

# Progress with Chess



The Birchwood School is pleased to offer students in grades 1-8 the exciting opportunity to learn and play the game of chess.

Many studies have shown that chess playing improves higher level thinking skills such as memory, concentration and pattern recognition. In addition, chess provides opportunities for social interaction with family and friends and people of all ages, cultures and nationalities.

**No previous experience necessary** – students start at their own level. Instructors will be provided by Michael Joelson's **Progress With Chess**, a non-profit organization which has initiated chess programs in over 50 Cleveland area schools, now at **Birchwood** for the fifth year.

**SESSION:** Begins **October 18, 2011** through **December 13, 2011**  
**WHO:** Students in **Grades 1-8.**  
**WHEN:** Every **Tuesday** school is open, **3:20 - 4:20 PM**  
**WHERE:** The Birchwood School, Rooms TBA  
**FEE:** \$70 per child (nine weeks) includes chess sets, workbooks, awards  
**CONTACT:** **Michael Joelson**, 216-321-7000, mdjoelson@progresswithchess.org  
**WEBSITE:** **www.progresswithchess.org**

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Please return the attached form to the school office with cash or check made out to **Progress with Chess**.

I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the **Birchwood** After School Chess Club.

I understand that my child is expected to behave appropriately in chess club at all times. Consistent disruptive behavior may result in removal from the chess club with no refund.

**Parent or Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's level of chess knowledge:** **Beginner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Novice (little experience)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intermediate (knows all rules and moves of pieces)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Advanced** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETED FORM DUE BY OCTOBER 17, 2011**