

Dear Parent/Guardian:

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Your child has the opportunity to participate in the **LWSD Elementary Schools' Battle of the Books**. Battle of the Books is a cooperative effort between 5 schools in our district. This program allows 4th & 5th 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, challenges are held at the individual school level. They typically take place between January and March. The top team from each school will proceed on to the Lake Washington School District challenge date, time and location to be determined based on changing public health guidelines.

Teams consist of up to 4 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 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. 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.

Thank you in advance for your support, encouragement, and enthusiasm!

Best regards,

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