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Checkmate: Los Perales No. 1*Submitted by May Lo*

Photo provided

The Los Perales chess team took home first place honors at the Berkeley Chess School Elementary School Tournament on Saturday, March 10 at Bancroft Elementary School in Walnut Creek. Sixty students from 21 schools east of the Oakland hills competed in five games of chess during five hours of play.

Los Perales' 10-member team held first place through all five games. Lamorinda schools (Los Perales, Del Rey and Glorietta) dominated the tournament and captured the top three positions. Rheem was also in attendance.

Los Perales' top four players (Ryan Yick, Richard Gross, Delu Zhao and Sean Donovan) received trophies. The remaining team members received medals. In addition, LP fifth-grader Ryan Yick won the Best Game Award trophy.

The Los Perales chess team is comprised of students from every grade and is coached by Berkeley Chess School instructor David Stambuch at the LP chess after-school enrichment program.

Los Perales Chess Team
 Alex Clare (3rd Grade)
 Sean Donovan (4th Grade)
 Zack Donovan (1st Grade)
 Leopold Gross (2nd Grade)
 Richard Gross (4th Grade)
 Jacqueline Huebner (2nd Grade)
 Jeremiah Minz (3rd Grade)

Hari Stoyanov (3rd Grade)
 Ryan Yick (5th Grade)
 Delu Zhao (3rd Grade)

Top Ten Schools

1. Los Perales 15.5 (Moraga)
2. Del Rey 13.5 (Orinda)
3. Glorietta 13 (Orinda)
4. Dorris-Eaton 12.5 (Walnut Creek)
5. Parkmead Elem. 11 (Walnut Creek)
6. Palmer School 10 (Walnut Creek)
7. Walnut Acres 6.5 (Walnut Creek)
8. Coyote Creek 5.5 (San Ramon)
9. Valle Verde 5.5 (Walnut Creek)
10. Buena Vista Elem 5.5 (Walnut Creek)

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