June 2026

Hello Incoming 5th Grade Parents!

Next year, our 5th graders will once again have the opportunity to participate in the district-wide Battle of the Books program (BoB)!

The Basics:

GPS elementary Library Media Specialists have chosen ten books (see list below) for students to read; in late fall a twenty-question qualifying quiz will be given to all 5th graders; the five students with the highest scores will form Parkway's team. The team will represent Parkway at the district competition in late January.

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

What Can Parents Do?

Research shows students who read books, discuss books, and listen to books experience less "summer slide." Put simply - find time to read.

I will meet with the fourth-grade classes before the end of the school year to share the details of the program. Here is a link to our presentation:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1aDkVucAEHZcByMcswntUOcSqfNAJGokHnupr3fKIWbE/edit?usp=sharing

This presentation is also available on and Parkway's website for reference.

Have a great summer!

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Battle of the Books 2026-2027

The Queen of Ocean Parkway by Sarvenaz Tash

Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell

The Beast and Bethany by Jack Meggitt-Phillips

The Last Human by Lee Bacon

Ms. Bixby's Last Day by John David Andersen

Looking Up by Stephan Pastis

The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Andersen

The Labors of Hercules Beal by Gary D Schmitt

The Night Librarian by Christopher Lincoln

The Umbrella House by Colleen Nelson