



Highland Park students build life-size set.

Nine New Schools Awarded 2004-05 AF4C Grant

More than 20 schools applied for AF4C's two-year curriculum training grant, but only 9 schools were awarded the program for the 2004–05 school year. The application pool was impressive. All understood the far-reaching benefits of our intensive chess curriculum.

Chess has helped students retain math and writing skills in a way that traditional instruction hasn't. This is one reason why teachers and principals are eager to implement AF4C's curriculum into their school culture.

Join us in welcoming the following schools to our 2004 –05 roster!

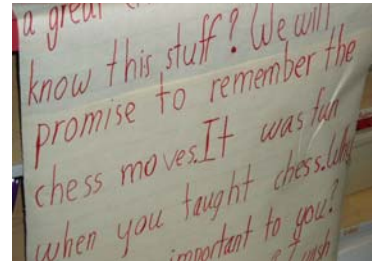
- Alexander Graham Bell
- B.F. Day School
- Coe Elementary
- Cooper Elementary
- Meadow Ridge Elementary
- Rainier View Elementary
- St. George Parish School
- Star Lake Elementary
- Wing Luke Elementary

First Move Celebrity Tournament and Dinner Set for Sept. 19

Slotted for **Sun., Sept. 19**, AF4C will host a children's tournament at Bellevue Square, from 3 – 7 p.m., to identify five kids who will compete against adult celebrities at a dinner later that night. Forty students from our classroom chess program were selected to play.

Author and award-winning principal **Salome Thomas-EL** will serve as **keynote** speaker during dinner. Thomas-EL's memoir **I Choose To Stay**, published just last year with a **foreword written by Arnold Schwarzenegger**, has garnered the **attention of Walt Disney Pictures**, which has agreed to distribute a movie based on Thomas-EL's life story.

Don't miss Thomas-EL's first appearance in Seattle. U.S. Women's Chess Champion Anna Hahn will also be competing in a Simul for those young and old. Reserve your spot today. Purchase dinner tickets to watch this first-time event by sending an e-mail to info@af4c.org. The cost to attend is \$100; proceeds will bring chess into more classrooms around Western Washington.



More than 1,000 Kids Compete at the 2004 State Championships!



After an intense round in the gym, students pick up a practice game outside.

The 2004 Washington State Elementary Chess Championship held at Bellevue Community College on April 24 welcomed 1,014 students and their families! Hosted by America's Foundation for Chess and Woodinville Rotary, the event was the largest of its kind in Washington State history.

Congratulations to all who qualified and competed! For a list of final standings, please visit www.af4c.org.

The following students deserve special recognition:

K-Only: 1st Place Overall: **Wesley Yu**, Evergreen School

K-3: 1st Place Team: **King's Way Christian**;

1st Place Overall: **Jacob Mayer**, Wedgwood

K-6: 1st Place Elementary Team: **Stevenson**

1st Place Middle School Team/**Islander**

1st Place Overall / **Dakota Dixon**, Heritage Christian

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Chess is becoming a favorite American pastime.

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HELP KIDS IMPROVE MATH AND READING PROFICIENCY BY SPONSORING A CHILD TODAY!

Interest in our First Move® curriculum is growing! Administrators, teachers and parents note the positive affect AF4C chess has on student performance.



Can you help students meet reading and math proficiency requirements by sponsoring a year of chess instruction? **It only costs \$100/year for one child.**

AF4C's Sponsor-a-Kid campaign provides the necessary funding to touch more lives.

All it takes is \$100. More than 20 schools patiently await funding for AF4C's classroom chess program. Send in your back-to-school gift by Sept. 30 and it will be matched by an anonymous donor!



Classroom chess gives English Language Learners a way to communicate.

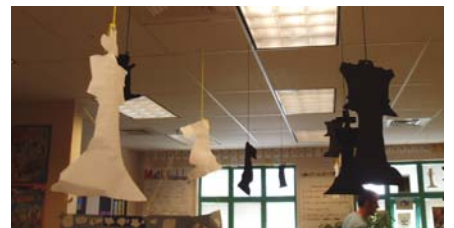
Invest in the Education of our Children. Get Involved!



Students write and produce a chess puppet show to culminate the year.

Please send me more information on the following:

- 2004 First Move Celebrity Chess Tournament — I want to attend this Bellevue, WA, event!
- AF4C Volunteer Program — I am interested in spending time to help AF4C.
- 2005 — 06 AF4C Grant Application — I want the AF4C curriculum in my school.
- AF4C Curriculum Certification Workshops — I want to attend a training.



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