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Annual LISD Chess Tournament biggest ever

(Flower Mound, TX) More than 250 Lewisville Independent School District students participated in the district's Chess Tournament on Jan. 12 at the Bolin Administrative Center in Lewisville – the most participation yet for the annual event.

“I was overwhelmed by the amount of kids who came out and participated in the chess tournament this year, “ said Board of Trustees President Fred Placke. “It is amazing to me that so many students share my passion for this great game.”

Students are first paired according to grade level and ability. The top eight winners from elementary and secondary level are recognized with an award.

The top four from both divisions then squared off against each other prior to the Jan. 14 board meeting. Final overall placement is then determined through these playoff rounds.

Finally, the top eight overall spots were awarded during the board meeting. This year, Hebron High School student Karthik Seenivasan, who placed second in the secondary division, took the crown for overall champion of this year's chess tournament. Seenivasan was declared the winner after beating last year's champion, Lewisville High School student Brandon Fletcher. Fletcher took second place overall.

Seenivasan and his sister Srija Seenivasan, a student at Hebron Valley Elementary and who took second place in the elementary division, became the first brother and sister duo to become finalists in the chess tournament.

"We had another amazing competition this year and I am already looking forward to what next year's tournament will bring," Placke said.

Final Overall Winners:

1. Karthik Seenivasan, Hebron High School
2. Brandon Fletcher, Lewisville High School
3. Armand Behroozi, McKamy Middle School
4. Timothy Foster, Forestwood Middle School
5. Logan Holley, Homestead Elementary
6. Srija Seenivasan, Hebron Valley Elementary
7. David Brazil, Homestead Elementary
8. Cara Woelffer, Homestead Elementary

Elementary Division Winners (*placement prior to playoffs*):

1. David Brazil, Homestead Elementary
2. Srija Seenivasan, Hebron Valley Elementary
3. Logan Holley, Homestead Elementary
4. Cara Woelffer, Homestead Elementary
5. Benjamin Seal, Ethridge Elementary
6. Chandler Clark, Old Settlers Elementary
7. Matthew Finney, Valley Ridge Elementary
8. Matthew Punnoose, Coyote Ridge Elementary

Secondary Division Winners (*placement prior to playoffs*):

1. Brandon Fletcher, Lewisville High School
2. Karthik Seenivasan, Hebron High School
3. Armand Behroozi, McKamy Middle School
4. Timothy Foster, Forestwood Middle School
5. Vincent Pacheco, Briarhill Middle School
6. Aurush Behroozi, Flower Mound High School
7. Michael Lumpkins, Hebron High School
8. Chris Eastman, Hebron High School