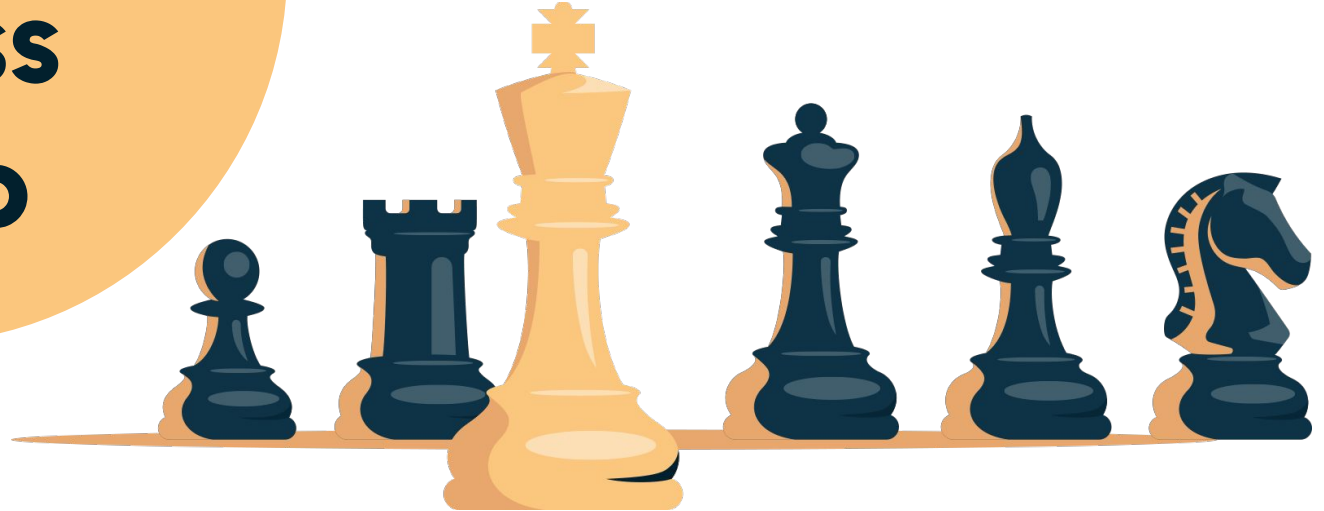


Parker Farms Chess Club

Wallingford Education
Grant Recipient
2025-2026











History of Parker Farms Chess Club

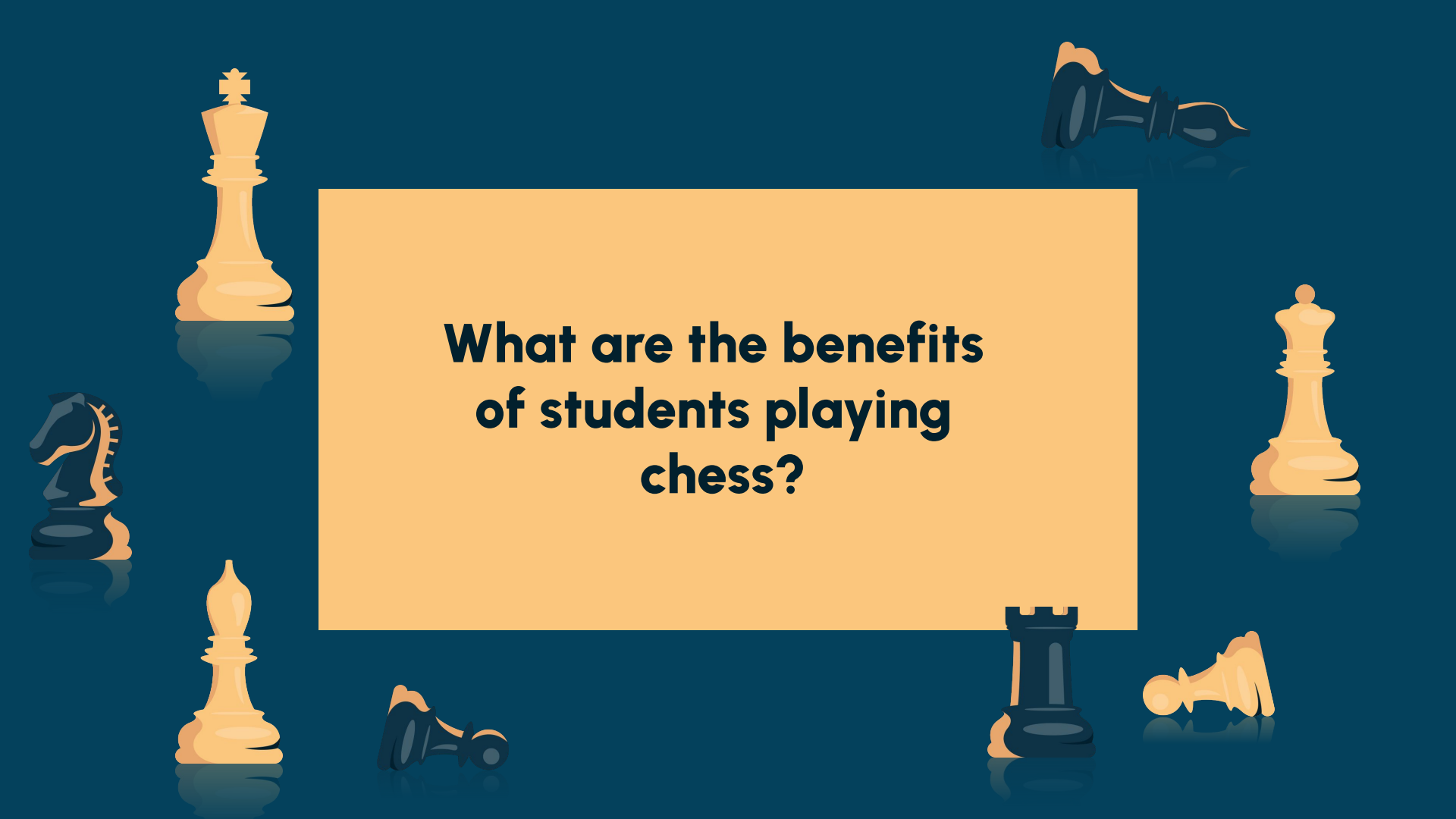
2023: 8 weeks planned for 10 students. Took 15.
Expanded to 18 due to interest!

