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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 26th, 2011.

The Pembroke Hill School fielded 8 players in the Under 3rd grade section and secured a first place finish by a comfortable margin. The team was in 1st place for much of the event but they demonstrated the resolve to hold their lead and then some in the last round. The team was led by TJ Anderson, Jack Sweeney and Ben Sheldon. We also had contributions from Joe Barewin, Powers Trigg, Aiden Walker, Ava Sweeney and Owen Barewin.

The Under 5th grade section was represented by six players who were mostly upperclassmen. This team also was in 1st for much of the event and was able to hold strong in the last round. The team picked up 3.5/4 points in the last round to seal the championship. This team was led by Ross Copeland and Michael Innes. Let's not forget the contributions from Nicholas Pallotto, Aaron Swartz, Karthi Murari, and Nathan Barewin.

This year's tournament was placed at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri. There were 388 players who participated in this tournament with a good portion of the attendance being affected by the snow/ice storms that rolled through Missouri the days before.

This year the competition seemed to be as strong as ever. Our final team point standings were a little lower than in past years which indicate the strength of the event. Here's a recap: 2 state titles and 3 medal winners. It was the fourth Under 5th grade division in the past five years and the third championship for the Under 3rd grade division in the past four years. That is awfully consistent.

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Here is a list of Pembroke's top finishers:

Under 5th grade

Ross Copeland	6th place	5/6 points	Trophy
Michael Innes	9th place	4.5/6 points	Trophy

Under 3rd grade

TJ Anderson	6th place	4.5/6 points	Trophy
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K-5 championship photos

