



Berkeley Chess School

*Enriching the lives of Bay Area Children through chess instruction and play*

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## **Berkeley Chess School's Second Annual Oakland Year-End Tournament**

**WHAT:** The Berkeley Chess School (BCS), in partnership with the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Oakland Outreach Year-End Tournament June 2, 2010. The tournament is the culmination of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of in-school chess intervention in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes of five Title I elementary schools.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 2, 2010, from 9:00a.m.–11:00a.m. The event is free and open to the public.

**WHERE:** Learning Without Limits Elementary School Auditorium  
2035 40th Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94601

**WHY:** For two years 400 students at Learning without Limits, Esperanza, Futures, Maxwell Park and Santa Fe schools, located in some of Oakland's poorest neighborhoods, have been taught chess by the BCS. Chess has been shown to improve academics, classroom behavior, attendance and self-esteem. This is a rare occasion where students can compete and have fun in a safe environment.

There will be a keynote speech given at 9:00a.m.-9:15a.m. followed by the tournament from 9:15a.m. to 10:45a.m. Guests are invited to mingle, watch the games and interact with students as they finish their games. Award ceremony will be from 10:45a.m. to 11:00a.m. Immediately following the award ceremony, there will be a meet and greet with BCS Founder and President Elizabeth Shaughnessy, chess instructors, and Oakland school officials.

The students have been provided chess intervention and the tournament thanks to the sponsorship of In Dulci Jubilo, The Irene S Scully Foundation, The Arthur and Toni Rock Foundation and board members and families of the Berkeley Chess School.

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Coverage of our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Oakland Tournament by local station KGO-TV is one of three in a composite entry nominated for the Associated Press (APTRA) Mark Twain Awards' Videographer of the Year. Video clip can be viewed at [vimeo.com/10492368](http://vimeo.com/10492368) <<http://vimeo.com/10492368>>

The Berkeley Chess School is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization started in 1981 based on the belief that chess, properly taught, can improve academics and promote personal growth. BCS offers afterschool programs to approximately 5,000 K-12 students each year in over 140 schools in the Bay Area, forty tournaments a year, summer camps in more than 15 locations, weekly Friday Night chess classes, an advance teen class, an international exchange program, and an adult chess club. For more information please go to [www.berkeleychessschool.org](http://www.berkeleychessschool.org).<<http://www.berkeleychessschool.org>>