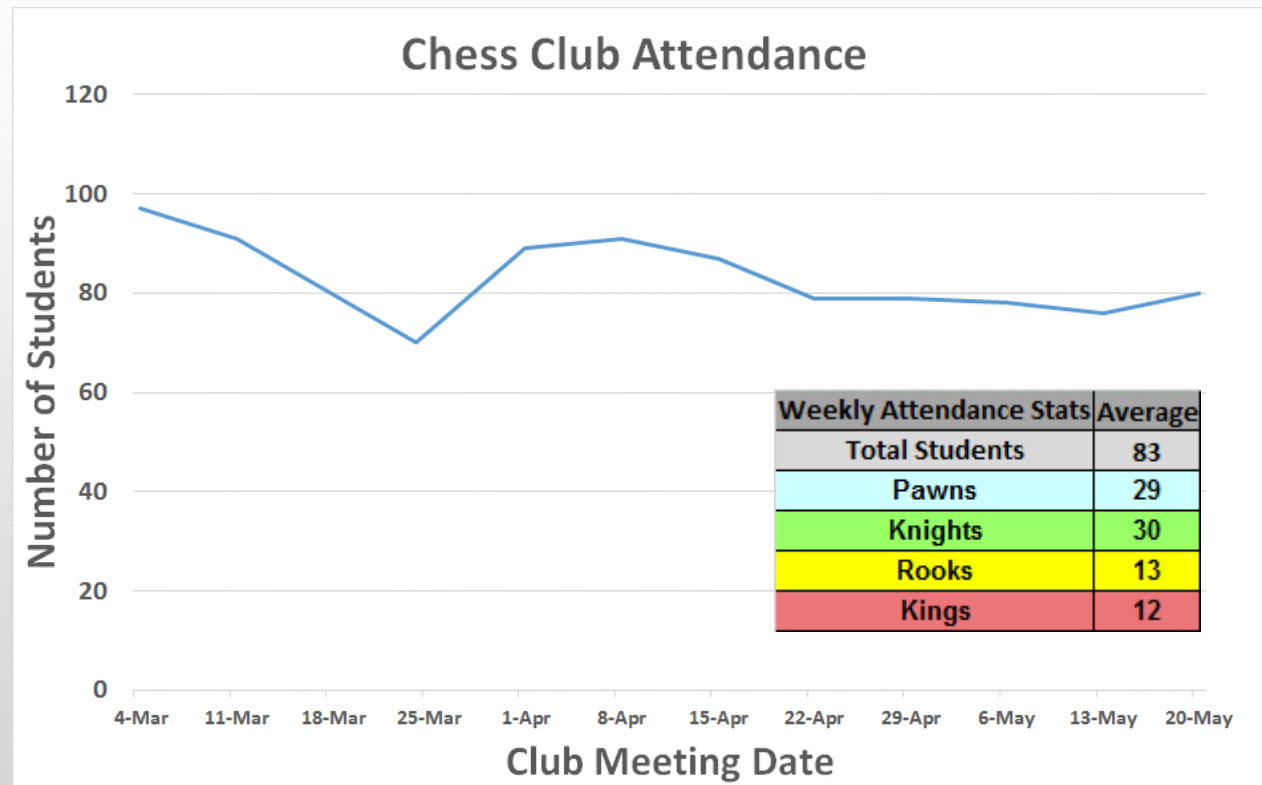
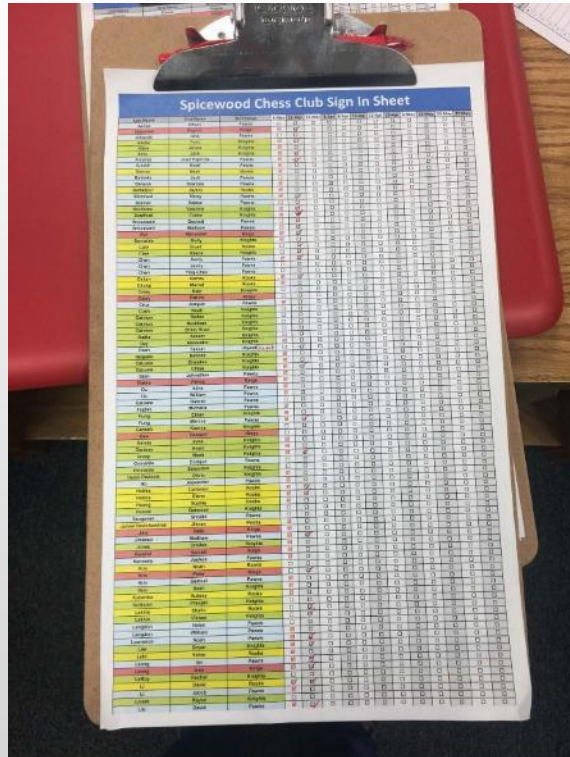


Chess Club Members per Grade



Attendance

- On March 4th, door monitors started taking attendance at the front door.
- Attendance was rather steady even in the last few weeks of school!



