

Dear Parent/Guardian:

August 2018

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 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 20, 2019. The top team from each middle school will proceed on to the Lake Washington School District challenge on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at Kirkland Middle School.

Teams consist of 3-6 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. 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, November 1, 2018. Thank you in advance for your support, encouragement, and enthusiasm!

Best regards,

Librarians of

Bethany Steirer
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

International Community

Titles for the 2018-2019 Battle of the Books:

Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie
Greetings from Witness Protection by Jake Burt
Ahimsa By Supriya Kelkar
Scythe By Neal Shusterman
Truce By Jim Murphy
Desert Dark By Sonja Stone
All's Faire in Middle School By Victoria Jamieson
Akata Witch By Nnedi Okorafor
Family Game Night and Other Catastrophes By Mary Lambert
Slider By Pete Hautman
Tangerine By Edward Bloor
Refugee By Alan Gratz

Please return the following to your school librarian before November 1, 2018.

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

_____	_____
Student name	School
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Parent/Guardian	Phone #

Parent/Guardian email	
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Parent/Guardian signature	Date