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R-7 School District students capture awards at State Chess Championship

Eight Lee's Summit R-7 School District students recently captured awards in the 2005 Grade State Chess Championship, which took place in Columbia.

More than 200 students from throughout the state attended the championship.

Caleb Brown of Pleasant Lea Middle School captured a state title for the second consecutive year.

Brown and Adam Oliver of PLMS also finished first

in the middle school team competition. The two R-7 students competed against teams with three players.

Other R-7 students capturing awards at the Grade State Chess Championship were:

■ First grade: **John Burger**, Richardson Elementary, ninth place.

■ Second grade: **Joshua Burger**, Richardson Elementary, fourth place.

■ Third grade: **Bryon**

McLaughlin, Underwood Elementary, eighth place.

■ Fourth grade: **Jonathan Bickham**, Richardson Elementary, seventh place.

■ Seventh grade: **Caleb Brown**, PLMS, first place.

■ Seventh grade: **Adam Oliver**, PLMS, fourth place.

■ Eighth grade: **Sarah Bickham**, Bernard Campbell Middle School, 10th place.

■ Ninth grade: **Frank Smith**, Lee's Summit North High School, second place.



Students pictured in the photo are (from left, front to back) Jonathan Bickham, Joshua Burger, John Burger, Bryon McLaughlin, Frank Smith, Caleb Brown, Adam Oliver, Tim Steiner, who is a private chess teacher for most of the R-7 students in the photo, and Sarah Bickham.