



# Chess Club

***NO PRIOR CHESS KNOWLEDGE NEEDED!!!***

Friday mornings - CAFETERIA

7:45 am – 9:00 am

**February 7, 2020 – May 22, 2020**

For Students Grades 2-6

Instructors from the US Chess Center will teach chess to children as a means of improving both their academic and social skills. Chess teaches responsibility, discipline, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Chess players learn to make the most of their opportunities and how to turn a bad situation to their advantage. They learn not to make excuses for their set-backs and how to win and lose graciously. Rules are taught to beginners and strategy is taught to advanced players. This club's philosophy places a low priority on winning. Instead, the focus is on improving one's skills. Good sportsmanship is the key to having fun!

Cost for the Chess Club, which is sponsored by the Lorton Station SHP, is \$80 for the 15-week session. If your child would like to participate, register at [www.lortonstationshp.org](http://www.lortonstationshp.org) in our **SHP Store** by Sunday, February 2, 2020. VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are all accepted methods of payment.

Questions? Contact Trish Armentrout at ([trisharmentrout@gmail.com](mailto:trisharmentrout@gmail.com)).

**Chess Club will not be held on April 10, 2020 (Winter Break). There will be no Chess Club if Fairfax County schools are closed due to inclement weather.**

Chess club members are welcome and encouraged to participate in the school breakfast program. Participation in the breakfast program is optional; the cost of breakfast is not included in the cost of the chess club program. Students not participating in the breakfast program will be supervised in the cafeteria until they are able to enter their classrooms at 9:05 a.m.

Please turn this page over to review Chess Club Policies.

## Chess Club Policies

**Students CANNOT be dropped off before 7:40 a.m.:** There are no provisions for supervising children before 7:40 a.m., and neither the Lorton Station SHP nor the school can assume responsibility for them. Students will be supervised in the cafeteria by parent volunteers from the time the Chess Club begins until they are allowed to go to their classrooms at 9:05 a.m. If school opening is delayed for any reason, the Chess Club will not meet on that day. There is no food consumption during class; breakfast is available through the school breakfast program immediately after class.

**Students MUST be on time:** It is important that students arrive on time on a regular basis. Children who regularly arrive late may be asked to withdraw from the Club without a refund. The Lorton Station SHP reserves the option of requiring the withdrawal without a refund of any child whose inappropriate behavior prevents the class from proceeding constructively despite the efforts of the instructors or parent volunteers.

**Parents are asked to volunteer for one week during each session to serve as a Parent Volunteer:** It is required that we have additional parent volunteers to assist the instructor each week. A link will be e-mailed after the registration period ends in order for you to select a date to volunteer. A parent volunteer instructional guide will be provided. Parent volunteers are expected to arrive on the morning of their assigned week by 7:30 a.m. Parent volunteers will be used to set up and put away the chess sets, check children in when they first arrive, escort children who may need to leave the cafeteria, assist in emergency situations, and supervise children not in the breakfast program between 8:55 a.m. and 9:05 a.m. Parents will not be teaching or playing chess. Parent volunteers may depart at 9:05 a.m.

**Go to: our SHP Store at [www.lortonstationshp.org](http://www.lortonstationshp.org) to register by  
February 2nd!**