



September 2022

Hello 5th grade parents!

This year, our 5th graders in participating schools will once again have the opportunity to join in the district-wide Battle of the Books program (BOB).

The basics:

GPS elementary media specialists have chosen ten books (see attached list) for kids to read; in November a twenty question quiz will be given to **all** 5th graders; the four students with the highest scores in each class will then compete, as a homeroom team, against the other 5th grade homerooms in December. The winning homeroom team will participate in the district competition in January.

Most of the titles are available through the Greenwich Public Library, including Perrot, Cos Cob and Byram Shubert. They are also available through our school libraries. Want to purchase them? Check in at your local bookstore or Amazon.

What can parents do? Research shows students who engage in reading books, discussing books, and participating in opportunities to have books read aloud or read-along counteracts any possible summer slide. Put simply - find time to read.

Media Specialists will meet with each class to share the slide presentation linked below explaining all the details. This presentation is also under the Learning Commons tab on each participating school's website.

Happy Reading,

Your GPS Library Media Specialists

Battle of the Books 2022-2023

- *Anybody Here Seen Frenchie* by Leslie Connor
- *Cog* by Greg van Eekout
- *Daughter of the Deep* by Rick Riordan
- *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks
- *Once Upon a Tim* by Stuart Gibbs
- *Operation Do-Over* by Gordon Korman
- *The Smartest Kid in the Universe* by Chris Grabenstein
- *The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez* by Adrianna Cuevas
- *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street* by Karina Yan Glaser
- *The Very Very Far North* by Dan Bar-el

Click here for the [2022-23 Battle of the Books Slideshow!](#)