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Press Release

The Pembroke Hill School wins the Under 3rd & Under 5th grade sections of the Missouri State Scholastic Chess Championships on February 28th, 2009.

The Pembroke Hill School fielded 9 players in the Under 3rd grade section and secured a first place finish by a whopping margin. Victories like this are certainly unexpected but with this group of third graders anything was possible. The team was buoyed by five strong performances listed below.

The Under 5th grade section was preserved by seven brave warriors. Tension was high as the squad was in 2nd place practically the entire event. Sweeping virtually every game in the last round pushed them ahead of the competition.

This year's tournament was placed at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri. There were 515 players who participated in this tournament making it the largest one-day scholastic event ever in the state (sans any National event).

The Pembroke teams scored the highest point totals of any team in the entire tournament (19.5 & 19). That is impressive. Here's a recap: 2 state titles, 8 individual finalists, and 2 medal winners. It was the third straight Under 5th grade division win and the 2nd straight championship for the Under 3rd grade division. That's a full plate!

Here is a list of Pembroke's top finishers:

Under 3rd grade

India Gaume	2nd place	5/6 points	Trophy
Nicholas Pallotto	4th place	5/6 points	Trophy
Michael Innes	5th place	5/6 points	Trophy
Ross Copeland	8th place	4.5/6 points	Trophy
Aaron Swartz	17th place	4/6 points	medal

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Under 5th grade

Brian Kuo	5th place	5/6 points	Trophy
Steven Miyawaki	7th place	5/6 points	Trophy
Daniel Stark	8th place	5/6 points	Trophy
Jenny Levitt	16th place	4/6 points	medal

Under 6th grade

Matthew Nelson	3rd place	5/6 points	Trophy