**Littleton Public Schools District Chess Tournament**

**Saturday, December 7th, 2019**

Dear Parents of Chess Players:

Welcome to our tournament! In order to make it a mentally challenging, fun and safe day, please take a few minutes to carefully read the following information and rules. Location is at Newton Middle School, corner of Arapahoe Road and Colorado Boulevard. Enter on the East Side. All other entrance doors will be locked. **No one except competitors and officials are allowed in the competition area (cafeteria).** **Students outside the competition area MUST be supervised by a parent or coach AT ALL TIMES*.*** The schedule for the day is as follows:

**TIMES**

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| Check-in (Entrance Hallway) | 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. |
| Players and Parents Meeting (Gym) | 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. |
| All Rounds (Cafeteria) | 9:00 a.m. |
| Awards Presentations (Cafeteria) | Approximately 2:30 p.m. |

* Round One begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. The other four rounds will begin when all games are completed. Rounds may take up to an hour. Players play all rounds. Time limit for each round is 1 hour.
* **Please DO NOT plan to leave the school between rounds or plan other family activities before 3:30. Leaving early affects other players.**
* There will **not** be a separate lunchtime. You may either bring your lunch(es) or go out to purchase it while participants are playing their round. **Please try to limit food and especially drinks in the gym.** You may eat in the hallway or outside (weather permitting).
* After reporting the results of each round to the officials in the cafeteria, players will leave the tournament area and go to the gym. **Parents should plan to stay and assist with the safety of children in the gym.**
* Jim Hammersmith is once again this year’s Tournament Director. Only qualified Tournament Directors will monitor play in the cafeteria. **If your child has any problem or feels there has been an illegal move, she/he should raise her/his hand and a Tournament Director will help immediately.**
* Pairings for the next round will be posted around the gym. Please be considerate of each other.
* **Touch-Move** **rules** will be in effect. (If you touch the piece, you have to move it.)
* Time clocks are used after 40 minutes of play when necessary. This is typically for 6th-8th graders but may also be used for younger more advanced players. Tournament Directors will help children if they do not know how to use them.
* If there is an uneven number of children in a division, one child per round will receive a “bye”. A “bye” is an automatic point for that child. Pairings sheets at the beginning of each round will indicate it with “please wait”.
* Winners are determined by accumulated points: 1 pt for a win; 1/2 pt for a draw; 0 pt for a loss.
* Trophies will be awarded at the end of 5 rounds of play once the results are tallied. Ties will be determined by the following USCF Tie Break Methods: 1) modified medium 2) Solkoff 3) cumulative. Participation ribbons will be awarded as students leave.
* If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Melinda Ness at [mness@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:mness@lps.k12.co.us).
* Questions regarding competition issues will be answered by Mr. Hammersmith or his Tournament officials on December 7th.

Looking forward to seeing you on December 7th at Newton Middle School!

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