



Chess Highlights, 2009-2010

* MACA Tournament at BB&N

Eleven BB&N youngsters competed against a record-breaking field of 127 children in grades Pre K-12 from across the state in the Massachusetts State Chess Association Second Spiegel Cup Qualifier, held at the BB&N Upper School Campus on Saturday, November 21st.

BB&N Participants:

Grade 1: William Greenstone

Grade 2: Ranch Kimball

Grade 2: Ben Wiegand

Grade 3: Andrew Keating

Grade 3: Philip Melki

Grade 3: Alexander Seguin

Grade 3: Siddharth Simon

Grade 4: Jeremy Tang - medal for 3 points in U400 section!

Grade 5: Issay Matsumoto

Grade 5: Eliza Sternlicht - won the U400 section!

Grade 5: Max Wiegand

Congratulations to 5th Grader Eliza Sternlicht (*pictured at right*) who won the U400 section with a perfect score! It was Eliza's third tournament!

Fourth grader Jeremy Tang received a medal in the U400 section for scoring 3 points.

* 2009 National Scholastic K-12 Championships in Dallas

Five students represented BB&N: 2nd grader Ben Wiegand, 5th graders: Issay Matsumoto, Will Nemirovsky, Max Wiegand, and Tristan Young. The BB&N 5th grade team placed 9th!



*Holiday Team Challenge

Eleven BB&N students participated in this team championship. Eight children played as part of BB&N teams and three children played on teams with children from other schools.

Max Wiegand, 5th grade, played on the Loch Chess Monsters (Michelle Chen, Max Wiegand, Henry Friedlander, Jordan Shapiro) team, which WON the K-12 division. (*Pictured at right.*)



The BB&N Knights Middle School team placed 2nd in the K-12 division:

Zach Lovett
Bunnard Phan
Darrith Phan
Nic Trieu

Eliza Sternlicht and Jeremy Tang played on the "3 Queens and a King" team (Sonia Deodas, Eliza Sternlicht, Jeremy Tang, Kira Porter) in the K-6 division.

The BB&N K-3 Knights competed in the K-3 division:

Campbell Bell
Andrew Keating
Aurash Vatan
Ben Wiegand

*** Hurvitz Cup State Scholastic Team Championships**

Twelve BB&N youngsters from grades K-8 competed against a field of approximately 160 students from across the state in the 2010 Hurvitz Cup State Scholastic Team Championship at the Hilton Garden Inn in Waltham. The BB&N teams were:

K-3 Knights - placed 3rd in K-3!

(*pictured at right, with Coach Vadim Martirosov*)

Andrew Keating
Siddharth Simon
Aurash Vatan
Ben Wiegand



K-3 Rookies
(pictured at right)
Tushar Aggarwal
Daniel Gross-Loh
William Keating



6-9 Knights - placed 3rd in the Middle
School Section!
Zach Lovett
Bunnard Phan
Darrith Phan
Nic Trieu

*** Spiegel Cup Invitational Championships**

Max Wiegand (grade 5) was invited to compete in the elite invitational event. Max posted a 2-2 score) in the 10-player 11&U section (eight of the participants are in the top 100 by rating in the United States).

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful coaches who teach through the ASAP program: Maryanne Reilly and Vadim Martirosov. Special thanks to Lou Mercuri who coaches the 5th grade team.

The coaches and I look forward to another fantastic year! Look for the Chess Festival in September!

(Thanks to Beebe Wiegand, P'17, '20, for submitting the information.)