2024: Extended to 12 weeks and took 24 students

2025: Split into 2 sessions of 8 weeks each and took 48 students. Enlisted Sheehan students to help!

2026: Continued with 2 sessions of 24 students each.

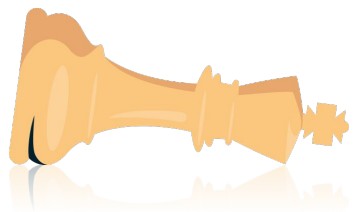




**What are the benefits
of students playing
chess?**



Improves critical thinking – Students learn to think carefully before making decisions. Every move matters!



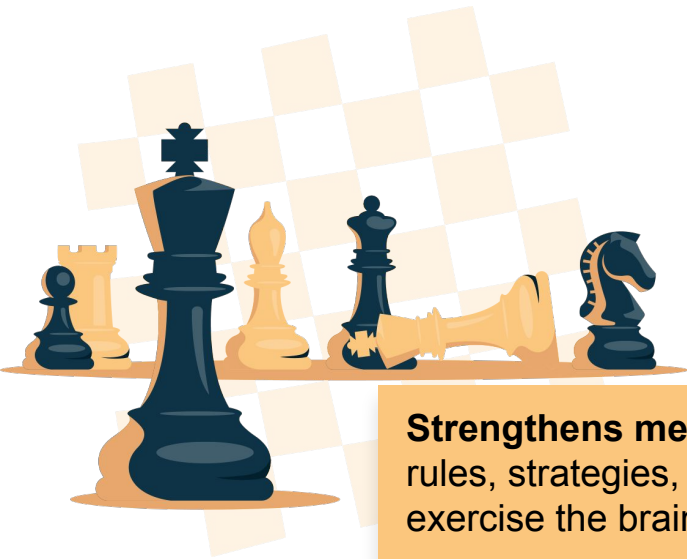
Encourages good sportsmanship

- Students practice winning and losing respectfully.



Promotes self-control – Players must stay calm and think before acting.



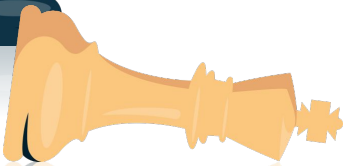
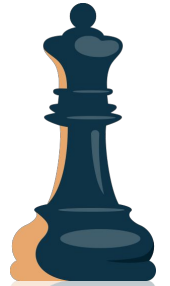


Strengthens memory – Remembering rules, strategies, and moves helps exercise the brain.



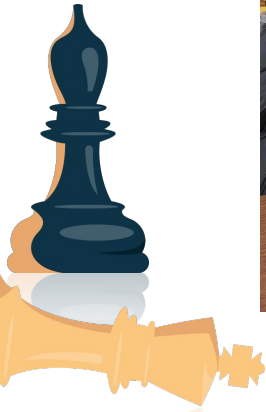


Supports inclusion –
Chess can bring together students of different ages, personalities, and academic abilities because everyone can participate.





Encourages communication – Kids often discuss strategies, explain moves, and talk with partners during games and tournaments.





Builds concentration and focus – Chess encourages students to pay attention for longer periods of time.



Chess Club is a fun place to go after school and it's SCREEN FREE!!!!





**How we used the
WEF Grant Funds**

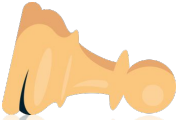
A new library display full of books related to chess!

- Strategy guides (in english and spanish)
- Picture books
- Chapter books
- 4 Chess Sets in our library rotation for students to borrow and take home to keep practicing!



New Chess Club Supplies!

- 10 triple weighted tournament style boards/pieces
- 18 chess bags
- 5 chess clocks



Extension

- 4 player chess board and pieces
- Extra pawns to play Horde
- 15 chess/checkers sets, enough to put another set in each classroom for use at recess





Thank You Wallingford Education Foundation!

