

Results from the Rockford Chess Challenge – Winter 2008

181 students from 28 schools competed at the Rockford Chess Challenge on Saturday February 16th hosted by RESA Middle School.

First place individual winners

- Kindergarten - Vincent Do (Hillman) *A perfect score!*
- 1st Grade (tie) - Jonathan Oelkers (King)
 - Parker James Nelson (St Rita)
 - Matthew Dmochowski (St Rita)
- 2nd Grade (tie) - Yug Mahajan (Montessori Private)
 - Riley Brown (Montessori Private)
 - Joey Rock (King)
 - Kofi Kellum (Montessori Private)
 - Jacob Rief (St Rita)
- 3rd Grade - Ben Hartman (Ralston) *A perfect score!*
- 4th Grade (tie) - Sam Rinaldo (King)
 - Keb Kellum (Montessori Private)
 - Asia Keomanivong (King)
 - Douglas Chan (King)
 - Max Alexander (Spectrum)
- 5th Grade (tie) - Joshua Day (King)
 - Benji Bear (King)
- 6th Grade - Zachary Larsen (Hallstrom)
- 7th Grade - Caleb Larsen (Hallstrom) *A perfect score!*
- 8th Grade - Justin McDonald (Hallstrom) *A perfect score!*

Special Awards

"Best Unrated Player" medals awarded to

- Grade K: Jakob Peyton (Rockford Lutheran)
- Grade 1: Rutu Bhalavat (King)
- Grade 2: Joseph Rynkewicz (Rockford House)
- Grade 3: Michael Doherty (Ralston)
- Grade 4: Emma Rynkewicz (Rockford House)
- Grade 5: John Werkheiser (Pearl City)
- Grade 6: Shane Porter (Ralston)
- Grade 7: Trevor Buffington (Paw Paw JH)
- Grade 8: Melissa Luong (RESA)

"Biggest Upset" medals awarded to:

Grade K: Derek Rief (St Rita)
Grade 2: Abito Kolamkanny (St Rita)
Grade 3: Julian Willette (Rockford Lutheran)
Grade 4: Maura Elliott (St Peters)
Grade 5: Nick Taber (North Boone)
Grade 6: Andrew Willette (Rockford Lutheran)
Grade 7: Colin Britnell (Durand)
Grade 8: Landon Jarynski (RESA)

Tournament Directors "Good Sportmanship" Award:

- Alistair Brokish (St Peter)

For more information about Rockford chess tournaments, check the web site
<http://www.RockfordChess.Org>.