



# Adams 12 Five Star Schools Elementary Battle of the Books Program 2016-2017 Hulstrom K-8

Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

Hulstrom is excited to be offering the popular co-curricular program, Battle of the Books, to our fourth and fifth grade students! Adams 12 Battle of the Books is a district program that encourages kids to read by offering them exciting, friendly competition based on their knowledge of a group of books. The goal of the program is to encourage interactive reading of excellent children's fiction and discussion of these books by teams of 4 to 6 children.

At the beginning of the program, district Digital Literacy Teacher Librarians, and other teachers compile a list of ten award-winning children's books. (See attached list.) Students read the books, discuss them, and then compete in teams of four to six members to answer questions based on the books in a "quiz show" format. Each member of the winning team will receive a trophy! Second place team members receive medals. All participants will receive a ribbon, a certificate of participation and an invitation to our School's Battle of the Books Awards and Celebration party at the conclusion of the program. Our winning team will also compete against winning teams from other elementary schools in our district!

The requirements for student participation are as follows:

- (1) **Return the completed registration form to Mr. Grabhorn, (4th Grade) or Mrs. Stutzman, (5th Grade), by Tuesday November 17th. Once the registration form is returned, the student can select a book to start reading!** We will have the books available to check out in our library, or you can obtain your own copies. (Purchasing your own books is optional, and definitely not required. We have numerous copies on-hand.)
- (2) **Read at least 6 books from the list of 10 books by Friday March 24, 2017.** Students may count titles that they have read before as long as they submit questions. Upon completing each book, the student must submit a list of 8 questions similar to those that would be used in the final competition. All questions must begin with, "In which book..." so that the answer will always be the title and author.
- (3) **Attend the meetings in the library on specified Thursday afternoons from 3:00 – 4:00.** Mrs. Stutzman, Ms. Hahnier and Mr. Grabhorn will facilitate these meetings. In addition to providing students with a chance to discuss the books, the meetings will also give the students an opportunity to practice answering questions in the "quiz-show" format and to create their teams. A schedule of the meetings is below:

3:15 - 4:00 on these Thursdays: Nov. 17, Dec. 8, Jan. 26, Feb. 2,  
Feb. 9, Feb. 23, March 2, March 9, and March 6.

The winning team (going to District Battle) will also meet on Mon. April 13th and Mon., April 20<sup>th</sup>. The winning team will attend the District Battle on Wednesday April 26, 2017 at 5:45 PM at Stem Launch).

ALL students participating in BOB will come to a Celebration and Awards meeting on Friday, April 28th during lunch.

➡ **Students should get started reading right away; there is no need to wait until the first meeting date.**

We are very excited about this program and hope that your child will be able to participate! The final school-based "battles" (competitions) will occur in early April during school hours. A registration form is attached to this letter. If you are interested in participating, please sign and return the form to Mr. Grabhorn, (4th Grade) or Mrs. Stutzman, (5th Grade) by Thursday, Nov. 17th.

**Thank you. - Ms. Hahnier, Mrs. Stutzman & Mr. Grabhorn**