

From the Fall Chess Festival through Supernationals, BB&N had a banner year for participation in chess.

Highlights of the year:

*** Chess Festival simul by GM Roman Dzindzichashvili**

*** 2008 National Scholastic K-12 Championships in Orlando**

Six students represented BB&N: 1st grader Ben Wiegand; 2nd grader Siddharth Simon; 4th graders Max Wiegand, Tristan Young, Will Nemirovsky and Issay Matsumoto. The 4th grade team placed 12th out of 25 teams in the 4th grade Championship section. For a nice story about the tournament see this link:

<http://main.uschess.org/content/view/8987/500/>

*** 43rd Annual Greater NY Elementary Championship-USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic!**

Five 4th graders (Max Wiegand, Tristan Young, Will Nemirovsky, Issay Matsumoto, Brendan Forst) and 1st grader Ben Wiegand traveled to NYC on Super Bowl Sunday to play in the 43rd Annual Greater NY Elementary Championship-USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic! The varsity team tied for 6th place (out of 15 teams). Brendan scored 1.5 points in the Elementary Novice section in his very first tournament! Ben scored an very good 3-2 in the K-1 Championship section.

*** Hurvitz Cup State Scholastic Team Championships**

Twenty-one BB&N youngsters from grades K-7 competed against a field of approximately 200 students from across the state in the 2009 Hurvitz Cup State Scholastic Team Championship at the Sage School in Foxborough. The event drew 50 teams and 200 players. A separate high school tournament drew five teams and 19 players. The BB&N Teams were:

K-3 Knights - tied for 4th

Ben Wiegand - medal for 3 points

Aurash Vatan

Magnus Aske - medal for 3 points

Deven Kanwal

K-3 Rookies

Alexander Seguin

Patrick Oulton

Ranch Kimball

Elizabeth Marota

William Greenstone

K-6 Knights - tied for 2nd

Max Wiegand - medal for 3 points

Tristan Young

Will Nemirovsky
Issay Matsumo

K-6 Rookies
Van Chung
Brendan Forst
Ted Forst
Eliza Sternlicht

6-9 Knights - tied for 3rd
Nic Trieu - medal for 3 points
Bunnard Phan
Zach Lovett - medal for 3.5 points
Darrith Phan

*** Gus Gosselin Grade Championships**

Four BB&N students competed in the Gus Gosselin Grade Championships:

Grade 1: Ranch Kimball
Grade 1: Benjamin Wiegand - 2nd place!
Grade 2: Aurash Vatan
Grade 4: Eliza Sternlicht

*** Supernationals**

Five students represented BB&N at the largest scholastic tournament in the United States held April 3-5 in Nashville. The varsity team of 4th graders Max Wiegand, Tristan Young, Will Nemirovsky and Issay Matsumoto placed 20th out of 55 teams in the 317 player K-5 Championship section. First grader Benjamin Wiegand finished with 3.5 points in the K-1 championship section.

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 4th grade team and longtime BB&N coach Larry Eldridge who coaches the middle school team.