

October 2022

Dear 4th and 5th grade families,



For this first time, Redmond Elementary students will be able to participate in the annual Amazing Reading Challenge (formally known as the Global Reading Challenge)! This is a “Battle of the Books” style program that allows 4th and 5th graders to work together as a team 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. The six titles were selected by a panel of LWSD Librarians and challenge questions are based on specific and factual information within the books.

This year’s books are **The Canyon’s Edge** by Dusti Bowling, **The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez** by Adrianna Cuevas, **Becoming Muhammad Ali** by Kwame Alexander and James Patterson, **The Secret Garden on 81st Street** by Ivy Noelle Weir, **Jinxed** by Amy McCulloch, and **Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet** by Zanib Mian.

Initially, a challenge is held at the individual school level, which will be in late January-early February 2023. The top team from Red El will proceed on to a semi-final competition against other schools in Lake Washington (late February to early March 2023) and then a final contest in late March. If we have more than 7 teams participating, we will do an in-school elimination round to determine the teams who will compete in the district level challenge.

Students will be on teams consisting of six students, and practice with other 4th and 5th grade teams from our school. They will need to read their books at home, then come to scheduled competitions in the school library during lunch recess time. We will have our initial meeting to discuss teams and find out about the books during library time the week of October 24th. Occasional meetings may be held in October through December, and we will have weekly practice sessions and mock challenges in January.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the permission slip and return it to me in the library by **November 7, 2022**. Students may request up to three other people to be on their team, but final teams will be determined by me and the classroom teachers. If you have any questions, please contact me at hjones@lwsd.org or via ParentSquare.

Sincerely,

Heather Jones

Librarian, Redmond Elementary School



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