

## 2018-19 Chess Club and Team

“Chess is the Sport of the Mind.”

Extensive scientific research has proven that chess improves a child's thinking and problem-solving skills, their math and reading scholastic test scores, and their cognitive and theoretical genius. Chess helps children develop their creative mind because they are competing with themselves to constantly exceed their own skill of the game.

Monroe School has a long and successful history of providing chess education by way of its after-school chess club program.

We are so fortunate that Chess-Ed®, THE premier provider of enrichment classes in the Chicago area and sponsor of the Kumbaya Scholastic Tournaments, provides professional instruction and coaching for the Monroe Chess Club and Team. Check-out their website at [chess-ed.com](http://chess-ed.com) for Chess-Ed®'s accomplishments and tournaments.

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### **Register now for Spring 2019 Chess Club!**

Chess Club meets on Tuesdays, and Spring Session begins on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

There is a separate Chess Club for Kindergarten students (between the morning and afternoon sessions) from 11:25am – 12:15pm.

Grades 1 – 5 Chess Club meets after school from 3:05 to 4:05 pm.\*

Registration information is at [www.monroechess.eventbee.com](http://www.monroechess.eventbee.com).

**FINAL Registration is open until 11:59pm on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Tuition increases by ANOTHER \$20 at Midnight on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> when Late registration begins.**

Each child must be registered separately. You must choose your child's “Level of Play” during the registration process, as follows (“A/S” = After School):

#### Student's Chess Level

- Beginner - Kindergarten Program
- Novice A/S Program
- Continuing/Tournament Player A/S Program
- Advanced/Tournament Player A/S Program

**Kindergarten registration:** select *Beginner – Kindergarten Program only*.

**Grades 1 – 5 registration:** select between three levels of play –

Novice or Beginning A/S Player: This level is for beginners and those who need refreshing in the basics, opening procedures, basic tactics, and end-game winning patterns.

Continuing/Advanced/Tournament A/S Player: These levels are for those with solid chess knowledge. Advanced players have a deeper understanding of tactics used to win games. Additional openings, middle-game planning and end-game combinations will be taught in this section. Players in either section will be encouraged to represent Monroe in competition.

Do not worry about choosing the wrong level. There are two instructors, and they can guide the children in one or the other group, if necessary. Throughout the program, students will be evaluated and the instructors may make some adjustments to section levels. Chess-Ed®'s goal is that every student has a positive experience and moves to a new level of expertise.

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Feel free to contact the 2018-19 parent coordinator, Effie Barnett, at [chess@monroeschoolpto.com](mailto:chess@monroeschoolpto.com) if you have any questions about the Monroe Chess Club.

Get your child's mind "in check" with chess; the benefits for your child may prove enormous!

\*Apollo After School offers after-school care at Monroe, if you are unable to pick up your child(ren) at 4:05pm. Check out [apolloafterschool.com](http://apolloafterschool.com) or call (855) 543-7277, for more information and to register your child(ren).