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& social skills.*

The Lincoln Braeside Ravinia Chess Club **Now includes Edgewood!**

Scholastic chess has enjoyed explosive growth in recent years: beyond the sheer pleasure of playing, studies have shown that chess improves academic performance, concentration, logical thinking, and social skills.

The *Lincoln Braeside Ravinia Chess Club* will re-open on **September 17th** and will run through Spring Break. The club is open grades K-8 and will meet on **Thursdays in the Lincoln lunch room from 3:20 to 5:00 pm.**

Members may join the club at any time, although beginners are encouraged to attend regularly during the first two months. Members are not required to attend the entire year or to attend every session, and may leave early. Each session will include a structured lesson: we expect to offer at least three different levels of chess instruction. Each session will also include time to play matches. Sets and boards will be provided. Parents and caregivers are welcome, and members may bring nut free snacks. Those who wish may visit the club before deciding whether to join.

Members are divided into groups based on experience. The club ranks members according to their wins and losses, and the club has an incentive system rewarding our members for teaching, participating in lessons, and helping out. We will play matches against other schools and will offer opportunities for members to attend local tournaments.

The Lincoln PTA sponsors Lincoln students. Braeside, Ravinia, and Edgewood students are asked to pay \$80 for the entire year. Scholarships may be available. Please complete the registration form and either return it to the Lincoln School office, or bring it to the first day of Chess Club.

For more information, email Karen Moore at jkndmoore@comcast.net

Registration Form 2009-2010

Name of member: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Parents' names: _____

Phone numbers (incl. cell): _____

E-mail address for club notices: _____

Experience Level (check one):

Beginner (does not know how to move the pieces)

Intermediate (knows the moves, including en passant and castling, and some strategy)

Advanced (comfortable with notation, knows basic principles of strategy, understands idea of positional chess, has played competitively)

I, _____, the parent/guardian of the above student, give my permission for him/her to attend meetings of the Lincoln Chess Club. I agree to follow the attendance and security procedures spelled out in the club Handbook.

I am interested in a scholarship.

Parental involvement is encouraged and needed. We benefit especially when parents are able to attend club meetings whether or not they play chess. Please indicate below how you can help the club.

By attending club meetings

By helping at club or district-wide tournaments

Some other way: _____

Anything you would like us to know about your child?

_____ Date

_____ Signature of parent/guardian

Please mail or bring to Lincoln School, 711 West Lincoln Ave, HP IL 60035, or bring to the first day of Chess Club.