Common Chess Club Expenses

- List of common annual Chess Club expenses:
 - Club T-shirts (~\$700-\$1200)
 - Printing fees for handouts, worksheets, folders, Chess Bucks, bookmarks, book labels, training materials for coaches, etc. (~\$1000)
 - Chesskid membership fee (\$500 per year for 75 gold accounts)
 - Food and drinks for weekend events (2 to 4 events per year, \$250 each event)
 - Chess Store items (~\$1500)
 - School sponsor faculty gift (\$200)
 - New chess sets (\$12-\$20 per set)
 - New chess books (\$10-\$30 per book)
 - New chess clocks (\$40-\$50 per clock)

Tentative Plans for Next Year

- Here is a list of things the club leadership would like to implement or improve next year:
 - More coaches and better specialized training for each skill group
 - Better tracking of student chess skills
 - Library setup for chess club on Thursday afternoon to save time Friday mornings
 - Increased use of chess notation during meetings
 - Increased use of chess clocks during meetings
 - Increased participation in local tournaments
 - Incentives for checking out and reading books from our chess library (have students pass a quiz after reading for Chess Bucks rewards)
 - Repair and cleanup giant outside playground chess set
 - Better utilize online training resources on ChessKid.com with Chess Bucks incentives
 - Design contest over the summer for new Tshirt
 - Chess Club Banner for the fence along Anderson Mill

Parent Feedback Request

The Chess Club leadership requests your feedback.

We especially would like to hear from you on these topics:

1. How can we increase parent involvement in the Club?
2. What would you change about Chess Club?
3. How can we best increase tournament participation?
4. Should sponsoring a tournament be considered for next year?
5. What information would you like to see on the website?

Please email your feedback to feedback@spicewoodchess.org

Volunteer Positions Available for Next Year

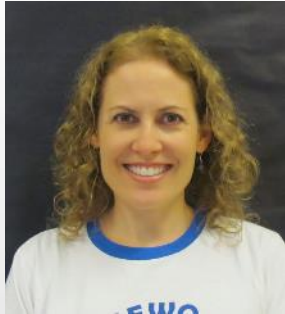
- We would like to thank our Treasurer Martin Leroy for his work keeping track of income and expenses. Our Treasurer for next year will be Li Xu.
- If you would like a more active role in next year's chess club, we will have many volunteer opportunities available.
- Please review all the volunteer positions and their responsibilities on our website at this URL.

<http://www.spicewoodchess.org/about/>

Thank You to Our School Sponsors

The Chess Club would like to thank all of the school faculty and staff for making this year's Chess Club successful.

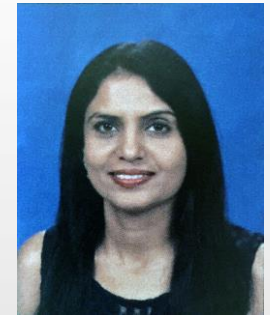
We especially want to thank the following people for outstanding support and service:



Laura Reeb



Jackie Dielmann



Minnie Singh



Courtney Torres



Jiae Kim

We've had a great year and couldn't have done it without their help!

Thank You to All of Our Volunteers

The Chess Club would also like to thank all of our parent volunteers for their hard work and support this year, with special thanks to:

Club coordinator:	James McMullen
Club Treasurer:	Martin Leroy
Club Leadership:	Ryan Cush , Chris Jones, Martin Leroy, Chris Mason, James McMullen and Shanti Ramasamy
Coaches:	Suchitra Chander, Ryan Cush, Jiajun Gao, Karen Hadzi- Pavlovic, Bryon Hobbs, Chris Jones, Shovan Kanjilal, Mari Martinez, James McMullen, Sujay Sanghavi and Dan Turnipseed
Advanced Class:	Kannan, Shreyas and Rohith Kaliyur
T-shirts and Chess Library:	Chris Mason
Chess Store:	Terri Schlosser and Karen Pavlovic





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Thank You and See You Next Year