

## **Spring Chess Tournament**

South Central Service Cooperative (SCSC) and Mankato Community Education/Recreation (CER) partnered April 2 to offer the Spring Chess Tournament to students from across south central Minnesota and beyond.

Fifty-five students in grades K-8 from Eagle Lake, Fairmont, Jackson, Lakefield, Mankato, Mapleton, Northfield, St. Clair, Walnut Grove and Windom competed in elementary, middle and upper divisions based on grade levels. The tournament was a Swiss-style tournament in which students are not eliminated. SCSC and CER feel these tournaments foster a competitive spirit without discouraging young players from continuing to play chess.

All players enjoyed a pizza lunch and received a participation certificate. Ribbons were also awarded to top students in their grade level and medals were awarded to elementary, middle and upper division champions.

For information about area chess tournaments or starting a chess club in your school or community, please contact Mary Hillmann: mhillmann@mnsccsc.org or Melanie Schmidt: mschmi3@isd77.k12.mn.us.

Congratulations to the students that participated!

Students were awarded by grade level and also as division champions:

### **Grade K:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Parker Kelly, Mapleton  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Josiah Schultz, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont

### **Grade 1:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Ella Haggerty, Roosevelt Elementary, Mankato  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Nolan Peters, Windom

### **Grade 2:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Roman Voss, Lakefield  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Jack Hagen, Roosevelt Elementary, Mankato  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Tate Anderson, Kennedy Elementary, Mankato  
3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Jayson Matasovsky, Jackson  
3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Katie Schultz, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont  
3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Jayden Johnson, Lakefield  
3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Dylan Vasquez, Eagle Lake  
4<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Henry Wood, Loyola, Mankato  
4<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Ellamae Peters, Windom  
4<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Genevieve Miller, Lakefield  
5<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Gracie Peters, Windom  
5<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Aliza Liepold, Lakefield  
5<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Kellen Fritz, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont  
5<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Isaac Ramirez, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont  
6<sup>th</sup> – Ty Tumbleson, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont

### **Elementary Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Roman Voss, Lakefield  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Jack Hagen, Roosevelt Elementary, Mankato  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Parker Kelly, Mapleton  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Tate Anderson, Kennedy Elementary, Mankato  
3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Jayson Matasovsky, Jackson  
3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Katie Schultz, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont  
3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Jayden Johnson, Lakefield  
3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Dylan Vasquez, Eagle Lake

### **Grade 3:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Haley Hagen, Roosevelt Elementary, Mankato  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Oliver Tordsen, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Thomas Liepold, Lakefield  
4<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Teja Nugent, Lakefield  
4<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Collin Meyerann, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont  
4<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Kaia Austin, Washington Elementary, Mankato  
5<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Luke Haggerty, Roosevelt Elementary, Mankato  
5<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Sam Grogin, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont  
6<sup>th</sup> – Jordan Scholten, Lakefield

### **Grade 4:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Tad Wrage, Washington Elementary, Mankato  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Quinn Kelly, Loyola, Mankato  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Drew Strande, Franklin Elementary, Mankato  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Sarah Matasovsky, Jackson  
3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Christopher Vasquez, Eagle Lake  
3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Dannika Sajban, Windom  
3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Lilah Hubbard, Lakefield  
4<sup>th</sup> – Nolan Takle, Walnut Grove  
5<sup>th</sup> – Kate Grogin, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont

### **Middle Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Tad Wrage, Washington Elementary, Mankato  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Quinn Kelly, Loyola, Mankato  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Haley Hagen, Roosevelt Elementary, Mankato  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Drew Strande, Franklin Elementary, Mankato  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Sarah Matasovsky, Jackson  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Oliver Tordsen, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont

### **Grade 5:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Trey Tumbleson, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Isaac Coyour, Washington Elementary, Mankato  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Jack Haggerty, Roosevelt Elementary, Mankato  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Kristofer Altman, Lakefield  
4<sup>th</sup> – Anna Schultz, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont

### **Grade 6:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Collin Thomas-Green, Northfield  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Will Beaumaster, Northfield  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Peter Hillmann, Northfield  
4<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Jaxon Johnson, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont  
4<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Saxon Egge, Northfield  
5<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Naomi Johnson, Lakefield  
5<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Kolton Fritz, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont  
5<sup>th</sup> (tie) – Nigel Schmiesing, St. Clair  
6<sup>th</sup> – Trevor Rosburg, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont

### **Grade 7:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Jack Roering, Dakota Meadows Middle School  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Grant Haggerty, Dakota Meadows, Mankato  
2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) – Caleb Schultz, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont

### **Grade 8:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Benny Combs, St. Peter Middle School

### **Upper Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Benny Combs, St. Peter Middle School  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Collin Thomas-Green, Northfield  
3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Jack Roering, Dakota Meadows Middle School  
3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Will Beaumaster, Northfield  
3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Trey Tumbleson, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont