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Walter Rädler

Chairman Deutsche Schulschachstiftung (German School Chess Foundation)

Linkes Alsterufer vs Rechtes Alsterufer annual match in Hamburg since 1958: 4000 students participate



Annual German School Chess Congress





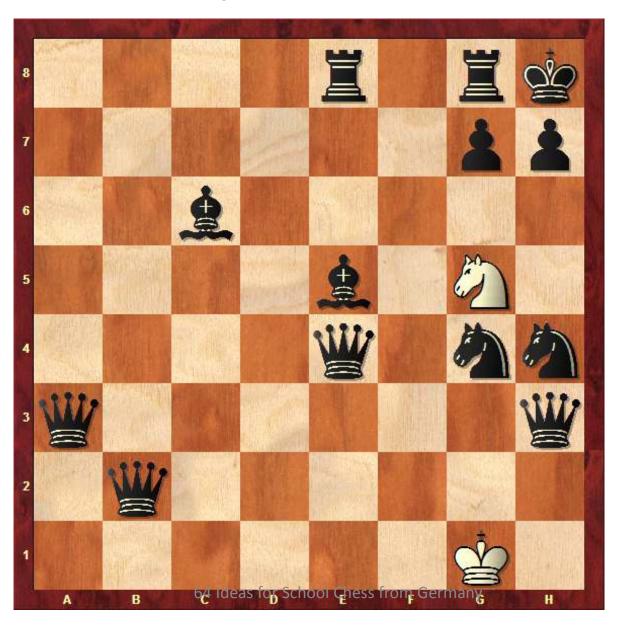
Regular teacher chess trainings in every region of Germany



Nearly 3000 teachers and educators have taken the two day "Deutsches Schulschachpatent" training course



Teachers (without chess background) just love this puzzle: Can White win?

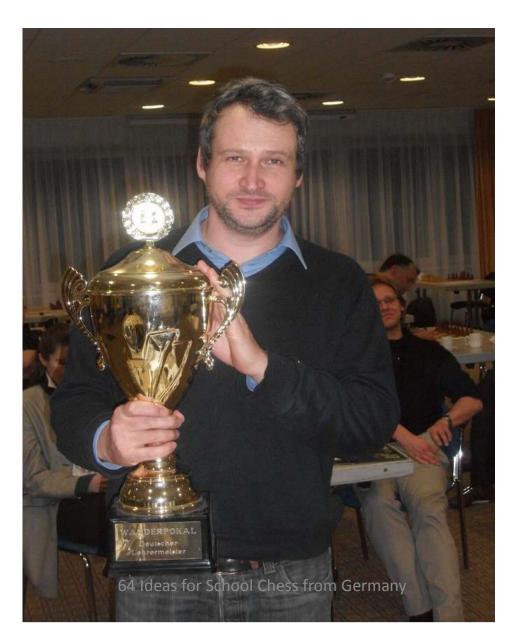


The future of teacher training is online

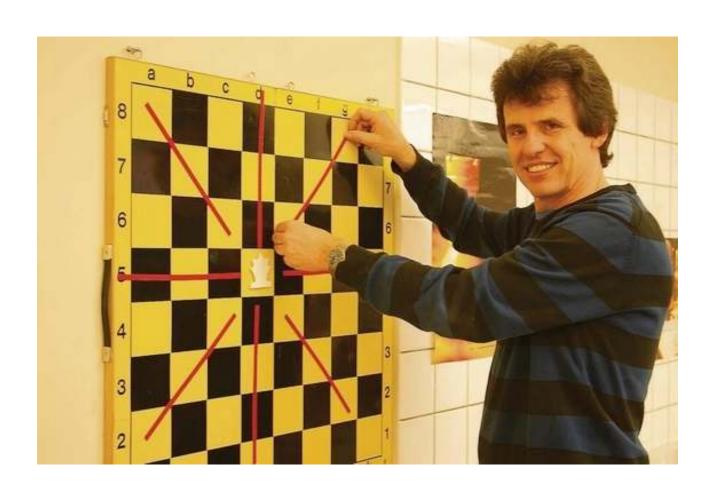




For teachers who are active players: Annual German teacher championship



Annual award: We vote the German chess teacher of the year!



25 schools are currently "Deutsche Schachschule" (German Chess School)



Deutsche Schachschule 2011-2015 ausgezeichnet durch die Deutsche Schachjugend

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Teachers and chess clubs cooperate



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School chess is always a topic at the annual academy of the Deutsche Schachjugend (Youth Chess Assoc.)



Chess Olympiad Dresden 2008 school chess outreach project by Björn Lengwenus: 80 000 kids participated





German school team championships on local, regional and national level



325 participants in one school championship of the Deutsche Schachschule Roth



Barclaycard School Chess Cup 2014 in in Germany and seven other countries



Creative chess awards



Chess wristbands are great give-aways

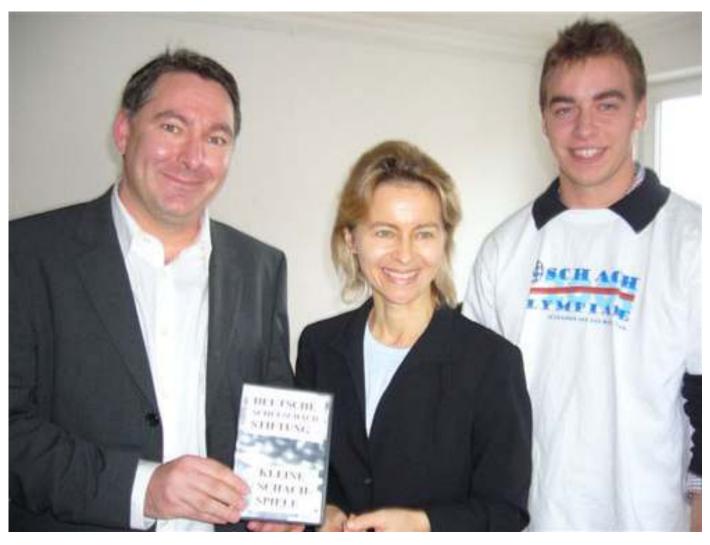


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2012 event with Garry Kasparov to publicize the EU Parliament's endorsement of school chess



We connect with politicians: Minister of Defense Ursula von der Leyen



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We engage important people in public discussions on school chess



Schach statt Mathe in Hamburg: One weekly math lesson replaced by chess







Schools with chess as a regular subject

Grundschule Genslerstraße Hamburg Grundschule Frohmestraße Hamburg Käthe Kollwitz Oberschule Berlin Wilhelm Neuhaus Schule Bad Hersfeld Sonnenblumenschule Eltville-Erbach Grundschule Raesfeld Kleine Grundschule Groß Schönebeck **Grundschule Trier-Olewig** Integrierte Gesamtschule Trier **Grundschule Gutenberg Dortmund** Sportgymnasium Dresden Grund- und Gemeinschaftschule Pinneberg Karlschule Hamm

Trier School Chess Study 2003-2007

 Chess helps in all subjects (not only maths) and improves social behaviour

Socially disadvantaged children benefit more

Biggest effect on concentration level

Marion Kauke-Bönsch: Klüger durch Schach (Smarter through Chess)



We have translated Leontxo García's Ten Reasons to Play Chess



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School chess @ Didacta 2014 Stuttgart the biggest education fair in the world



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School chess posters

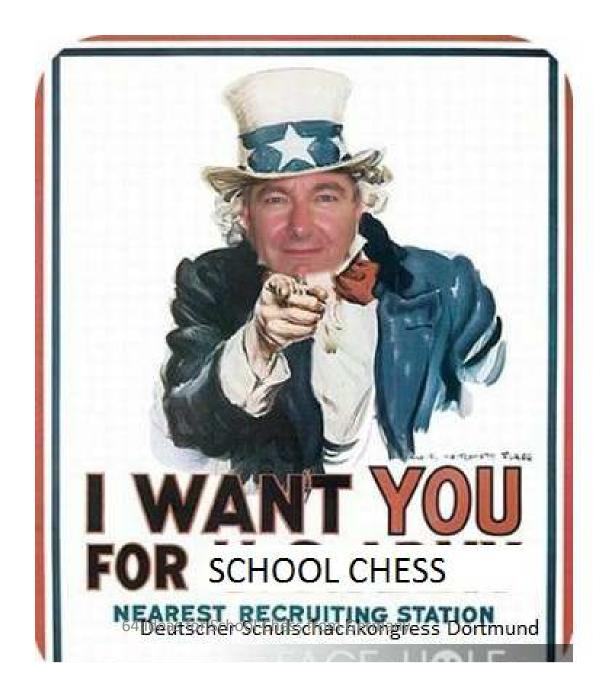


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More school chess posters



Creative school chess advertising



School chess flyers

Do you want to be a king?

Then please come to Mr
Raedler and learn the coolest
and smartest game on earth.
I teach you how to play the
game of the kings. This will



be fun! I am looking forward to you, old sports!

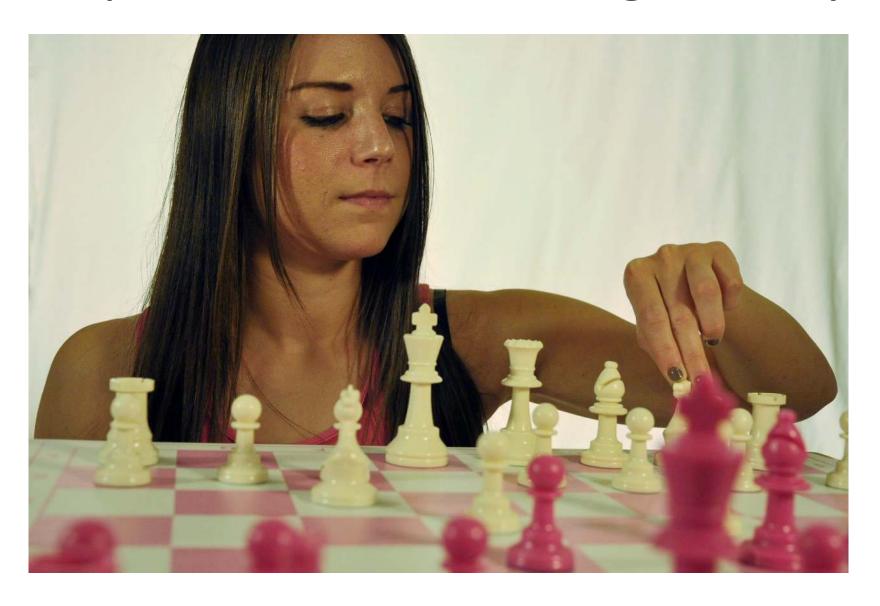
Many girls enjoy chess at school, but do not (yet) join chess clubs



Girls got their own team competitions



The pink chess set – for girls only?



Methodenkoffer: A case with more than 60 chess activities for school







Chess dice: Children love them!



Mini games help young children to pick up and enjoy chess



Never a boring chess lesson when you introduce chess variants











Cor van Wijgerden's "Step Method" is the most popular among different materials in use in German schools





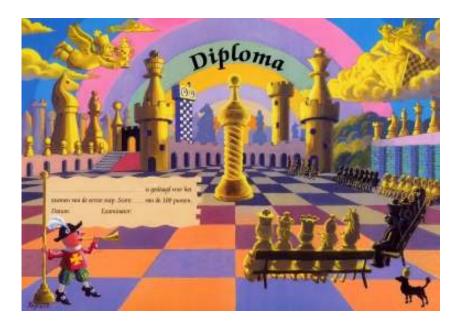




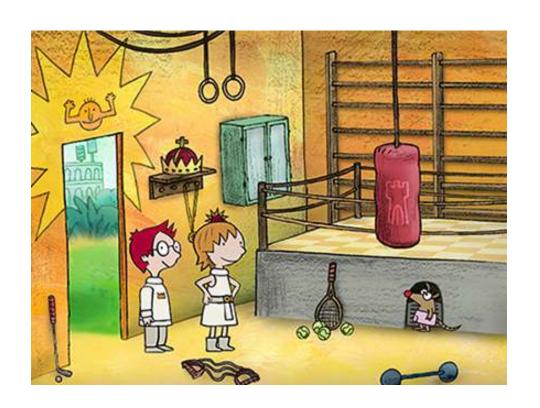








We use child-friendly chess software









Teaching and Training Powerhouse: The Frankfurt Chess Tigers







In the Miesbach district (100 000 inhabitants) a GM, IM and WIM work as full-time chess teachers



IM Roman Vidonyak

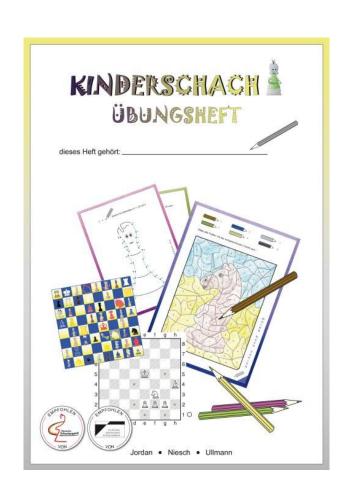


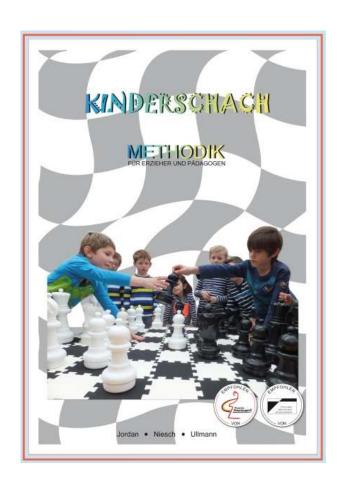
GM Michael Prusikin



WIM Marina Manakow

Big preschool project: Kindergartenschach Mitteldeutschland





Chess for Africa German school chess charity project



Social work in a chess for children project in Munich



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Munich Chess Academy and Chess Foundation - Creative use of imagery!



