

Youth displayed good sportsmanship in chess tourney

The Optimist Club of Aurora recently held its 19th Annual Chess Tournament at the Aurora Legion with 10 schools represented! One hundred and fifty children, from Grades 1 to 8, vied against each other, with the top three players from each grade receiving a trophy and an invitation to the Optimist Regionals competition being held this month.

The determination and strategy demonstrated by the youth to win a game was outstanding!

The sportsmanship was exceptional as after a game a friendly handshake was offered to the opponents.

Now THAT's awesome!

I would like to thank the following people for making this day such a great event for all: the volunteer judges, the teachers, parents and Optimist Club members who assisted the children in fair play.

Thank you to the committee for organizing such a well-run event, the Mayor for welcoming our youth, the Legion for hosting this event and the Legion ladies who offered a hot lunch to everyone who attended!

I really would like to thank the students who made this a wonderful day by demonstrating good sportsmanship, respect and sheer fun in this competition.

Thank you to all the schools that organize Chess Clubs to teach their students these important attributes ? while enhancing their math skills!

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