

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Fall 2021

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. The top team from each middle school will proceed on to the Lake Washington School District usually in March.

Teams usually 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 11 books, with multiple copies of each book available at each middle school 5 of which were provided by the Lake Washington School's Foundation. 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 11 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 November 5, 2021. Thank you in advance for your support, encouragement, and enthusiasm!

Best regards,

Librarians of

Tracy Anderson
Timberline MS

Micaela Gunderson
Rose Hill MS

Liz Haggerty
Kirkland MS

Elizabeth Metcalf/Kat Chin
Redmond MS

Kevin Olson
Evergreen MS

Amber Peterson
International Community

Camilla Schulte
Kamiakin MS

Cindy Simon
Inglewood MS

Peter Strong
Finn Hill MS

Titles for the 2020-2021 Battle of the Books:

A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée
Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation by Stuart Gibbs
Fireborne by Rosaria Munda
I Love you So Mochi by Sarah Kuhn
Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte & Ann Xu
Scary Stories for Young Foxes by Christian McKay Heidicker
Secret Soldiers by Keely Hutton
The Eagle Huntress by Aisholpan Nurgaiv
The Mystery of Black Hollow Lane by Julia Nobel
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Universe by Kwame Mbalia
Unplugged by Gordon Korman

Please return this form to Ms. Chin before November 5, 2021. Ways to return the form:

- Print, sign, scan and email the form to kchin@lwsd.org
- Print, sign, and bring to Ms. Chin in the Library

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

_____ Student name	_____ School
_____ Parent/Guardian name	_____ Phone #
_____ Parent/Guardian email	
_____ Parent/Guardian signature	_____ Date