

Winter Chess Lessons and Tournament

South Central Service Cooperative (SCSC) and Mankato Community Education/Recreation (CER) partnered Dec. 27 to offer the Winter Chess Lessons and Tournament at Dakota Meadows Middle School to students from across south central Minnesota.

Twenty-four students in grades K-9 from multiple schools in Edina, Mankato, Mapleton, Minnesota Lake, Northfield and St. Peter competed in primary, elementary and secondary 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 received a participation certificate. Ribbons were also awarded to top students in their grade level and medals were awarded to primary, elementary and secondary 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:

Lucian Nova, Franklin Elementary, Mankato
Preston Kelley, Homeschool

Grade 1:

Parker Kelley, Homeschool
Dylan Strande, Franklin Elementary, Mankato

Grade 2:

David Barke, Franklin Elementary, Mankato
Price MacPherson, Homeschool

Primary Division:

1st (tie) – Lucian Nova, Franklin Elementary, Mankato
1st (tie) – Parker Kelley, Homeschool
2nd – David Barke, Franklin Elementary, Mankato
3rd – Price MacPherson, Homeschool

Grade 3:

Rose MacPherson, Homeschool
Kaita Bolte, Maple River East Elementary, Minnesota Lake
Quinn Gower, Franklin Elementary, Mankato
Dominic Wood, Our Lady of Grace, Edina
Henry Wood, Loyola Catholic School, Mankato

Grade 4:

Luke Banks, North Intermediate, St. Peter
Trevor Camp, Bridges Community School, Mankato
Aiden Mock, Hoover Elementary, Mankato
Ashley Pipes, Hoover Elementary, Mankato

Elementary Division:

1st – Aiden Mock, Hoover Elementary, Mankato
2nd (tie) – Dominic Wood, Our Lady of Grace, Edina
2nd (tie) – Henry Wood, Loyola Catholic School, Mankato
2nd (tie) – Luke Banks, North Intermediate, St. Peter
3rd (tie) – Rose MacPherson, Homeschool
3rd (tie) – Quinn Gower, Franklin Elementary, Mankato

Grade 5:

Grace MacPherson, Homeschool
Drew Strande, Franklin Elementary, Mankato

Grade 6:

Isaac Coyour, Prairie Winds Middle School, Mankato
Chase Wilking, Prairie Winds Middle School, Mankato

Grade 7:

Peter Hillmann, Northfield Middle School
Eston Yates, Prairie Winds Middle School, Mankato
Madi Windsell, St. Peter High School

Grade 9:

Benny Combs, St. Peter High School

Secondary Division:

1st – Benny Combs, St. Peter High School
2nd (tie) – Drew Strande, Franklin Elementary, Mankato
2nd (tie) – Peter Hillmann, Northfield Middle School
2nd (tie) – Madi Windsell, St. Peter High School
3rd (tie) – Grace MacPherson, Homeschool
3rd (tie) – Eston Yates, Prairie Winds Middle School, Mankato
3rd (tie) – Isaac Coyour, Prairie Winds Middle School, Mankato