

Willow Creek Battle of the Books



Battle of the Books Literacy Club is returning to Willow Creek for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Battle of the Books Literacy Club is designed to encourage elementary students to:

- Read quality literature.
- Read in their leisure time.
- Read for information as well as pleasure.

By choosing to participate in this new club, your child will be introduced to a variety of fiction and non-fiction books.

Third, fourth and fifth grade students are given the opportunity to participate in the Battle of the Books Literacy Club. Students of all reading levels are invited to participate. Students read at least seven titles from the attached book list. Many of the books are award-winning pieces of literature. Willow Creek Library as well as the public libraries have copies of the books for check out. Students are highly encouraged to begin reading the titles now.

Students will participate in book club study sessions supervised by Ms. Tokarchik. During book club study sessions, participating students will work collaboratively to discuss the books and respond to questions about plot, characters, setting and theme. Regular attendance at Battle of the Books Literacy Club will be expected and required so that teams can maximize their time together. Students in Battle of the Books should plan to make this club a priority. This means that if a student wants to participate in another club at Willow Creek, it should not conflict with Battle of the Books. Battle of the Books will meet on **specific** Mondays from 2:45-3:30 p.m. Please see attached schedule for dates.

At the end of the book club study sessions, all student teams regardless of grade level will compete against one another at the Willow Creek Battle of the Books competition. The top performing fourth or fifth grade student team at the Willow Creek Battle of the Books competition will compete in the CCSD's Battle of the Books semi-final competitions, and possibly district final competition, against students from other Cherry Creek elementary schools. Sadly, third grade student participation at the district level is not an option but by participating as a third grader they are expanding their love of reading and gaining experience they can use as a fourth and fifth grade Battle of the Books club member in coming years.

We will have an student informational meeting on **September 20th at 2:45 p.m.** in Ms. Tokarchik's classroom. Students can hear about the Battle of the Books Literacy Club. I'm looking forward to a fun and memorable year of reading for Willow Creek students.

Questions can be directed to Ms. Tokarchik using the following contact information:

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CCSD Battle of Books

2021-2022

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

El Deafo by Cece Bell

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

Hachiko Waits by Leslea Newman

Home of the Brave by Katherine Applegate

I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper

Peak by Roland Smith

Spy School by Stuart Gibbs

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

*YOUNG READER'S EDITION

Published 2021

Appropriate student behavior is expected and is to be maintained on a consistent basis. Additionally, all reading deadlines must be met. The reading of 3 books by Dec. 13 and an additional 4 books by March 28th for a total of 7 books is mandatory. Students who are unable to meet these expectations will not be able to participate in the School and District battles, per national club rules.

The Battle of the Books Literacy Club will hold meetings from 2:45-3:30 in Ms. Tokarchik's classroom on the following days:

September 20 - Informational Meeting

October 4

October 25

November 15

November 29

December 13

January 24

February 7

March 7

March 28

TBD: School Battle, Semi-Final District Battles, and Final District Battle will be announced once Ms. Tokarchik knows timelines from the District.

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using the Google Form listed below or QR Code
(Note: URL is case sensitive)

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