

News Release

Springhurst Math Specialist Josh Rosen Takes KenKen Step by Step in New Book for Beginners

Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. December 9, 2016— At the end of each school year, Springhurst Math Specialist Josh Rosen holds the much-anticipated “KenKen Challenge” tournament for students in grades 2-5 and it has become a school-wide craze. The kids even create their own puzzles throughout the year in Math Olympiad Club, and the Japanese inventor of KenKen has visited the elementary school twice at the behest of Mr. Rosen to officiate at the Challenge. Now you can KenKen along with your children. Josh Rosen is the co-author of a new book ***KenKen, Tried and True Tips & Techniques for Beginners*** that will give you a taste of what makes this “puzzle” so addictive and fun.

This is the first-ever beginner’s guide to KenKen, the international math and logic puzzle sensation. The 68-page book is available in softcover online through Amazon. According to a write-up on the site, using a step-by-step method, co-authors Ellie Grueskin – the US student champion – and Josh Rosen, a Presidential Award-winning educator, walk you through actual puzzle examples, passing on proven methods and techniques for solving KenKen puzzles. Beginning with 3x3 grids for those starting out and then progressing through 5x5s, Miss Grueskin and Mr. Rosen teach the rules, strategies and tricks that will make KenKen your favorite pastime...and possibly make you a KenKen champion!

Josh Rosen first came up with the KenKen Challenge idea after attending a tournament held at the Chappaqua Library in 2011. With the help of Robert Fuhrer, whose company Nextoy LLC, brought the KenKen puzzles to the United States in 2008, Mr. Rosen organized the first Springhurst Challenge tournament in 2012. “KenKen is a wonderful vehicle for teaching many things; among them number sense, perseverance, and a joy of mathematical thinking,” Mr. Rosen said.

It took Mr. Rosen and Miss Grueskin, a high school student at the Hackley School, about six months to complete the book. Miss Grueskin was also a KenKen aficionado and had interned at Nextoy which is how the co-authors connected “In writing this book, our goal was to show the possible paths to solving the puzzles, which would allow you to draw conclusions about the steps to take in tackling a KenKen puzzle of any difficulty,” Mr. Rosen said. “No prior experience is needed. The book is geared for beginners ages 6 to106!”

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