

The Notator

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Special Activities

Montessori Global Rooms

We now have a special room at the Montessori Global School in Ormond Beach. Our chess has expanded to two days a week. We have a beginner group and an advanced group. Our goal is to have an invitational tournament at the school next spring.

Home School Programs

During the school day, we are developing classes at homeschool co-op groups. These students learn chess during class and then have an opportunity to play during lunch time

Coaches' Corner

Leadership In Training



Students in upper middle school and high school have an opportunity to work in our leadership in training program. Students work with beginners and teach them fundamental chess. They will have an opportunity to work in a coaching role in the future.



Two teams work together before each move, but everyone takes turn moving the pieces.

Woodservices.org Updates

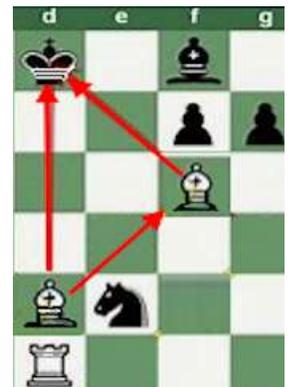
For the past several months, our website has really been updated. You may want to look at the following changes.

1. There is a photo section showing our students in game situations.
2. We have survey analysis data showing the feedback from our classes.
3. There is a newsletter section that contains all the newsletters for the last eight years.
4. Our resource section has expanded to include thousands of links.. Many are used for our enrichment courses. We have a large math section, many extra travel activities, and health camp information.
5. A scrolling marquee was created on the home page to make easy access to tournament and class enrollment.
6. Our calendar has expanded and now has information through next number for your convenience.

Rule Check - Pawn Tempo

Tempo is a technique used to promote a pawn when only a king is on the board. They key point is that the king must always be ahead of the pawn to make it successful.

There is also a technique called "double tempo". This challenging activity for advanced students involves having one pawn for each player. It is a good exercise in king and pawn mates.



Our Activities at a Glance

DAY	ACTIVITIES	TYPE	LEVEL
MON 9:00	BOUNDLESS BRIDGES, PT ORANGE	HOME SCHOOL	BEG
MON 3:00	MONTESSORI SCHOOL, ORMOND BEACH	K-5 SCHOOL	INT
TUES 3:00	MONTESSORI BEGINNERS - NOVEMBER	K-5 SCHOOL	BEG
TUES 3:15	IVY HAWN SCHOOL, LAKE HELEN	K-8 SCHOOL	ALL
WED 3:15	ST BARNABAS SCHOOL, DELAND	K-8 SCHOOL	ALL
SAT 10:30	PORT ORANGE CLUB AT GABBIE'S	CLUB AGE 8-16	ADV
SUN 5:00	DAYTONA BEACH AT CRUSIN CAFE	CLUB AGE 8-16	ADV

Future Dates

Wed January 21- Tournament at St. Barnabas
 Tues March 17- Bughouse at Gabbie's Pizza
 March 20- 23, - Florida Scholastic State Chess Championship
 May 3 -6 Tournament Week at schools.
 June 8 - June 19 - Daytona Summer Camp at Crusin Café
 July 13- July 24 - Deland Summer Camp at St. Barnabas