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TITLE: SCDS Makes Move Winning National Chess Championship, K-3 U800 Section

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This past May, Seattle Country Day School [SCDS] students 'made their move' in Dallas, Texas. After taking first place team trophies in the kindergarten and grades 1-3 sections at the *Washington State Elementary Chess Championship* in April, students were ready to compete at the national level.

With over 2,200 students participating in the *K-6 National Elementary Chess Championship*, SCDS students faced a much larger pool of competitors in Dallas. A total of nine SCDS students competed in seven tournament games each lasting up to four hours in duration over the course of three days.

Led by head coach, Dr. Leo Stefurak, the SCDS Wildcats placed first in the nation as a team in the K-3 U800 section with 25 [of 28 possible] points accrued. Additionally, six SCDS team members placed in the top 35 for the K-3 U800 section and an additional teammate placed fifth in the K-6 U1000 section.

Their efforts had been preceded by grade seven classmate, Nate Getz, who traveled to San Diego this past April to compete in the *National High School Chess Championships*. Facing a similar grueling weekend of match play consisting of seven games [of four hours duration each] over three days, he emerged in 3rd place nationally in the K-12 U1600 section.

With a flurry of 'check mate' moments over the course of the 2013-14 school year, SCDS students look forward to recruiting additional members for practice, competition and fun next fall.

ABOUT SEATTLE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Seattle Country Day School is an independent co-educational school serving kindergarten through eighth grades, with a current enrollment of 346. Since 1964, the School has been inspiring gifted children to discover their potential through inquiry, curiosity, and wonder. Students are the center of a dynamic learning and discovery process. Experienced teachers focus on intellectual and character growth, attending to the social, ethical, and emotional needs of sensitive and capable students. Small classes generate curiosity and innovation through inquiry learning, and provide opportunities for collaborative experiences with a curriculum rich in mathematics, science, technology, humanities, and the arts. The School is a Washington nonprofit corporation, an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and is governed by an 18-member Board of Trustees. The school is an accredited member of the National Association of Independent Schools and the Northwest Association of Independent Schools.

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