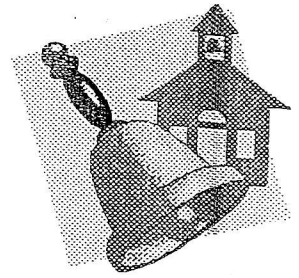


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David Mehler
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Dear Mr. Mehler:

The U.S. Chess Center has been sending teachers to Cleveland Elementary School for the past 17 years, and we are delighted with the benefits of incorporating chess into the curriculum. You have helped our fourth graders sit quietly and think for longer periods of time, with the result that they are better able to concentrate, plan ahead, and produce good work.

We were thrilled that you brought Maurice Ashley to teach our fourth and fifth graders. As the first African-American International Chess Grandmaster, he is a hero to our children. He was a compelling speaker about how he pursued chess despite not having role models in his Brooklyn neighborhood. He inspired our students to seek education-using their minds-as a way to achieve their dreams.

Cleveland Elementary School has been fortunate indeed to form a partnership with the U.S. Chess Center. Thank you for all that you have done for generations of our students- and for adding second class to the program this year. We look forward to many more years of your chess program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annie R. Mair". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Ms. Annie R. Mair, Principal