Munich Mini Chess Olympiad: an integration project





Participation in international school chess competitions



School chess creates community





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Some schools have a dedicated chess room



Many school chess groups have designed their own shirts







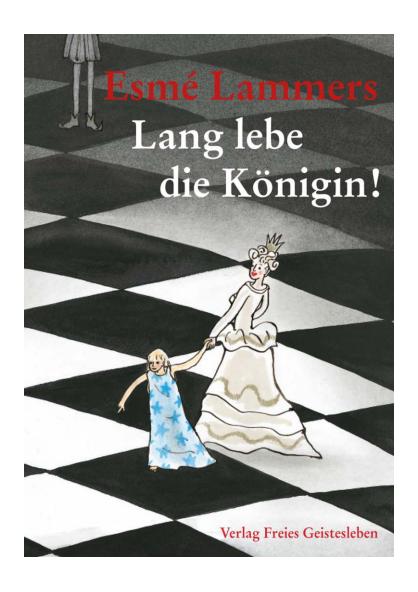


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We recommend a great children chess book: Lang leve de Koningin! (Long live the Queen!)

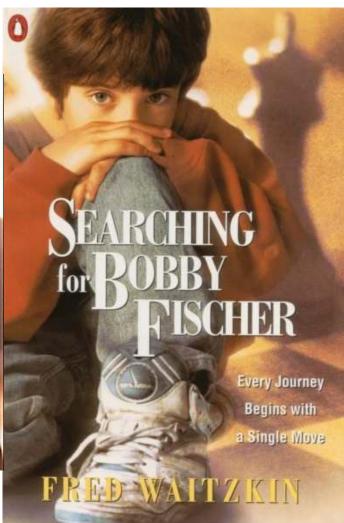


Also a TV series, available on video



We spice up lessons with movies: Searching for Bobby Fischer





Many more chess clips can be found on Youtube. Some are really cute!

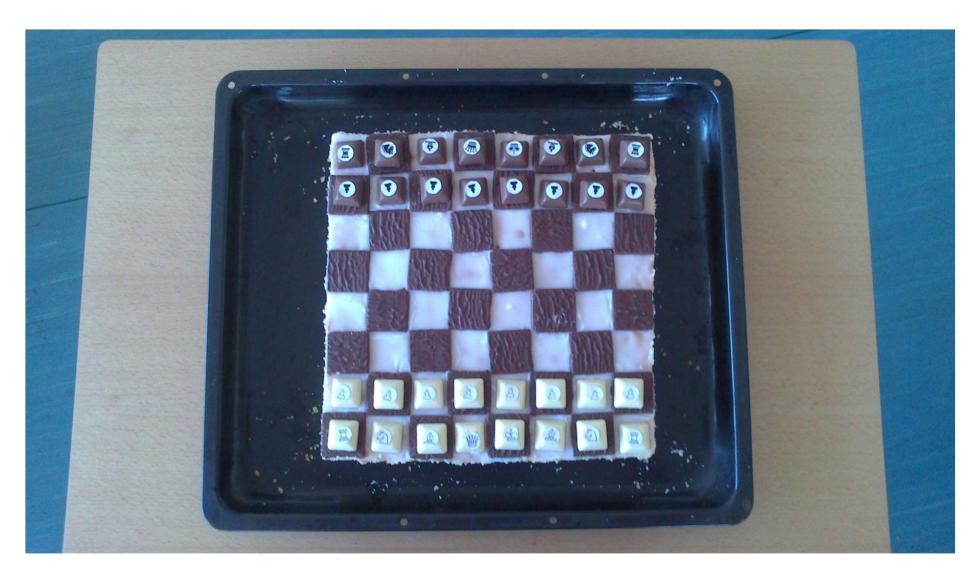


We love to sweeten our lessons...



