

Battle of the Books for Middle School

Canyons School District will be participating in the second year of a new reading competition for middle school students called “Battle of the Books” during the 2018–2019 school year and we would like to invite you to be a part of it!

What is it?

Battle of the Books is a voluntary literacy competition for 6–8 graders designed to encourage reading outside of the school curriculum. Students read books from a selected list, form teams, and compete using their collective knowledge of the content of the books. The winners of our school-level competition will be able to participate in a district-wide competition.

What do I do?

1 – Read books from the book list: Students can get books from public libraries, school libraries, or the books can be purchased for personal use. You can read with friends, read as a family, read on your own, or listen to the audio book. You do not have to read all the books on the list to participate, but will be put in groups so collectively your group has read all the books. However, to really be a greater asset to the team it is wise to read as many of the books as you can. Please note that these books are outside of the school curriculum and students should not expect to have time in class to read these books.

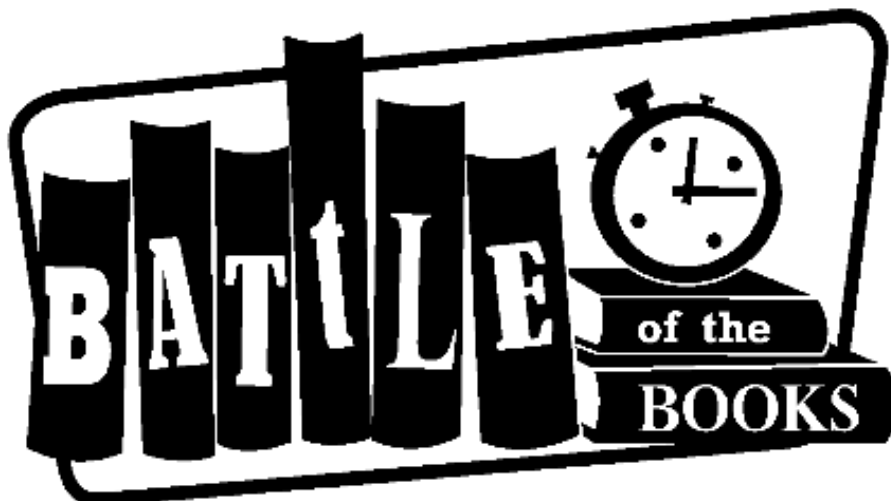
2 – Attend monthly meetings and practices. Meeting dates will be set in the Fall, but they will be mainly at lunch and may also be after or before school on occasion.

3 – Be ready for our school competition in April.

4 – If you want to form teams now you can, however, teams might need to be adjusted by the coordinator. Students DO NOT need to form teams but can come to the meetings in the Fall and the librarian will help place students into teams. Teams will be made up of 4 or 5 students each.

What can parents do?

Encourage their students to read. Help get access to the books (see reverse side). Encourage students to attend the meetings. Attend our first information meeting in September if possible. Volunteer to help as a team coach or help with the competition if possible.



What are the books?

Author	Title	Genre
Alexander, Kwame	The Crossover	realistic fiction/sports
Applegate, Katherine	The One and Only Ivan	animals/adventure
Black, Holly	Doll Bones	suspense/gothic
Brown, Daniel James	The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation)	non-fiction/sports
Byers, Betsy	The Pinballs	realistic fiction
Corbett, Sue	12 Again	paranormal/fantasy
Curtis, Christopher	The Watson's Go to Birmingham	historical fiction
Cushman, Karen	The Midwife's Apprentice	historical fiction
Erskine, Kathryn	Mockingbird	realistic fiction
George, Jean Craighead	Julie of the Wolves	adventure/survival
Gratz, Alan	Refugee	historical fiction
Harlan, Corban	Shelter	mystery/suspense
Horvath, Polly	Everything on a Waffle	realistic fiction/humor
Korman, Gordon	Swindle	realistic fiction/adventure
Lawrence, Iain	The Wreckers	historical fiction
Park, Linda Sue	A Long Walk to Water	historical fiction
Peck, Richard	A Long Way from Chicago	historical fiction/humor
Spinelli, Jerry	Maniac Magee	realistic fiction
Took, Wes	King of the Mound: My Summer with Satchel Paige	historical fiction/sports
Wolk, Lauren	Wolf Hollow	historical fiction

Happy reading! We hope to see you at our first Battle of the Books meeting in September!