

Dear Parent/Guardian:

August 2019

Your child has the opportunity to participate in the **LWSD Middle Schools' Battle of the Books**. Battle of the Books is a cooperative effort between Inglewood, Rose Hill, Kirkland, Finn Hill, Evergreen, Redmond, International Community, Timberline and Kamiakin Middle Schools. This program allows 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in each school to work together as a team and challenge other schools to correctly answer questions about the selected books. The goal is to encourage students at all reading levels to engage in teamwork while reading some of the best in children's literature. Challenge questions are based on specific and factual information within the books.

Initially, a challenge is held at the individual school level. This challenge will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. The top team from each middle school will proceed on to the Lake Washington School District challenge on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 at Rose Hill Middle School.

Teams consist of 4-6 members and will be formed by the students. Students are responsible for being part of their team, and should commit themselves to participating throughout the process. Student responsibilities include choosing a team captain, choosing a team name, and designing a strategy for how their team will be responsible for reading the books. There are 12 books, with multiple copies of each book available at each middle school. Because of the high demand for these books, you may also want to seek out copies at your local KCLS branch or bookstore. Each building will have at least 5 copies of each title generously donated by the Lake Washington School's Foundation. Strategies range from everyone reading all 12 books to each team member being responsible for a specific title or two. All teams will meet with their school's librarian for monthly practice sessions and to answer any questions or concerns. In addition to the monthly meeting, teams are encouraged to meet outside of school as often as they find necessary to practice and quiz each other. In the interest of fairness, all Battle questions will be the same for each school that participates.

If your child is interested in participating, please fill out the information requested on the back of this letter and return it no later than Thursday, October 3, 2019. Thank you in advance for your support, encouragement, and enthusiasm!

Best regards,

Librarians of

Richelle Buoy Rose Hill MS	Camille Schulte Kamiakin MS	Peter Strong Finn Hill MS	Elizabeth Metcalf Redmond MS
Liz Haggerty Kirkland MS	Cindy Simon Inglewood MS	Kevin Olson Evergreen MS	Amber Peterson International Community
Tracy Erickson Timberline MS			

Titles for the 2019-2020 Battle of the Books:

Trell by Dick Lehr

Nikki on the Line by Barbara Carroll Roberts

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Palo Cartaya

Armstrong and Charlie by Steven B Frank

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Dry by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Google It: A History of Google by Anna Crowley Redding

We Are Displaced by Malala Yousafzai

Nyxia by Scott Reintgen

Rosemarked by Livia Blackburne

Wild Bird by Wendelin Van Draanen

Please return the following to your school librarian before October 3rd, 2019.

I give my permission for the following student to participate in the LWSD Middle Schools' Battle of the Books:

Student name

School

Parent/Guardian

Phone #

Parent/Guardian email

Parent/Guardian signature

Date