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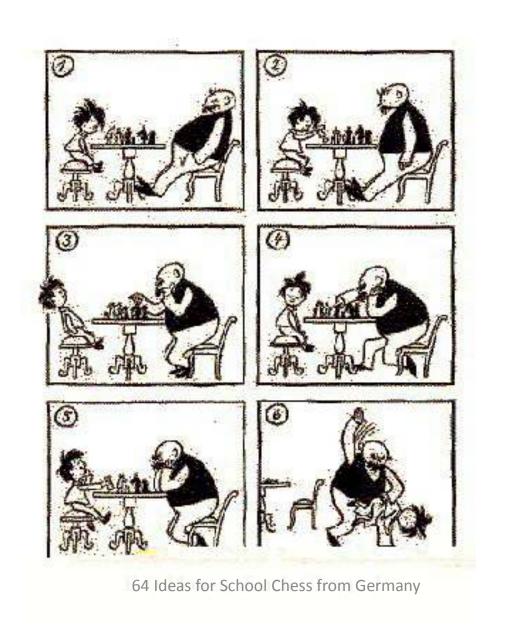
...and we can go even sweeter: Chocolate chess set



Cool school chess events: Grandmaster Stangl is here to play



We match parents against their children at school chess events



Chess board exhibition: A popular part of a school chess event



Living chess ensemble from Schachdorf (chess village) Ströbeck



Invite our mascot Chessy to your school chess party or festival!



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Invite Chessman!



Chess play on a school stage





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Children Chess Opera by and with Peter Mitschiczek

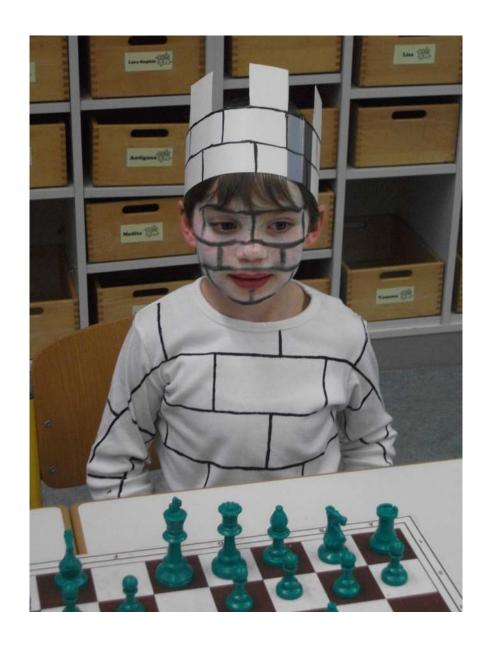


We invent and sing chess songs



Chess at the school carnival party







Chess gymnastics (or is it yoga?)



Ideas for a chess project day at school

- Let everyone dress all white or black
- Put up chess signs everywhere
- Run a chess tournament
- Chess mandala
- Show chess movies
- Offer all kinds of games with chess

A giant board creates attention



We let the kids paint the pieces





More primary school chess art





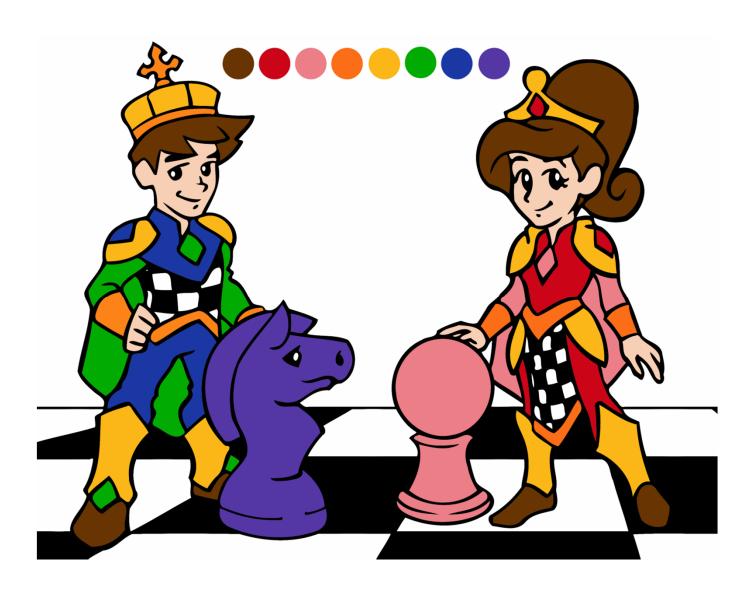






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Sand painting with chess motive



Artwork by secondary school student



Artwork by one of our creative teachers







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