

# 2019 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Battle of the Books

### MANAGER INFORMATION SHEET

The goal of this program is to include ALL readers, whether they be voracious or reluctant, advanced or struggling. We hope to nurture or spark a lifelong love of reading, promote teamwork, and just have fun!

Battle of the Books is run by Moon Township Public Library.. All battles are held in the Moon Area Middle School gymnasium.

#### **Battle Dates & Times:**

- **4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 (Please arrive by 5:45 PM)**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 (Please arrive by 5:45 PM)**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice Nights**

This year we will be having practice nights for 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS ONLY so that students can get an idea about what to expect on battle night. We have limited space and ask that you only attend on the evening in which the book(s) you are reading is being practiced. All team members do not need to be present at practice nights. NOTE: QUESTIONS ASKED ON PRACTICE NIGHT WILL NOT BE USED IN THE ACTUAL BATTLE. NO PRACTICE TESTS OR QUESTIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT ANY OTHER TIME. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED & WILL OPEN ON NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.

**Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM: *Maxi's Secrets & The Real McCoys***

**Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM: *The Vanderbeekers of 141<sup>st</sup> St. & A Boy Called Bat***

**Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM: *The Tapper Twins Go to War, The Wishmakers & Cardboard Kingdom***

**Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM: *The Last Dogs, Pilfer Academy & Bob***

#### **A Basic Battle Overview:**

1. Teams will be seated together in a circle. The elected team captain will be given paper and pencil to record the team response-only one student is to be responsible for recording answers. No other books or papers are permitted during the tournament.
2. The moderator will read each question twice & the question will also appear on PowerPoint. Team members will have 30 seconds to discuss & write a response.
3. Both team members and audience should exercise caution when speaking aloud as seating is tight and teams may overhear answers...
4. Questions will be asked in sets of 5; answers will be revealed at the end of each set of questions.
5. If after 3 rounds, there is a tie, only the tied teams will answer tiebreaker questions until the tie is broken and clear winners are declared.
6. This is a long evening. No food or drink will be permitted on the tournament floor. There is no intermission. All audience and contestants must keep as quiet as possible during competition.

THERE ARE NO BATHROOM BREAKS. If a student must leave for any reason, we cannot pause the competition.

## Team Manger Duties:

1. Before the battle, team managers should help team members prepare by scheduling team meetings, asking book related questions, helping to assign reading, etc...
2. During the battle, team managers will be assigned to keep score for a different team.
3. Managers will check answers, record scores on a tally sheet, turn tally sheets in at the end of each round, and monitor team behavior.

## Scoring:

Each question is worth a possible 5 points. Scoring is as follows:

**5 points:** Correct answer and author (spelling counts!)

**4 points:** Correct answer; incorrect author

**1 point:** Incorrect answer; correct author

Please note: Answers are extremely specific and questions are worded in a way that will almost always have **one** suitable answer. If there is an alternate answer, we will include that when the answers are revealed.

## Team Challenges

1. At the end of each round, team managers **ONLY** may verify or challenge a question on behalf of the team they are scoring for.
2. Challenging an answer does not mean that a team will automatically receive points... LIBRARIANS HAVE THE FINAL SAY.
3. In deference to time, we ask that teams limit the number of challenges.

## The Fun Stuff

Teams at every level are welcome to design team shirts, costumes, and posters. We will award prizes for the best costume/sign. We want to see your Battle of the Books spirit!

## Contact Information

Please feel free to call or email at any time with questions or concerns:

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**Thank You for Volunteering to be a 2019 Battle of the Books Team Manager!**