

Checkmate!



This year there is a new club at German Immersion, **MGIS Chess!** The club was started this year by John Hegelmeyer, parent of 3rd graders Jason and William. Mr. Hegelmeyer was the long time coach of the highly successful MSL chess team, winning city and state championships. He stepped down this year to start a club at MGIS to get younger kids interested in playing chess. The club meets Wednesdays, after school, in the cafeteria and was opened up to MGIS students in 3rd grade and above.

Recently, the team began competing in scholastic chess tournaments and has been very successful. They have beaten schools from Mequon, Brookfield, Fox Point, and Whitefish Bay, as well as Brookfield Academy and University School. **The K-3** (kindergarten through 3rd grade) team **won a 2nd place team trophy** in its first tournament with a full team. K-3 team players include Anna Hedinger, Jason Hegelmeyer, Brianna Hoey, Cole Pfaltzgraff and Charis Riebe. The **K-5/6** team has **won trophies for 2nd and 3rd place**. Our K-5/6 players are Liam Brugger, Gabe Eagon, Stefan Eagon, Matthew Enevold, Gibby Graf, Conrad Hedinger, William Hegelmeyer, Anthony Mikolajewski, Cassie Smith, Chase Voelzke and Tristan Zirkle.

The last team tournament is the WSCF Grade Level Championships on Friday, February 20th at MSOE. **Viel Glück!**